

*He,*" saith Christ, "*that searcheth the hearts ;*" and assuredly in this instance he did so, for, looking deep down into the heart of Nicodemus, he instantly saw what the wants of his soul were, and these he immediately meets. The learned Jew had begun the interview by saying : " Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God." This remark the Saviour passes by, and, addressing Himself to the great truth of which Nicodemus was most profoundly ignorant—namely, his need of a new birth—He utters these memorable words : " VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

These words of the Lord Jesus are as directly addressed to *you*, dear reader, as they were to Nicodemus ; that is, if you have not yet experienced this new birth of which Christ speaks. Therefore, seeing they are for *your* everlasting life, and that the speaker is none other than Jesus Christ Himself, I implore you both earnestly and prayerfully to weigh them.

Observe, first *Christ goes to the very root of things*. He says spiritual LIFE begins with spiritual BIRTH.

Men see physical activity all about them, and