

# ACTS

## CHAPTER 8:25-40

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### TITLE:

“ THE GOSPEL GOES TO AFRICA ”

### THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea and Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

Mt. Whitney, the dome of the High Sierra, rising over 14,000 ft, its peak is covered with snow more days out of the year than not, grabbing every cloud that passes by and rings them dry. Below in its lower elevations are valleys of awesome beauty.

#### IT'S LIKE NO OTHER PLACE ON EARTH

because within several miles the elevation drops to -282 ft. below sea level to a place called **death valley** where last month it reached 139°F (making it the worlds record holder for elevation change in the shortest distance)

## >>> What a Contrast <<<

- What a Contrast We see This morning compared to Philip's last encounter with Simon the magician. The Lord leads him to meet up with a man who was truly seeking after God.
- The Holy Spirit brilliantly lays side by side the “apparent” conversions of two men.
  - 8:9-24 The *Insincere* conversion of Simon the Magician
  - 8:25-40 The *Sincere* conversion of the Ethiopian, the C.P.A.

### *With Wax & Without Wax*

The Wax Museum

## 1.) Having a *Heart to Preach*

*vv. 26-27*

Note This,  
That in our study, is built in a high level of ‘Enthusiasm’ of both Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

The Greek word, Enthuse is a compound word EN, *inside* and THEUS, *God* meaning “*God Inside*”

To be an ‘*Enthusiast*’ or to possess ‘*Enthusiasm*’ means to be *God possessed* or *possessed of God*

**Colossians 1:27**

...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles *the glorious riches of this mystery*, WOW, WHAT IS IT ? (it is ***Christ in you***, the hope of glory.) ‘*Enthusiasm*’

Verse 26

The Messenger (Angel) of the Lord Interrupts the Revival

**Q:** Why didn't the Angel Preach Himself ???

*God would rather use a human to minister to a human*

**“Arise and Go”**

In the midst of a revival..... you want me to arise and go...

**“Following the will of God for your life”**

it will always be **one step at a time**, not a full blown revelation

(because guys, if He was to tell us the whole story, we'd blow it - how many times do we read the instructions before we start the project?

*I can do it*

It's the Desert!....I want to go to the mountains....

It's the Desert!.... I want to go to Maui and serve you there...

It's the Desert!....

A beautiful phone call this week of a brother here saying “I feel the Lord wants me to go out and start a work for Him...

**but I'm not sure**

**Philip Simply Obeys**  
*The Jesus Style*

A true Shepherd's Heart is willing to minister to the 1/99

**Matthew 18:10-14**

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their (this) angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. :11 "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. :12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? :13 "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. :14 "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

We are like Sheep

Do you think that you've been too *Baaaaad* to be saved

**2.) Having a *Heart to Learn*      *vv. 27b-38***

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 25:8

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

We are not to check our brains *in at the door when we come to church!!! to have true, lasting conversions you must preach & teach to the heart through the head.*

**Returning from Jerusalem!!!**

The Old Testament Economy had Passed Away, All things had become New, New *Testament* that is

**Having High Hopes**

- 1.) The Temple, *its beauty & Worship didn't seem personal*
- 2.) The Messages *He heard brought nothing to his thirsty soul*
- 3.) The Sacrifices *Maybe in the sacrifice there would be something that could fill this emptiness inside.*

Being a Non-Jew he was not allowed into the temple area to worship

**It had Come and Gone.....Still Nothing!!!**

**What a Contrast from 'Simon Saw'... This Man Reads**

Shut-up and mind your own business !!!  
>>>>> No, God had arranged the meeting. <<<<<<

In the late 1800's a man was boarding a trolley and as he did, a rider asked him "My friend, have you made your soul right with God" the man replied 'that's none of your business' but the rider responded back 'Oh yes it is'. Well then, said the man, you must be Dwight L. Moody... *The encounter brought the man to Christ !!!*

*The Key To Approaching the Bible,  
is a Prayerful Approach.*  
*Prayer is like a Hammer, Exposing the Gems*

**'He who has Prayed much, has studied Well'**

Every Pastor, every Sunday School teacher, every parent, every spouse should #1 ask themselves if they understand what they're reading

Verse 31

*guides* 'How can I unless someone *guides* me'  
**GRK 3594 hodegeo (hod-ayg-eh'-o); to open it up, to put on the path. Journey**

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things from Your Word.

Rebekah's Bible

This past week, Tuesday, we bought our oldest her first 'Real Study Bible' it's got all the helps, maps, chain references, Harmony of the gospels, major bible doctrines...

In and Out of the Box  
as though it were gold

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerned of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## Turn to Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, (8)

*distinctly* • to separate, to cut between, to dissect  
*sense* • to give the knowledge of, to reveal the thing  
*understand* • to cut the path, to set the course

### Exodus 25:20

"And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall be toward the mercy seat. (*that's down*)

### Isaiah 6:2

Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

## The Emmaus Road

*Luke 24:27*

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

## The Results of Teaching

*Luke 24:32*

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

He is So Awesome & Great in His Power & Love

### John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,  
He will teach you all things,

1 John 2:20

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

## The Heart That is After God

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, (*he saw it as one thing because they inseparable*) that will I seek: #1, that I may *dwelt* in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, #2 to *behold* the beauty of the LORD, and #3 to *inquire* in His temple.

#1, One thing have I *desired* of the LORD

*HEB. to make strong demands*

#2, that I may *dwell* in the house of the LORD

HEB. to sit down, to marry

#3, to *behold* the beauty of the LORD

HEB. to stare with pleasure

#4, to *inquire* in His temple

HEB. search, dig up, admire

Verse 32,33

From Isaiah 53:7-8

Verse 35

*John 5:39*

You **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

*Hebrews 10:7*

Then said I, Lo, I come **in the volume of the book** it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

*Luke 24:27*

And beginning at **Moses and all the prophets**, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

*“It is the **work of the Lord** upon the **heart of a man** that makes the message touchable”*

Verse 36

Why did the Ethiopian ask if he could be baptized...

because he had been taught. He had an '*Enthusiastic*' response!

Do you remember picking up the Bible for the very first time  
**wedef lebcinu dc nachbnbch Jnfiv gh ut awb**  
it made no sense at all

**“If you are going to make it thru to the end,  
it will be because you’ve studied in the Bible”**

When they Come teaching falsely, when they peep & mutter, Go to the Word  
**Isaiah 8:19**

Verse 36,37

In light of Simon’s Baptism & So Called Conversion Philip says...

**IF you believe with ALL YOUR HEART you MAY  
there’s a little bit of caution here**

**C.) Having a *Heart to Worship* vv. 39-40**

**Caught**     **GRK 726 harpazo (har-pad'-zo)**  
to seize towards, to pluck up and pull to, to pull towards.  
**LAT Raptus** where we get the word **Rapture**

Remember the T.V. show, ‘**The Flying Nun**’  
this is **the ‘The Flying Phil**’

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17**

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

The Only Thing We Can do that brings us close to the Rapture is what I call “Rapture Practice”..... Which is Worship !!!

**The Exercise of Worship,**  
it’s an activity, it’s costly, it’s sometimes an exhausting thing

Are You a Worshipper ???

Psalm 51:11-13

**Do not** cast me away from Your presence, and **take not** Your Holy Spirit from me. **:12 Restore** to me the joy of Your salvation, and **uphold me** by Your generous Spirit. **:13 Then I will teach** transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. (Philip to Caesarea, The Ethiopian, to Africa)

*As you Worship God “In and Out” of your Heart,  
(**Enthusiastically**) others will want to know Him too*

**Romans 8:35,38-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?..... **:38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.