

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Lesson #7 -The Boldness of Philip

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:1-4

Introduction:

1. We must never faint in the day of adversity -Pr 24:10
2. Philip was bold in the face of adversity and many souls were saved.
3. In this lesson we will examine the effects of Philip's boldness...

I. HE WAS BOLD IN THE FACE OF PERSECUTION

A. SAUL MADE HAVOC AGAINST THE CHURCH

1. He dragged both men and women out of their homes and into prison -8:3
2. The people scattered and preached the word -8:4

B. PHILIP'S BOLDNESS

1. He was one of the seven chosen to serve -6:1-7
 - a. He was full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom -vs. 3
 - b. He also was of good reputation -vs. 3
2. He did not allow persecution to prevent him from preaching the gospel -8:5
 - a. He confirmed the word with great miracles -vs. 6, 7
 - b. The result: there was great joy in the city -vs. 8

II. SOUL'S SAVED AT THE PREACHING OF PHILIP

A. SIMON THE SORCERER -8:9-25

1. Many thought him to be “the great power of God”
2. He believed and was baptized -8:13
3. He thought he could purchase the power of God with money -vs. 19
4. Three observations concerning Simon:
 - a. We have to die unto sin -Co 3:9, 10
 - b. Even Christians can sin and fall short of God's glory -1Co 10:12, 13
 - c. In such cases, one must repent and pray for forgiveness -Ac 8:22

B. THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH -8:26-40

1. The angel of the Lord instructs Philip where he should go -8:26
2. The description of the Ethiopian eunuch -8:27
 - a. He had great authority under Queen Candace
 - b. He was in charge of the Queen's treasury
3. He was reading from the prophet Isaiah -Is 53:7, 8
4. From this passage, Philip preaches to him Jesus
5. One cannot preach Jesus without the knowledge of baptism
6. Philip baptizes him and he goes his way rejoicing -8:38, 39

Conclusion:

1. From these events we ascertain the importance of remaining bold in the face of adversity
2. Souls can always be brought to Jesus even when the message is not popular -Ref. 2Ti 4:2