

SAVING POWER OF SCRIPTURE — ACTS 8:25-40

1 THE PREPARATION

SOVEREIGN Work of the SPIRIT

v.25-28

- The proper preparation for true salvation begins with the sovereign work of the Spirit. It starts with God's Spirit preparing the soil. On his own no man seeks after God (**Ro.3:11**). This is God's providential working.
- The Spirit moves like the wind (**Jn.3:8**). We saw that powerfully demonstrated in Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus.
- God is the One who calls and activates the human heart. "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day" (**Jn.6:44**).

📖 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (**Jn.3:8**)

**HOLY SPIRIT'S
MINISTRY**

2 THE PRESENTATION

SUBMISSIVE Will of the SERVANT

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- The Lord has chosen to do His work through human instruments.
- The Lord could simply finish the job and save people on His own. But He has chosen to allow man to participate in the process.
- People cannot know the truth unless they hear the truth. Faith comes by hearing the truth (**Ro.10:17**).
- The work of the Spirit must be connected to the submissive will of the servant (**2Tm.2:20-21**). To be a clean instrument is a critical plan in God's gospel advance.
- One of our greatest jobs in preaching the gospel is to simply pray for open doors.
- It was good for the Ethiopian to be reading the Bible, but unless understanding was brought to him, there would be little benefit from his reading.
- The Holy Spirit will drive or "guide" people to the truth (**Jn.16:13**, "guide you into all truth").
- You go right to the Scripture and see if there is interest. If they show no interest, you better wait for another day. You cannot sneak salvation in the side door.
- You receiving truth does not stop there. You are not the end. You are the funnel where truth flows through you (**1Pe.3:15**).

📖 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (**Jn.16:13**)

**BELIEVER'S
MESSAGE**

3 THE PERSONAL RESPONSE SEARCHING Worship of the SINNER

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- The Eunuch believed and he immediately demonstrated his faith by obedience.
- We may intellectually know that Jesus died for the sins of the world, but do we know in our hearts that He died to cleanse OUR sins?
- The joy of the Ethiopian, even after Philip's strange departure, shows that his faith was firmly rooted in God, not in Philip.

**SINNER'S
MANIFESTATION**