

The Necessity of Humility
John 3:9-10

Natural human _____ is not _____ to bring one to a saving knowledge of the Truth

We must _____ of all natural ability if we are ever to make _____ in true religion

Three things Nicodemus could not understand:

1. Who _____ was

2. What the _____ principally _____

3. The _____ and His _____

When God quickens, men _____, and belief leads to greater _____ of Truth

Quotes

“The natural man, unaided, has no capacity to receive what God has recorded in His Holy Word. Even though God became incarnate and spoke in human language, men understood Him not. This is demonstrated again and again in the Gospels... (they provide) a commentary upon human intelligence, a proof of man’s stupidity and blindness.”-A.W. Pink

“Everything that he hears appears monstrous, because he did not understand the manner of it; so that there is no greater obstacle to us than our own pride; that is, we always wish to be wise beyond what is proper, and therefore we reject with diabolical pride everything that is not explained to our reason; as if it were proper to limit the infinite power of God to our poor capacity...such persons will never make any progress, until the wicked confidence, with which they are puffed up, be removed.”-John Calvin

“We have no right to be surprised at the vast ignorance of saving religion which we see on all sides, when we consider the history of Nicodemus. We should make up our minds to expect to find spiritual darkness the rule, and spiritual light the exception. Few things in the long run give so much trouble to ministers, missionaries, and teachers as beginning work with extravagant and unscriptural expectations.”-J.C. Ryle

“Man was created to see God. Man by sin lost the blessedness for which he was made, and found the misery for which he was not made. He did not keep this good when he could keep it easily. Without God it is ill with us. Our labors and attempts are in vain without God. Man cannot seek God, unless God Himself teaches him; nor find Him, unless He reveals Himself. God created man in His image, that he might be mindful of Him, think of Him, and love Him. The believer does not seek to understand, that he may believe, but he believes that he may understand: for unless he believes he will not understand.”-Anselm of Canterbury