

Verily, Verily

“You Shall See...”

John 1:43-51

Verily, Truly, Amen

- Different versions of the Bible use different words when translating John 1:15
 - Verily, verily - KJV
 - Truly, truly - NASB
 - I tell you the truth - NIV
 - I can guarantee this truth - God's Word Translation

ἀμήν, Hebrew אָמֵן; (Amen)

1. verbal adjective (from אָמֵן to prop; Niph. to be firm), firm, metaphorically, faithful: ὁ ἀμήν, Rev. iii. 14 (where is added ὁ μάρτυς ὁ πιστός καί ἀληθινός).

2. it came to be used as an adverb by which something is asserted or confirmed:

a. at the beginning of a discourse, surely, of a truth, truly;

• The repetition of the word (ἀμήν ἀμήν), employed by John alone in his Gospel (twenty-five times), has the force of a superlative, most assuredly: John 1:51.

What's Jesus Saying?

- By beginning His statement with a double Amen Jesus is indicating an absolute certainty.
- After telling Nathanael personally “You shall see greater things than that” (v50) His next statement is to the disciples collectively.
- Heaven open - through Jesus Heaven was going to literally be open for redeemed mankind to enter

What's Jesus Saying?

- Angels ascending and descending - a connection to Genesis 28:12
 - Jacob's ladder
 - Jesus is the ladder that allows access to Heaven
 - Isn't this rather obscure? Why this passage?
 - Perhaps it had significance to Nathanael
 - "I saw you ... under the fig tree..."

What's Jesus Saying?

- Son of Man - Jesus uses this title to declare Himself Messiah
 - Reference Daniel 7:13,14
- I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

What's Jesus Saying?

- By taking the title Son of Man Jesus is declaring He is Messiah without a political or militaristic connotation
- The Son of Man is savior for all people of every nation.

Come And See

- The hidden gem in this passage is how Nathanael came to Jesus.
- Jesus is calling disciples
 - not the typical practice for a rabbi
- Those chosen are calling others
 - Andrew -> Simon (Peter)
 - Philip -> Nathanael

Come And See

- Nathanael's prejudice keeps him from first believing
- Philip's challenge is to "Come and see."
 - We need to have this approach more often
- Jesus knew Nathanael's heart
- Jesus honors Nathanael
- Nathanael declares Jesus is Messiah