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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF NAZARETH ?

1:45 – John 1:43 ff – The story of Jesus going to Galilee and recruiting Philip and Nathanael, whereupon Nathanael, when told by Philip that he had found the Messiah, and he was Jesus of Nazareth - replied can anything good come from there?

4:00 – 12:00 A teaching on Prejudice – Pre-judging. Nazareth was not much of a place, and since Philip and Nathanael were from Bethsaida – a much more prominent and urbane city – Nathanael apparently was showing his disdain for the less sophisticated. Terry gives many examples of prejudice that inhabit human nature.

11:30 – 19:20 - 1 Samuel 16:7 and Isaiah 55:8-9 Two sections of scripture which provide the proper understanding as to how we are to evaluate others in light of God's example. God does not look at things as man does – judging on the outward appearance – for God looks upon the heart.

19:30 – 46:30 – 1 Corinthians 1:18 ff and Jeremiah 9:23-24. Self proclaimed knowledge is the source of all sorts of false pride in human nature. Boasting on smarts, possessions and the like are in fact snares that entrap us and cause blindness to the real source of wisdom – the Lord himself. If there is to be any boasting, it should be in knowing the living God and doing his will.

John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

John 1:44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

John 1:46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

John 1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.”

John 1:48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

John 1:49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

John 1:50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

1Sam. 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Is. 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

Is. 55:9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1Cor. 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

1Cor. 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.

1Cor. 1:26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Jer. 9:23 This is what the LORD says:
“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom
or the strong man boast of his strength
or the rich man boast of his riches,
24 but let him who boasts boast about this:
that he understands and knows me,

that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,"
declares the LORD.