

THE WOODLAND HILLS PROCLAIMER

"how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you"

Acts 20:20

SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY
10:30 AM – A.M. ASSEMBLY
6:00 PM – P.M. ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY

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A Lesson from Nathanael

Many Bible scholars believe that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person. After reviewing the evidence I believe it is very possible that they are the same.

- There are four lists of the Apostles that mention Bartholomew: in Matthew, Mark Luke and Acts.
- Bartholomew is not mentioned in John.
- In the list of the Apostles Philip and Bartholomew are always listed together.
- Nathanael is listed and is a close friend of Philip. Philip brought him to Jesus.
- In John there are six other apostles listed with Nathanael when Christ appeared to them.
- Bartholomew could mean Bar "son of" Tholmar

I think we can all learn some lessons from Nathanael whether or not he was Bartholomew.

John 1: ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip 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." ⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." 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." ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." ⁵⁰Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹He 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."

A few things I would like to point out in the text mentioned above.

- Just as Jesus knew Nathanael before he even met him. It is hard to know what took place at the fig tree but whatever happened, Nathanael knew Jesus was Lord because of it. Jesus knew Nathanael just as he also knows us.
- Nathanael knew Jesus immediately even though he doubted that anything good could come from Nazareth. Sometimes we hold back on those who are truly sincere just because of where they come from or how they look.
- Nathanael had nothing in him that was false. I am certain every one of us would like to hear those words when we meet Jesus.



David Sargent

During World War II, Germany had devised a plan to force the British fighter force to be spread very thin in what was called their "standing patrols." The plan would require British planes in the air to cover huge areas at all times. This process would have caused the hard-pressed British to waste precious high-octane fuel. But the Brits had a secret that monitored every move of the German bombers. Even when flying at night or emerging through cloud banks, German pilots were stunned to discover British attack aircraft waiting in position to attack.

What the Luftwaffe had not realized was that their planes and actions were being watched by an invisible and undetected force made practical by a top secret invention called the "cavity magnetron;" now known as RADAR. (Amazingly, the first magnetron was developed by the German physicist Erich Habann, but they couldn't perfect it.) Even though the German pilots thought they were operating secretly and unseen, their every aerial move was made visible by an unseen force.

Many people today have the very same thought about their lives. They remain comfortable in some sin thinking that their actions are cloaked in secrecy. But the Bible teaches that God's revealing light

shines into the far reaches, of man's actions; illuminating both that which is good and that which is evil. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." (Prov.15:3). "Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says Jehovah. Do I not fill the heavens and earth? says Jehovah." (Jerm.23:24). "For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps." (Job 34:21). "No creature is hidden from Him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account" Heb.4:13

Friend, we do not escape the attention and the awareness of the Creator! No matter in what situation we may find ourselves we are always under the unseen and watchful eye of Almighty God. All things will be made known. "For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light." (Lk.8:17) There really are NO secrets!

On the other hand the judgment of God need not be feared by one who is in Christ (Rm.8:1). He is not "out to get us." He is "out to save us!" To be found in Christ, one must:

- Believe in Him (Acts 16:31) –
- Repent of sins (2 Cor.7:9-10) –
- Confess Jesus to men (Rm.10:9-10) –
- Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Ga1.3:26-27).
- Live in faith until death (Rev.2:10)

To remain in Christ one must continue to walk in the light of God's word in order to be continually cleansed by Christ's blood (1 In.1:7-9).

WOODLAND HILLS NEWS AND NOTES

PRAYER LIST: Janice Billeri, Mindy Blackstone, Haskell & Doris Butler, Ruby Goad, Jerry Harrell, Bill & Jo Ellen McCarty, Leola Pence, Nelva Peyton, Jerri Scott, Bertie Strokos, James & Lou Ann Webb, Jennifer West, Jane Zeitz.

Area gospel meetings are posted in the foyer

PROVERB OF THE WEEK

12:25

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

SCHEDULE TO SERVE - Dec 20th

AM – Service

Announcements:	Jim Cook
Song Leader:	Jim Rains
Lord Supper Bread:	James Cost
Asst:	Carl Scott
Cup:	David Cade
Asst:	Eric Izenbarger
Prayer Open:	Martin Billeri
Close:	Mike Burk

PM – Service

Song Leader:	David Cade
Lord Supper:	James Cost
Prayer Open:	Luis Serpas
Close:	James Webb

