

## **YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN JOHN 3:3-8**

### **I. THE LORD ADDRESSED NICODEMUS' QUESTIONS BY FIRST EXPLAINING WHAT HE MEANT BY "AGAIN" (3:5)**

- A. Note The Difference In What Follows the Word "Born" In The Third And Fifth Verses
- B. Note The Necessary Elements Of This Second Birth As Being "Water" And "Spirit" (The Latter Of Which Is Expanded Upon)
  - 1. Though Nicodemus Was A "Master Of Israel" He Missed The O.T. Connection Between Water's Symbolic Cleansing Properties And The Spirit Of God Enabling Men To Walk In The Lord's Statutes (Ezekiel 36:25-27)
  - 2. Though Nicodemus Was A "Master Of Israel" He Could Not Have Understood The Telescopic Effects Of The New Covenant
- C. Note How The N.T. Provides A Clarifying Theology On The Metaphorical Use Of "Water"
  - 1. The O.T. Requirement That A Man Be "Clean" Is Accomplished In The N.T. Through The "Word" (John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26)
  - 2. The Lord's Half Brother, James And The Apostle Peter Make The Connection Between The Giving Of Birth And The Word (James 1:18; I Peter 1:23)

### **II. THE LORD ADDRESSED NICODEMUS' QUESTIONS BY FURTHER EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THIS WAS NECESSARY (3:6-8)**

- A. Everything Produces After Its Own Kind (3:6)
- B. This Is Not A Comic Proposition That Warrants Incredulity (3:7-8)
  - 1. The Lord Used Wind As Common Element Of Nature
  - 2. Wind Is "The" Metaphor To Describe The Holy Spirit