

## Becoming Sons and Daughters of The Light

### 1) John 3:1 – 4 NKJV

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

- a. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
- b. Was the way Nicodemus reacted to potential religious persecution wrong?
- c. What about Jesus got Nicodemus’ attention?
- d. Who coined the phrase “born again”? How do you feel about the term and is being born again important?
- e. What can you not see until you are born again?

### 2) John 3:5 – 8

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- a. What must we be born of to enter the kingdom of God?
- b. Why did Jesus compare being born of the Spirit to the sound of the wind?

### 3) John 3:9 - 13

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

a. How come Nicodemus couldn't understand what Jesus was saying about being "born again"?

b. Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus about being born of the Spirit as an earthly reality. Why?

c. In verse 13 Jesus shares a heavenly reality. What is it and what does that mean for us?

#### 4) John 3:14 - 17

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

a. Why did Jesus compare Himself to Moses lifting the serpent in the wilderness, and what happened to people when they looked at that serpent?

b. Who has eternal life?

c. Who does God love?

d. Did God send His son to condemn the world?

#### 5) John 3:18 - 21

<sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

a. What keeps people from coming to the light?

b. Those that do the truth come to the light. Where does the power to do these works of truth come from?

6) John 12:27 – 36

<sup>27</sup> “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, “I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again.” <sup>29</sup> Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples (judgment) to Myself.” <sup>33</sup> This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

<sup>34</sup> The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how *can* You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

- a. The context of these verses is regarding what?
- b. The word *peoples* was added by the translators. What word makes more sense based on the scriptural context?
- c. How does one become a son of light or “born again”?