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John 3:1-13

N.T. records contents of 20 discourses of Christ. Tonight's text is John's record of the first. N. B. Study: Communicant, his conversation, Lord's reply, modern application for us.

- I. COMMUNICANT: NICODEMUS, Ruler of the Jews, Pharisee.
- A. John 3:1. Pharisee; strict separatist, Sanhedrin, 70.
 1. Constitutionally timid. John 12:42.
 - B. John 7:45-51. A just man, lover of the truth.
 - C. John 19:38-42. Tender hearted, noble and kind.
 - D. TRADITION: After resurrection baptized by P & John.

I. HIS CONVERSATION.

- A. Rabbi, we know God sent you. Flattery? Confession?
- B. Can a man be born twice physically? V. 4.
- C. "How can these things be?" V. 9. Incomprehensible!!
 1. Now silent. Here is God's Spiritual Leader!!!!

I. THE DISCOURSE OF CHRIST.

- A. How to "see" the kingdom of God. Vs. 3. *all men! No*
- B. How to "enter" the kingdom of God. Vs. 5. *PATCH WORK*
- C. This is a Spiritual Kingdom. Vs. 6-8.
- D. Hypocritical leadership and superficial leadership chided and condemned. V. 11. John 8:31-32.
- E. Wisdom comes down from above. Vs. 11, 13.

IV. MODERN APPLICATION TO US TODAY.

- II Tim. 2:15.
- A. All honest and spiritually-minded people will study mystery of New Birth till understand.
 - B. All sincere seekers will obey the truth once they find it.
 1. 3,000 Jews did (Acts 2), Samaritans (8), Simon (8), Saul (9), Cornelius (10), Lydia (16) Philippian Jailer (16).

INV: God wants to identify you alongside such great Bible characters as Paul, Cornelius, Peter, Andrew, James and John.

Just have to be Born Again at Jesus' invitation. 365.

Erring brother: Constitutionally timid? Brace up!
Repent & Pray.

Identify.

BOORUM & PEASE "NOISE"

NOISE" (R)