



PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH



ACTS 8 V26-39

²⁶ NOW AN ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO PHILIP, "RISE AND GO TOWARD THE SOUTH TO THE ROAD THAT GOES DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO GAZA." THIS IS A DESERT PLACE. ²⁷ AND HE ROSE AND WENT. AND THERE WAS AN ETHIOPIAN, A EUNUCH, A COURT OFFICIAL OF CANDACE, QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF ALL HER TREASURE.

HE HAD COME TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP ²⁸ AND WAS RETURNING, SEATED IN HIS CHARIOT, AND HE WAS READING THE PROPHET ISAIAH. ²⁹ AND THE SPIRIT SAID TO PHILIP, "GO OVER AND JOIN THIS CHARIOT." ³⁰ SO PHILIP RAN TO HIM AND HEARD HIM READING ISAIAH THE PROPHET AND ASKED, "DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?" ³¹ AND HE SAID, "HOW CAN I, UNLESS SOMEONE GUIDES ME?" AND HE INVITED PHILIP TO COME UP AND SIT WITH

HIM. ³² NOW THE PASSAGE OF THE SCRIPTURE THAT HE WAS READING WAS THIS:

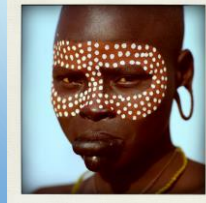
"LIKE A SHEEP HE WAS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER AND LIKE A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENS NOT HIS MOUTH.

³³ IN HIS HUMILIATION JUSTICE WAS DENIED HIM. WHO CAN DESCRIBE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EARTH."

³⁴ AND THE EUNUCH SAID TO PHILIP, "ABOUT WHOM, I ASK YOU, DOES THE PROPHET SAY THIS, ABOUT HIMSELF OR ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?" ³⁵ THEN PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND BEGINNING WITH THIS SCRIPTURE HE TOLD HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. ³⁶ AND AS THEY WERE GOING ALONG THE ROAD THEY CAME TO SOME WATER, AND THE EUNUCH SAID, "SEE, HERE IS WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?"

³⁸ AND HE COMMANDED THE CHARIOT TO STOP, AND THEY BOTH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER, PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH, AND HE BAPTIZED HIM. ³⁹ AND WHEN THEY CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CARRIED PHILIP AWAY, AND THE EUNUCH SAW HIM NO MORE, AND WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING.

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE



WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF THIS PARTICULAR CHARACTER?

ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

- ETHIOPIAN
- EUNUCH
- THE TREASURER
- HE WAS ON THE FRINGES OF JUDAISM

SUPERNATURAL INVOLVEMENT

- ANGELIC VISITATION – V 26
- THE SPIRIT SPEAKS – V 29
- THE SPIRIT CARRIES PHILIP AWAY – V 39



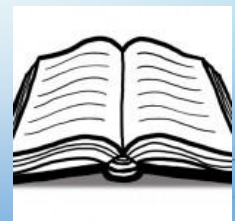
THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT


**KEEP CALM
 AND
 DO
 SOMETHING!**

- V 27 – ‘HE ROSE AND WENT’
- V 30 – ‘SO PHILIP RAN TO HIM’
- V -35 – ‘THEN PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH’

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

- READ IT
- LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT
- KNOW IT
- BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

- GOD IS WITH YOU
- IT'S FOR EVERYONE
- THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE AND HELP YOU
- KNOW THE WORD
- IT'S A STEP OF FAITH

