

Acts – Birth of the Church

Who is the Prophet Talking About?

Acts 8:26-40

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Introduction:

- **Acts 8:1**
 - **Acts 8:3**
 - Greek – **Lymaino** (*Lew-My-No*) ... English – **Destroy** ... “*To lay waste to ... To cause extensive destruction ... To ruin utterly.*”
 - Who is Philip? - **Acts 6:1-7**
 - **Qualifications of the Seven:**
 - Men -
 - Full of the Spirit – Saved in Christ and devoted to doing right by God.
 - Wisdom – To be fair and just in the work of the church.
 - **Acts 8:26-40**
 - An Angel of God tells Philip to take the desert road.
 - **Hebrews 13:1-2**
 - Candance is a title much like that of: Caesar ... President ... Emperor ... Senator ... Pharaoh.
 - Kingdom of Kush – The Candance’s ruled from 170 B.C. – 314 A.D.
 - The two Candance’s covering most of the First Century:
 - **Amantitere** (*A-Man-Ta-Tear*) ... She was the Candance from 25 A.D. – 41 A.D.
 - **Amanikhatashan** (*A-Manic-Hat-A-Shon*) She was Candace from 62 A.D. – 85 A.D.
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1. **The Spirit:**

- a. **Acts 8:29**
- b. Greek – **Angelos** ... English – **Angel** ... “*A supernatural being that attends upon or serves as a messenger of a superior supernatural entity—angel.*”
- c. Greek – **Pneuma** ... English – **Spirit** ... “*Title for the third person of the Trinity, literally ‘Spirit’.*”
- d. **Matthew 7:21-23**
 - i. Bad Leaders –
 - ii. Blind Sheep –
- e. **Isaiah 53:1-8**

2. The Questions:

- a. Seven Step Process:
 - i. Be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
 - ii. Be prepared to share your faith with anyone around you.
 - iii. Witnessing works best with people whose hearts are truly seeking God.
 - iv. Start with their questions.
 - v. The basis for witnessing to anyone, should always be the Word of God.
 - vi. The focus of witnessing to anyone is the person of Jesus Christ.
 - vii. Invite them to respond to the Hope of Jesus.
- b. **Acts 8:34**

3. The Answer:

- a. **Acts 8:35-39**
- b. The Elephant in the Room –
 - i. Why do the KJV, NKJV, NASV and a few others have **Verse 37**, and the NIV, and many newer versions do not?
- c. We know that Philip shares the Terms of Pardon due to the question that the Eunuch asks.
- d. **Acts 8:36**
- e. We know that Philip would have covered all the Terms of Pardon:
 - i. Faith – **Romans 10:17**
 - ii. Belief – **John 3:16**
 - iii. Repentance – **Luke 13:3**
 - iv. Confession – **Matthew 10:32-33**
 - v. Baptism – **Mark 16:16**
 - vi. Faithfulness – **James 1:12**
- f. Do you feel the nudging of the Holy Spirit today?
- g. We have water here ... Why should you not get baptized?