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Living more in '74.
THE NEW BIRTH John 3:1-8*

KEEP

INT: Call your attention to some interesting observations found in these eight verses.

1. A DOCTOR OF LAWS, of the Jewish Supreme Court comes to Jesus; a man without wealth, without political influence, without educational degrees and claiming to be the Son of God and the King of the Jews. Nicodemus came to Jesus. (Custom: Lesser comes to the Greater. Realize??)

2. HE CAME AT NIGHT. Why? Untaught question! Guess!!
 a. Came secretly because he was afraid. J. 12:42,3
Not afraid in John 7:51. Challenged prejudice!!
Not afraid in John 19:39. Joseph was. Vs. 38.
 b. Came at night because of his own busy schedule during the day. No other time.
 c. Came at night because Jesus was so busy with the crowds in the day time. *right study?*
 d. Came at night because he wanted to be sure of his ground before he took a stand.
 (Lean to this explanation because of the next statement made to Jesus.)

3. RABBI (courteous address to a teacher; a guide; a teacher; or Superior as in Matt. 23:8).

"MASTER"

4. WE KNOW you are a TEACHER from God because of your miracles. (Super (above) natural acts. Divine Water to wine at Cana. ~~2~~ 1-11. Beginning! Cleansed the Temple. vs. 13-17. Exer. Author. Prophecied His resurrection. Vs. 18-23. Miracles Performed many miracles in Jer. on Pass. 23.

CONCLUSION: Nicodemus detected divinity in Jesus and wanted to know Him better. Vs. 2. "except God be with"

I. JESUS' RESPONSE TO THIS TESTIMONY.

Nico: Didn't say believe! A King! A Prophet! A Judge!
 A Savior! The Messiah! But, a TEACHER!!!!!!!

A. Vs. 3. "Except man born again...see kingdom."
 Vs. 5. "Except man born of WATER and SPIRIT." Enter.

Nicodemus is utterly bewildered. Vs. 4. Second birth??
 Vs. 9. "How can these things be?"

B. Jesus chided Nicodemus: "A master" in Israel and cannot discern SPIRITUAL things! John 3:16-17.

THIS SIDE NOT USED

*Expositor,
 Ambrose,
 prophet.*

Caution

II. JESUS' LESSON EXPLAINED MORE FULLY IN N. T.

- A. John 3:3-5 and 3:16-17 are connected.
- B. God is the Author of the New Birth. J. 1:11-13*
Jesus, Agent: (John 6:38)
- C. Bible is the Instrument. I Peter 1:22-25.*
- D. Holy Spirit is ^{also} the Agent. John 3:6-8.

Change seen in humble, submissive, obedient spirit and attitude. Rom. 10:17. Mk. 16:15-16.

III. A DEFINITION OF THE NEW BIRTH. Principle stated.

"The New Birth is the entrance into a new state which is marked by a new relationship, and which involves a new destiny."

*man
is
a:*

MIND:

*AFRICA
JAILER*

- IV. THE CHANGE OF THE STATE OF MAN. II COR. 5:17. ALL OF MAN
- A. Old State: Ignorance, uninformed intellectually.
New State: Taught, enlightened; mind believes. A. 16:31
Mind of man is Born Again! Intellectual surrender

HEART:

- B. Old State: Indifference, unconcerned emotionally.
New State: Informed, educated in heart. J. 15:13
Heart of man is Born Again. Emotional surrender

WILL:

- C. Old State: Rebellion, disobedience volitionally.
New State: Instructed and guided, in will. A. 2:38.
Will of man is Born Again. Volitional surrender.

BODY:

- D. Old State: Unconcern, unbelief, inaction physically.
New State: Concern. Faith. Action. bodily.
Body of man involved in New Birth — in baptism.
Immersion in water only use of water in N. T. conversion. Acts 8:35-39. Water: 4 times.

CONCLUSION: Jesus asked Nicodemus to come into His kingdom through the New Birth. Perhaps did! A. 2:41.

INV. SPOTLIGHT OF SPIRITUAL INTEREST NOW TURNS TO YOU.

Jesus wants you to be Born Again of Water and Spirit.

- Ill. Average life span: 70 yrs. (Ps. 90:10.)
If 15 yrs. old have 4/5th of life to give Jesus
If 35 yrs. old have only 1/2 a life to give.
If 47 yrs. old have only 1/3 rd left.

Whatever is left—Jesus wants it all.
He wants it all beginning NOW!
Come as sing to encourage you.