

I Phillip, Part 1

Primary Text: Acts 8:9-17

Both the power of God and the power of the Holy Spirit have the ability to shatter the error of the adversary.

- I. Who was Simon?
 - a. A man of great power and influence
 - b. A man who possessed an anointing that appeared to be the same as the sorcerers of Egypt
 - c. He was a man who people followed, believed and respected as a spiritual/moral leader

- II. Who was Phillip?
 - a. A man who was chosen to serve tables in a time of need (see Acts 6:1-7)
 - b. A man who possessed the gift of teaching and knew the Word of God
 - c. A man who possessed an administrative gift
 - d. A man who was committed to prayer and the Word

Notes:

- III. What happened to Phillip
 - a. His gifts were revealed
 - b. The Lord called him to specific places
 - c. People were sent out
 - d. Phillip was never promoted to the position of apostle, he remained a disciple

- IV. What happened when Phillip taught the Word of God?
 - a. Error was exposed and truth was accepted
 - b. False authority and power were stripped from improper people and proper power was given to those who deserved to wield it
 - c. Great multitudes were revived, and believed

- V. What did the power of God really do through Phillip? By teaching the Kingdom of God...
 - 1) The lusts of the world were broken
 - 2) Unclean spirits were driven out
 - 3) Pride was shattered
 - 4) Ambition was broken
 - 5) Desires for grandeur were broken
 - 6) Mischief in the world was exposed

Closing Statement: Phillip possessed an inward holiness that Simon lacked.

Notes:

Questions for thought:

1. What is the metaphorical significance of “serving tables?”

2. How are Phillip and Oswald Chambers alike?