

HEAVENLY THINGS

JOHN 3:13-16

I. THE SON OF MAN HAD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN (3:13)

- A. The Lord Begins By Stating A Universal Negative: *No Man*
- B. The Lord Is Making This Statement To Emphasize That For Any One To Give An Authoritative Word Regarding What It Takes To Enter Heaven, He Should Have First, Been There Himself
- C. The Lord Then Claimed That At The Very Moment He was Speaking To Nicodemus, He Was At The Same Time Present In Heaven

II. THE SON OF MAN CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN TO THE WORLD THAT HE MIGHT BE LIFTED UP IN THE WORLD (3:14-15)

- A. The Lord Employed, By Way Of Illustration, The Historical Event Of Moses' Lifting Up The Serpent In The Wilderness (3:14)
 - 1. The Explanation Of "Lifted Up" Is Not Given Until The Twelfth Chapter Of This Gospel
 - 2. The Only Thing The Lord States Here About His Being "Lifted Up" Is Its Necessity
- B. The Lord Of Glory Had To Be "Lifted Up" In Order That Life Could Come To Any Man On One Condition (3:15)

III. THE SON OF MAN PROVIDED AN EXPLANATION OF THE UNIVERSALITY OF GOD'S SALVIFIC PROVISION (3:16-17)

- A. The Motive Behind The Giving Of God's Own Son Was His Spectacular Love (3:16)
- B. The Purpose Behind God Sending His Son Was Not Condemnatory, But A Mission Of Salvation (3:17)