

INTRODUCTION: the Story of Philip

I. JESUS IS THE CLUE TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE.

A. The play on words here.

1. Do you UNDERSTAND what you READ?

2. The answering question, "How can I, except some one shall guide me?" ^{NEB = give me the clue} ~~Moffatt = puts me on the right~~B. The O.T. is 90% meaningless without Christ as ^{track} the clue to its interpretation.

C. The passage in Isa. 53

II. JESUS IS THE CLUE TO THE MEANING OF LIFE.

A. There are many, like this Ethiopian, who are seeking this clue to life's meaning.

He was a hungry soul.

B. The fact that he read proved his interest.

C. Yet he was restless, disappointed, unsatisfied, and discontented.

D. He had found the religious system at Jerusalem materialized, ritualized, and dead.

E. Philip's clue was "the good news of Jesus", vs. 35.

F. He started just where the inquirer was, and preached to him Jesus.

G. The outcome was the faith and obedience of the Ethiopian man.

CONCLUSION: How did Philip come to be ^{here} ~~here~~?

When we last saw him he was leading a great religious crusade in a city in Samaria.

How did he get here in the desert?

Because the Spirit of God led him!

Christ commanded his servant to leave the city for the desert, the crowds for the loneliness, the fellowship for the isolation.

If Christ is hindered today it might be that some Philip ~~is~~ is not willing to go and answer His call.

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