

b) And also the prophets John 1:45c

c) Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph John 1:45d

6. Nathanael

a) He was not impressed because Nazareth was mentioned

b) "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" John 1:46a

7. Philip's response

a) "Come and see" John 1:46b

NATHANAEL'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD JESUS

1. The Lord Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him John 1:47a

2. Immediately, He remarked

a) "Behold, an Israelite indeed" John 1:47b

b) "In whom there is no deceit" John 1:47c

3. Nathanael's response

"How do You know me?" John 1:48a

4. The Lord Jesus' response

a) "Before Philip called you,
when you were under the fig tree" John 1:48b

b) "I saw you" John 1:48c

5. Nathanael's astonishment

a) "Rabbi, You are the Son of God!" John 1:49a

b) "You are the King of Israel" John 1:49b

6. The concluding words of the Lord Jesus to Nathanael

a) "Because I said to you,
'I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe'" John 1:50a

b) "You will see greater things than these" John 1:50b

c) “Most assuredly, I say to you,
hereafter you shall see heaven open” John 1:51a

d) “And the angels of God ascending and descending
upon the Son of Man” John 1:51b

APPRECIATING THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. He would be open to people seeking to speak to Him John 1

a) Andrew

b) John

2. He would do His part in fulfilling His ministry

a) Preaching

b) Teaching

c) Healing

3. He would reach out to people

a) Philip, who would have come to believe in the Lord

b) We may call this “Follow-up of Evangelism”

4. Philip also reached out as Andrew did

a) He brought a good friend called Nathanael

b) The Lord Jesus helped him to come to faith in God

5. Principles and Practices

a) Practice of principles is of vital significance

b) Principles

i) Being open

ii) Being warm and friendly

iii) Deep knowledge of the Gospel message

iv) Insightful understanding of people

c) Practices

i) Reaching out to make Disciples

ii) Follow-up work

iii) Helping people to become certain of their faith in God

CHALLENGING LESSONS TO CONSIDER

1. A deep Knowledge

a) Of God

b) Of the Gospel of the Kingdom

2. Concern about Evangelism

a) Presentation of the Gospel

b) Presenting the concept of Following the Lord (as Disciples)

3. Cultivating experience

a) Relating to people

b) Revelation from God about people