

## CHAPTER 3

**T**HERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 ¶ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 ¶ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 ¶ After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 ¶ And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim,

because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 ¶ Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

#### CHAPTER 4

**W**HEN therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

4. And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there.

Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water

that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit

and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31 ¶ In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My

meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39 ¶ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed

the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his

way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 3 is perhaps the most important chapter in the entire Bible, for it deals with the new birth. The necessity of a person being born-again is explained so directly in verses 1-7. Then, perhaps, the greatest verse in the Bible, verse 16, tells us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The setting for our reading in chapter 4 is in the beautiful area of Samaria, the city of Sychar. In that city there was a well that provided water for the people. In order for us to understand the full meaning of these verses we must know the background between the Samaritans and the Jewish people. They would have nothing to do with each other. The Jews considered the Samaritans lesser people than they. That is why the Samaritan woman was astonished when Jesus asked her for a drink.

This woman had had five husbands and was now living with a man who was not her husband. We should note the compassion and understanding shown by the Saviour for this sinful woman. The disciples marvelled that Jesus spoke to her. Yet He loved her with a love beyond human understanding; he forgave her of all her sins. What happened? She began to tell everyone of the change in her life, and of the man who had forgiven her sins. Many were saved because of her testimony.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied" (Proverbs 27:20).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 35:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

## BIRTHDAY TODAY

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## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1903

### PANAMA DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FROM COLOMBIA.

I'm sure that many of us know of missionaries in these vital, strategic and important Central American areas. No doubt you know of missionaries or have Christian friends in this part of our world. Let us pause today to pray for those who serve God in these difficult areas and pray for God's blessings especially upon the missionaries who even now proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this part of the world.

### PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS TODAY. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

### KEEP PRAYING FOR ME

*When the battle is long, and I am weary with strife,  
When the legions of sin and evil are rife;  
I feel—and new courage flows into my life—  
That you are praying for me.*

*When victory comes out of seeming defeat,  
And the dark lowering clouds shine with rainbows replete,  
'Tis then that I know—and the assurance is sweet—  
That you are praying for me.*

*I'll gird tighter my armor and advance in the fight,  
With a staunch heart and brave I'll battle for right,  
I'll retreat at no danger, and fear no might—  
If you'll keep praying for me.  
—Author unknown*

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

### 1868

First black elected to Congress John W. Menard, defeated a white candidate, 5,107 to 2,833, in an election in Louisiana's Second Congressional District to fill an unexpired term in the Fortieth Congress.

U.S. Grant elected president with black voters in the South providing the decisive margin. Grant received a minority of the white votes in defeating Democrat Horatio Seymour, 3,015,071 votes to 2,709,613.

### 1874

James Theodore Holly, a black American who emigrated to Haiti in 1861, elected bishop of Haiti. He was consecrated in a ceremony at New York's Grace Church on November 8.

### 1883

Race riot, Danville, Virginia. Four blacks killed.

### 1896

Republican William McKinley defeated Democratic candidate William J. Bryan in presidential race.

Seventy-eight blacks reported lynched in 1896.

J.H. Hunter patented the portable weighing scales.

South Carolina State College established.

### 1920

Emperor Jones opened at the Provincetown Theater with Charles Gilpin in the title role.

### 1942

William L. Dawson elected to Congress from Chicago.

Black and white advocates of direct, nonviolent

action organizing the Sleeping Car Porters under the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and securing recognition for them; and because of his fearless, determined mobilization of mass opinion that resulted in... Executive Order No. 8802, which banned racial discrimination in defense industries and government work."

### 1945

Irving C. Mollison, a Chicago Republican, sworn in as U.S. Customs Court judge in New York City.

Spingarn Medal presented to Paul Robeson "for his outstanding achievement in the theatre, on the concert stage, and in the general field of racial welfare."

### 1964

John Conyers Jr. elected to House of Representatives from Detroit.

### 1970

Twelve blacks elected to the Ninety-second Congress, including five new congressmen: Ralph H. Metcalfe (Ill.), George Collins (Ill.), Charles Rangel (N.Y.), Ronald Dellums (Calif.), and Parren Mitchell (Md.).

Wilson Riles elected superintendent of Public instruction in California.

Richard Austin elected secretary of state in Michigan.

### 1979

Klansmen fired on an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro, N.C., and killed five persons.

### 1981

Coleman Young reelected mayor of Detroit.

Thurman L. Milner elected mayor of Hartford, Connecticut.

James Chase elected mayor of Spokane, Washington.

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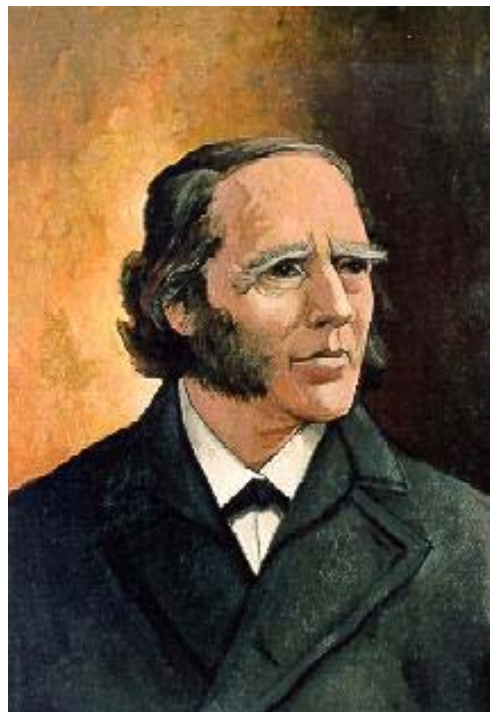
# A Christian Life . . .

## THOMAS DeWITT TALMAGE (1832-1902)

**American Presbyterian minister.** Thomas Dewitt Talmage was a lawyer before his conversion. Upon entering the ministry, he served three Reformed churches in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and also two Presbyterian churches in New York and Washington, D.C. After serving as a chaplain in the Union Army during the Civil War, he built a tabernacle in Brooklyn in 1870. It was burned by vandals in 1872. It was rebuilt but burned again in 1889, and again in 1894.

Talmage served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., from 1895 until 1899. His sermons were printed in 3,500 newspapers each Sunday across America and Europe. He also edited *The Christian Herald* and authored more than 500 sermons, which were published as a complete set.

Preaching without the aid of notes, his oratorical powers were compared to those of George Whitefield, and his poetic expression to that of Shakespeare and Milton. Over 30,000 people received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour during Talmage's ministry as pastor.



EVENING STAR DAILY BIBLE



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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:**

**Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.**

## **A. THE ERROR OF BEING SAVED BY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

(Assignment 35)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

(        ) Titus 1:16

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

(        ) Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(        ) John 10:9

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

(        ) John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

(        ) Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: