

he shall not *enter* the kingdom of God ; but, " Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE," that is, comprehend, " the kingdom of God."

You will therefore see the absolute necessity of *your* obtaining this new birth. Whatever its meaning—whatever event it points to—its vital importance is awfully evident. Our Lord says : " Without it no man can even SEE the kingdom of God."

Fourthly : *Our Lord's words teach us that the birth He refers to is a HEAVENLY birth.*

Literally, the word "*again*" is FROM ABOVE. Now, we have all had one birth *from beneath*, that is, our natural physical birth, when we came into the world ; but Christ says this first physical birth is not enough ; we need another—one from above. When therefore we have this birth from above, we are, in our Lord's language, born of the Spirit ; we have experienced this wondrous birth without which no man can see the kingdom of God. I would have you also notice that the two births, the physical and the spiritual, never occur TOGETHER. Man was altogether " born in sins," with a " heart deceitful above all