

“THE VALUE OF A SINGLE SOUL”

Acts 8:25-40

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INTRODUCTION

We can learn many lessons from this passage of Scripture, but one of the most important is that **one soul is valuable to the Lord.**

YOU MUST WIN THAT ONE SOUL TO CHRIST!

First, let us review the outline of this passage:

- I. The Preachers _____ the believers in Samaria (25a)
- II. The Preachers _____ people in other towns also (25b)
- III. The Preacher (Philip) _____ the Gospel to the Remote Regions (26-39).
- IV. The Preacher Established a New _____ in a Significant City (40)

He was not merely a tourist!

Now, let us review more carefully God’s method used to spread the word of God to the remote regions (26-39).

- A. The _____ Sends Philip (26)
- B. The _____ Sets the Circumstances (26-31)
 1. The Time of _____—noon (v. 26) (word rendered “south”)
 2. The Timing of the meeting—on his return trip from Jerusalem (28)—more willing to be delayed in conversation.
 3. The _____ of the meeting (a sparsely inhabited area (v. 26)—less distractions.
 4. The _____ of the person (27)
 5. The religious _____ of the person (27)—“had come to Jerusalem to worship”
 6. The _____ of the person—“but”—his religious needs had not been met and he was returning home empty!
 7. The man had been able to purchase a scroll of the prophet _____ and was reading Scripture **aloud**—as was the custom. (28) Philip could thus hear him.
 8. The passage the man was reading was very appropriate—Is. _____).
This passage is likely the clearest OT reference to the atoning work of the Messiah.
 9. The preacher engaged in conversation (29-31)
 - The _____ of the Spirit: “Join the carriage” **Go where the sinners are!**
 - Philip “heard” the man reading the passage from Isaiah
 - Philip asked an appropriate question: “Do you understand what you are reading?”

- Philip observed the man’s responses Please help me understand; guide me.
- Notice how the Spirit was guiding Philip so that Philip could guide this man.
- A further question was: Explain to me whom this passage speaks about.

10. Water was available for baptism just when it was needed (36)

Was it not obvious that this man was prepared by the Holy Spirit?

When you and I submit to the leading of the Spirit He will open perfect witnessing opportunities for us also!

C. The Spirit Illumines the Scriptures (30-38)

See I Pet. 1:10-12—the Spirit’s work in both writing and in preaching the Scriptures.

We must use the Scriptures to win people to Christ.

1. The _____ is read (32-33)
2. The _____ is made (34). Different interpretations have been made:
3. The _____ is performed (35-38)
 - Philip “opened his mouth”—**this is where most of us fail!**
 - He knew how to answer—**he was a student of the Scriptures.**
 - a. The text interpreted
 - b. The text Applied—“to him” he preached Jesus.
The eunuch got the message of repentance and faith and baptism following Faith (v. 37); baptism (36, 38)

D. The Spirit Breaks off Contact (39)

1. Philip is “caught away
2. The Eunuch continued his journey to his homeland (39)
 - He goes on his way, as does Philip
 - He experiences joy—“rejoicing”. Cf. Lk. 24:52—of the disciples of Jesus.
 - He had no chance to become overly dependent upon Philip—he was gone.
 - The Word of the Lord spread—*did he become an evangelist of Ethiopia?*

CONCLUSION

How does the Word of God spread? **God uses men: not angels, nor even the Holy Spirit.**

Yet, everything depends upon God!

- God Sends
- God prepares the circumstances
- God illumines the Scriptures
- God turns the disciple into a discipler.

But, God demands that you go and do the talking.

ASK THE LORD FOR A SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE WORD THIS WEEK.