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I. The Enquirer Regarding Heaven

A. Credentials – Most Impressive

- Pharisee: Guardian of the law.
- Member of the Sanhedrin: Ruling council of 71 elders.
- Israel's Teacher: Respected, rich, and religious.

B. Curiosity – Impacted by Jesus' miracles and words.

- Wonders if Jesus is the Messiah.

C. Concealment – Came by night seeking truth ([John 3:2](#)).

- Searching beyond religion for real relationship with God.

II. The Explanation Regarding Heaven

A. Need for New Birth Informed

- Religion and morality cannot save; one must be born again.
- Salvation is spiritual, not physical ([John 3:3](#)).

B. Need for New Birth Illustrated

- 1. Different Worlds** – Physical vs. Spiritual (vv.6–7).
- 2. Different Winds** – The Spirit moves unseen yet powerfully (v.8).
- 3. Different Ways** – The serpent lifted up ([Num. 21:8–9](#); [John 3:14–16](#)).

→ Salvation comes by faith in the crucified Christ.

III. The Effect Regarding Heaven

Nicodemus publicly identified with Jesus at His burial.

Calvary changed his life—no longer a secret disciple.

True salvation leads to boldness and transformation.

Conclusion

God's grace reaches both the moral and the broken.

Every soul must choose: Will you be born again and follow Christ?

[John 3:16](#) – “For God so loved the world...”