

WITNESS THE WIND

v.1 Sadducees = moral rationalists who denied the supernatural

Pharisees = religious separatists who saw supernatural in terms of self-denial, zeal, morality and the letter of the law

▸ traditional interpretations and explanations of equal authority with the written word

▸ self-righteous people who saw no need for personal forgiveness

(1) Intent more on others' sins than on their own.

(2) Prioritize uncovering and correcting others' wrongs more than covering them with grace and mercy.

(3) Categorize things into right and wrong (acceptable & unacceptable) rather than looking to heal the hurt, fear, etc.

v.2 Flow of the miraculous not accomplished by moral correctness/the Law

"Obviously God is with you. What is your message, Jesus?"

v.3 Logos = meaning & message & makeup of life (beyond mere physical)
kingdom of God = realm, dimension and dominion you know little about

born again = from the beginning, from the start, from the top

"What I have to say and to talk about will make no sense to you -- you won't be able to experience it, to grasp it, to hold on to it -- unless you are born into another life. Everyone must be born into the spiritual realm just as everyone must be born into the physical world."

v.4 Nicodemus still thinks in terms of his natural life -- and improving the life he understands. Both Sadducees and pharisees start with this life. Jesus says you must start with spiritual life.

v.5-6 Born again = reformation or growth of old character
"growing as a person"
= procreation or start of new character

▸ Nicodemus was most refined, intelligent, gifted, sincere and capable

▸ true spirituality = | getting into |
| being set into | the kingdom of God
| having being in |

Spirit =
to become children of God (1:13) we must be born of the Spirit

- Jesus had to be born of flesh (Son of Man)
- We have to be born of Spirit
- Flesh and spirit are not interchangeable

cannot make ourselves spiritual by meditation
meditation
determination
mystical experiences/reading

Water = repentance = conversion, exchange

make ready ways of the Lord
cry for mercy rather than rely on self
get rid of sin

v.8 flesh = wind (spirit)

you cannot | understand | the | "Place" | of its life and movement
perceive		setting
behold		dimension
be aware of		realm
be sure of		
tell		

You would have to become wind to understand wind -- you live on the ground; it moves on the air

Unless you become a spiritual being you will not be able to understand where I have come from and where I am going = the kingdom of God = obedience

v.9 "I don't get it"
"What do you mean that I will not understand your message"

v.10 Teacher of Israel (Ezek. 36:24-27)

- ▶ bring you into your own land
- ▶ sprinkle clean water on you
- ▶ put My Spirit within you

v.11 "Know" same as verse 8 = know where the wind comes and goes
"See" same as verse 3 = see the kingdom

v.12 You do not take, receive, accept, grasp what we are saying/our witness