

The Book of John

LESSON FIVE

John 3

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark the text if it will aid your study.

John 3:1-8

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

⁴“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

(3:1) Nicodemus was a Pharisee and member of the ruling council.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

(3:1) God not only knows us by name, but also knows the extent of our devotion to him.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

(3:1) Would God describe my devotion to Him as traditional religion or a personal relationship?

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John 3:9-15

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

¹¹I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man.

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

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John 3:16-21

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

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John 3:22-30

²²After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.

²³Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.

²⁴(This was before John was put in prison.)

²⁵An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing.

²⁶They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan--the one you testified about--well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

²⁷To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.'

²⁹The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

³⁰He must become greater; I must become less."

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John 3:31-36

³¹“The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.

³³The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.

³⁴For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”

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5 Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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