

Acts 8:26 — A Question

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “In Acts 8:26, it says that the area where Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch was desert. My question is, If the area was desert, how could there have been enough water available for Philip to have baptized the eunuch?”

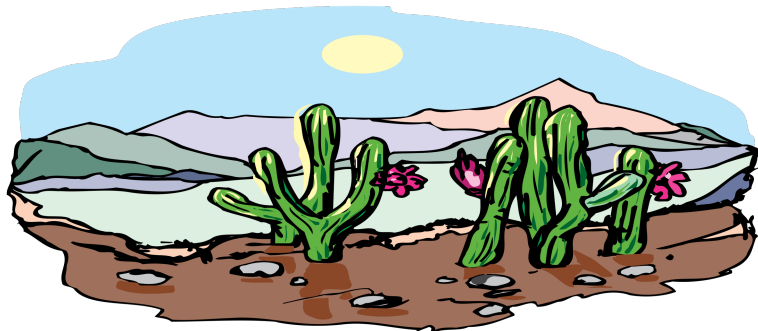
Acts 8:26-NKJV states:

“Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert.”

The term “desert” in the above passage signifies an empty or desolate place or uninhabited area. It does not refer to either a lack or an abundance of a water supply.

Compare Mark 6:35-ASV regarding the place where Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 folks and note the phrase, “The place is desert.” In a parallel account in John 6:10-NKJV, John documents that “there was much grass in the place.” This was obviously an area where there was enough rainfall for grass to grow.

Thus in Acts 8:26, there was enough water in that area for Philip to baptize the eunuch (Acts 8:36-38-NKJV).



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Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** John Chisley
Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

May 26th

Announcements- Don DeLukie **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Ed Haltom
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Announcements

—**Fish Fry:** Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th. Save the date! More details to come.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are accumulated. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons, Marcille Matheny, Ed Haltom, Roger Love, Louvenia Dickson, Shaquita Anderson, Joyce Moses, Brenda Fricke, Walt Henson, Judy Smith, Debbie Cook, Hazel Bissell, Bernice Tubbs, Brenda Farrington, Bruce Paton.

Bereaved: Families of Wallace Graves, Peggy Brantley, Steve Tores, Christie Wilson, Dwain Flowers, Donny Parks.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



May birthdays

3 - Carol Fletcher 19 - Virginia Cook
5 - Larry Randolph 19 - Buddy Hollis
9 - Rynlea Freeman 20 - Jacob Freeman
10 - Bettye Flowers 24 - Linda Garriss
15 - Jerry McDonald 31 - Danielle Scharf

May Anniversaries

21 - David & Elaine Reppond
26 - John & Jodie Chisley
26 - Victor & Donna Binford
29 - Dave & Linda Garriss