

DISCIPLE, HAVE NATHANAEL'S EXPERIENCE

JOHN 1:35-51

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering "I", not "you"!

BACKGROUND: "In every case...the common bond of meaning for the various applications of the word 'disciple' was allegiance to Jesus." Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, p. 426. A disciple is born again and has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

BE AWARE of the Lord's presence. "Jesus' point to Nathanael was that just like Jacob experienced supernatural or heaven-sent revelation, Nathanael and the other disciples would experience supernatural communication confirming who Jesus was. Moreover, the term 'Son of Man' replaced the ladder in Jacob's dream, signifying that Jesus was the means of access between God and man." The MacArthur Study Bible, p. 1577, footnote John 1:51. You now have access to God's presence through Jesus. He is always with you and He will never leave you. (**John 1:47, 48, Genesis 28:10-16, fn 28:10-15, Deuteronomy 31:8, Hebrews 13:5, John 14:15-21, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:16, fn 14:18**) *How could you, like Nathanael, know Jesus and enjoy His presence?*

BELIEVE the Lord. When you believe in the Lord Jesus, you begin to understand that God knew you before you knew Him. Jesus illustrated this truth to Nathanael and promised him that his faith would grow as he came to know Jesus better. This truth applies also to you as a disciple of Jesus. (**John 1:48-50, fn 1:47-49, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st], Colossians 2:6, 7, fn 2:6, 7, Matthew 7:7, 8, fn 7:7, 8, Colossians 3:10, fn 3:10[2nd]**) *If you began your time with the Lord with a prayer that He would reveal more of Himself to you, what should your expectation be?*

SEE great things. As a believer, you have been baptized by the Holy Spirit and all the fruit of the Spirit is available to you. As you are filled (controlled by) the Holy Spirit, this fruit becomes effective in your life and is a sign to others of who Jesus is. It is a great thing to realize, by faith, the Holy Spirit's presence in you and to see the Lord working out His plan of salvation for a lost world. (**John 1:50, 51, fn 1:51, Mark 1:35, fn 1:35-37, Jude 20, 21, Ephesians 6:18, fn 6:18, Ephesians 5:18, II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18**) *How could you be filled with the Holy Spirit?*

Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord? Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?

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