



MIRAGE

WHAT IS A MIRAGE?

Something that appears real or possible but is not in fact so.

A mirage is a misleading appearance

A desert landscape with a mirage of water and palm trees in the distance. The scene is hazy and blue-tinted, with a dark, shadowed foreground. The mirage shows a shimmering body of water and palm trees on the horizon, which are distorted by the heat of the ground.

WHAT CAUSES A MIRAGE?

A distortion
of light



DANGER IN CHASING THE MIRAGE

**Investing in things
that Are Not
(Solomon)**

LIFE MIRAGES

Wisdom Is Meaningless ch. 1

Pleasures Are Meaningless ch. 2

Toil (Work) Is Meaningless ch. 2

**Advancement (Ambition)
Is Meaningless ch. 4**

Riches Are Meaningless ch. 5



**VANITY
AND
CHASING THE WIND**



HIS CONCLUSION

**Fear God and Keep
His Commands**



DANGER IN CHASING THE MIRAGE

**Missing the Obvious
Right in Front of You
(Nicodemus)**

WHAT WAS HE LOOKING AT?

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”



SOMETHING NEW TO LOOK AT

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.



NICODEMUS CAN'T SEE IT

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

JESUS REFOCUSES

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”



JESUS REFOCUSES

It's not just about what we do

It's not just about what we know

It's about born of Spirit

A large, dynamic blue wave is shown crashing over a dark, textured surface. The water is bright blue and white with foam, while the surface below is dark and shadowed. The overall scene conveys a sense of surprise or awe.

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"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony."

JESUS STATES IT CLEARLY

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

DON'T MISS THE OBVIOUS

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



**REFOCUS
YOUR
LIFE**