

CHAPTER 8.

¹ By occasion of the persecution in Jerusalem, the church being planted in Samaria, ⁵ by Philip the deacon, ¹⁴ Peter and John come to confirm and enlarge the church. ^{9,} ¹⁸ Of Simon the sorcerer. ³⁷ Philip baptizeth an Ethiopian eunuch.

AND ^m Saul was ⁿ consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and ^q they were all scattered abroad

⁴ Therefore ^h they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

¹² But when they believed Philip preaching ^o the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

²⁵ And they, when they had ^h testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and ⁱ preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ And ^l the angel of the Lord spake unto ^m Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south

²⁷ And he arose and went: and, behold, ^d a man of Ethiopia, ^e an eunuch ^f of great authority under Candace queen of the ^o Ethiopians, who had ^h the charge of all her treasure, and ⁱ had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

²⁸ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

³⁰ And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, ⁿ Understandest thou what thou readeest?

³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should ^o guide me? And ^q he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

³² The place of the scripture which he read was this, ^s He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and ^r began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

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