

He Went on His Way Rejoicing
(Acts 8:35-39)

Introduction:

1. These verses tell us about the conversion of the eunuch of Ethiopia.
2. He became a child of God when he was baptized.
3. According to vs.39, "*he went on his way rejoicing.*"
4. This man had reason to rejoice because he gained access to:
 - a. "*all spiritual blessings*" (Ephesians 1:3)
 - b. "*all things that pertain unto life and godliness*" (2 Peter 1:3).
5. In our lesson we are pointing out 5 of the special blessings that God provides for His children.

Discussion:

- I. FIRST, GOD PROVIDES INSTRUCTION (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - A. In His Word God provides the teaching, the reproof, the correction, and the instruction in righteousness that we need.
 - B. The proper attitude toward the Scriptures is revealed in Psalm 119:97.
 - C. The proper way to approach the Scriptures is addressed in:
 1. Psalm 119:18
 2. 2 Timothy 2:15b
 3. James 1:21-22
 - D. By putting God's Word into practice we will be the kind of people that He wants us to be (James 1:25).
- II. SECOND, GOD PROVIDES DIRECTION (Psalm 23:3b)
 - A. Concerning direction, we must realize our limitations (Jeremiah 10:23).
 - B. Solomon presented the right way to receive God's direction in Proverbs 3:5-6.
 - C. This is important because "*the paths of righteousness*" sometimes include obstacles.
- III. THIRD, GOD PROVIDES ASSISTANCE DURING TIMES OF TRIAL
 - A. God wants His children to pray when trials appear (1 Peter 5:7).
 - B. As we pray we are to ask for wisdom (James 1:5-6).
 - C. In addition to giving wisdom, God will provide:
 1. mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16)
 2. a way to bear up under the trials we face (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- IV. FOURTH, GOD PROVIDES COMFORT IN TIMES OF SORROW
 - A. David touched on this blessing in Psalm 23:4b.
 - B. Paul also touched on it in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.
- V. FIFTH, GOD PROVIDES ASSURANCE THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD (Romans 8:28)
 - A. We have numerous illustrations of God's providential care in the lives of Bible characters (Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Esther, Naomi, Daniel, etc.).
 - B. This assurance is only available to "those who love God" and "those who are the called."

Conclusion:

1. This is not a complete list of the blessings that God provides for His children, but we have examined 5 that are very special.
2. We learn from Galatians 3:26-27 how to become God's children to gain access to all of His good blessings.
3. Perhaps we can now better appreciate why the eunuch "*went on his way rejoicing.*"