



Lesson 10 – The Gospel in Samaria

Based on Acts 8

- 1) What was happening with God's Church after the stoning of Stephen?
Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were _____ abroad went every where preaching the word.
- 2) Who was instrumental in making this happen?
Acts 8:3 As for _____, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.
- 3) What did Paul (Saul) admit to later in his life?
Acts 26:9-11 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things _____ to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to _____, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I _____ them even unto strange cities.

At this time of peril Nicodemus came forward in fearless avowal of his faith in the crucified Saviour. Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin and with others had been stirred by the teaching of Jesus. As he had witnessed Christ's wonderful works, the conviction had fastened itself upon his mind that this was the Sent of God.

- 4) What memory finally brought him into full conviction?
John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be _____ up:

Jesus had unfolded to him the plan of salvation and His mission to the world, yet still Nicodemus had hesitated. He hid the truth in his heart, and for three years there was little apparent fruit. But while Nicodemus had not publicly acknowledged Christ, he had in the Sanhedrin council repeatedly thwarted the schemes of the priests to destroy Him. When at last Christ had been lifted up on the cross, Nicodemus remembered the words that He had spoken to him in the night interview on the Mount of Olives.

- 5) Who else came to the forefront as a believer?
John 19:38 And after this _____ of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

With Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus had borne the expense of the burial of Jesus. The disciples had been afraid to show themselves openly as Christ's followers, but Nicodemus and Joseph had come boldly to their aid. The help of these rich and honored men was greatly needed in that hour of darkness. They had been able to do for their dead Master what it would have been impossible for the poor disciples to do; and their wealth and influence had protected them, in a great measure, from the malice of the priests and rulers.

- 6) What were Jesus' parting Words as he ascended from the Mount of Olives?
Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach _____, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:



The persecution that came upon the church in Jerusalem resulted in giving a great impetus to the work of the gospel. Success had attended the ministry of the word in that place, and there was danger that the disciples would linger there too long, unmindful of the Saviour's commission to go to all the world. Forgetting that strength to resist evil is best gained by aggressive service, they began to think that they had no work so important as that of shielding the church in Jerusalem from the attacks of the enemy.

7) What does the Bible record as to what happened to the Church?

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where _____ the word.

Instead of educating the new converts to carry the gospel to those who had not heard it, they were in danger of taking a course that would lead all to be satisfied with what had been accomplished. To scatter His representatives abroad, where they could work for others, God permitted persecution to come upon them.

When they were scattered by persecution they went forth filled with missionary zeal. They realized the responsibility of their mission. They knew that they held in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world; and they were constrained by the love of Christ to break this bread to all who were in need. The Lord wrought through them. Wherever they went, the sick were healed and the poor had the gospel preached unto them.

8) Where did the Deacon Philip go?

Acts 8:5-7 Then Philip went down to the city of _____, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the _____ which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were _____.

9) What was the result of that?

Acts 8:8 And there was great _____ in that city.

10) Who was an evangelist for Samaria before Philip?

John 4:28-29 The _____ then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the _____?

When Jesus' disciples were driven from Jerusalem, some found in Samaria a safe asylum. The Samaritans welcomed these messengers of the gospel, and the Jewish converts gathered a precious harvest from among those who had once been their bitterest enemies.

11) What Words of Jesus were being fulfilled?

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in _____, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

12) How did this work of bringing the Gospel to them progress?

Acts 4:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them _____ and _____:

Philip's work in Samaria was marked with great success, and thus encouraged, he sent to Jerusalem for help.



13) While Peter and John were helping in this territory, where did God call Philip?

Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto _____, which is desert.

He did not question the call, nor did he hesitate to obey; for he had learned the lesson of conformity to God's will.

14) Who did he meet on his journey south?

Acts 8:27-28 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of _____, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to _____, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

This Ethiopian was a man of good standing and of wide influence. God saw that when converted he would give others the light he had received and would exert a strong influence in favor of the gospel. Angels of God were attending this seeker for light, and he was being drawn to the Saviour. By the ministration of the Holy Spirit the Lord brought him into touch with one who could lead him to the light.

15) What did God tell Philip to do?

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this _____.

16) What did Philip ask him?

Acts 8:30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, _____ thou what thou readest?

17) Did the Eunuch understand?

Acts 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should _____ me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

18) What was the Scripture he was wrestling with?

Acts 8:32-34 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a _____ to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his _____ was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of _____, or of some other man?

19) What wonderful thing did Philip do?

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him _____.

The man's heart thrilled with interest as the Scriptures were explained to him; and when the disciple had finished, he was ready to accept the light given. He did not make his high worldly position an excuse for refusing the gospel.

20) What did he ask of Philip?

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be _____?



21) Did Philip refuse his offer?

Acts 8:37-38 And Philip said, If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the _____, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

22) What happened next?

Acts 8:39-40 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord _____ Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he _____ in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light and who was ready to receive the gospel, and today angels will guide the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts. The angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow men.

23) Who are they who make the call to come to Jesus?

Revelation 22:17 And the _____ and the _____ say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The Bride is God's Church. It is fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul-saving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vineyard places a burden for souls is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities. Those who stand as leaders in the church of God are to realize that the Saviour's commission is given to all who believe in His name. God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands.

24) What did Jesus say in the parable of the vineyard?

Matthew 20:6-7 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day _____? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, _____ also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfillment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory.

25) What has to happen before Jesus will return to claim His Kingdom?

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in _____ the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the _____ come.

Can you see God has bigger plans than we do?

Do you want Jesus to Return?

When is the time to do your part?