

THE OCCULT MEETS THE KING
Acts 8:9-25 // August 1, 2021 AM

I. The Spirit exalts Christ's unparalleled majesty (vv. 9-13).

II. The Spirit indwells Christ's undivided body (vv. 14-17).

III. The Spirit guards Christ's uncoerced sovereignty (vv. 18-25).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Is magic something that was practiced only in the past, or do we see it today?
2. Who was Simon? What does Luke tell us about his life prior to Philip coming to Samaria?
3. How does Philip's message differ from Simon's message? Can magic and the gospel go together?
4. Why does God delay in pouring out His Spirit upon the Samaritan believers? Is he teaching us that Christian experience always follows two steps? Or is something unique happening here?
5. How is this account a fulfillment of OT prophesy? What had God promised to do with Samaria hundreds of years before Christ?
6. Is Simon a true Christian? Why, or why not? How can people use Christianity today for their own selfish ends?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is Christ all-in-all to me like He was to Philip? Is my life lived unto the promotion of His kingdom and His name?
2. Does my Christianity or my ethnicity have priority when it comes to my own self-perception?
3. Do I want to be in control of my life, or am I content to bow under the dominion of Christ? What is at the root of man's desire for control?