

The Joy of Salvation

Acts 8:39

Introduction:

- A. Scene raises questions:
 - 1. Who is this man?
 - 2. Why is he rejoicing?
 - 3. Answers in verses 26-38
- B. Some specific reasons he had to rejoice.

Discussion:

I. His Discovery.

- A. The meaning of Isa. 53. (vv. 32-35).
- B. The identity of the Messiah (cf. John 1:41; 4:25, 42)
- C. Some reasons for his discovery.
 - 1. Took time to read (v. 28).
 - 2. Willing to listen.
 - 3. Wanted to learn (v. 30-31).
 - a. Like people who search Scriptures (Acts. 17:11)
 - b. Like people who attend classes, meetings, etc.
 - c. Like people who “talk Bible.”

II. His Relief.

- A. The burden of sin (v. 36-38; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
 - 1. Present consciousness of sin (Heb. 10:2 nkjv)
 - 2. Anticipated consequences of sin (Rom. 6:23)
- B. The burden of the law (Cf. Gal. 5:1-2)
 - 1. No longer need for Jerusalem trips (cf. John 4:20-21, 24)
 - 2. No more sabbath-keeping.
 - 3. No condemnation without relief. (cf. Rom. 8:-3)

III. His Promotion.

- A. Greater ruler than Queen Candace – King Jesus (cf. Lk. 11:31).
- B. Greater treasure than queen’s treasure (cf. Matt. 13:44).
- C. Greater duties than queen’s treasurer (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58).
- D. Greater privileges than queen’s palace.
 - 1. Right to pray.
 - 2. Right to hope.
 - 3. Right of fellowship (1 Jno. 1:7-9)
 - 4. Right of worship.

Conclusion:

- A. Do you have reason to rejoice?
- B. Do you know the joy of:
 - 1. Knowing Jesus as the Christ, your savior?
 - 2. Being relieved of your sins?
 - 3. Being elevated to being a Christian?