

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“When the Devil Joined the Church”

Acts 8:9-24

- I. SIMON WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE SHOW (vv.9-13)
  - A. The power of Simon (v.9a)
    1. Simon “bewitched” the people with “sorcery”
      - a. Sorcery means magic
      - b. Bewitched means to astound, amaze, or astonish
  - B. The pride of Simon (v.9b)
    1. Simon claimed to be “the great one”
  - C. The prestige of Simon (vv.10-11)
    1. Simon had a following that believed he was “the great power of God”
  - D. The pretense of Simon (vv.12-13)
    1. Simon did three things everyone should do:
      - a. He believed
      - b. He was baptized
      - c. He continued
      - d. Simon joined the church because he liked the show
    2. Not all faith is saving faith
      - a. John 2:23-24, “many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did, but Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men”
      - b. James 2:19, “Thou believest that there is one God: thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble”
- II. SIMON WAS EXCLUDED FROM WHAT HE SAW (vv.14-19)
  - A. What Simon saw (vv.14-17)
    1. He saw the people from Jerusalem (v.14)
      - a. Peter and John traveled from Jerusalem to Samaria
    2. He saw the power of the Holy Spirit (vv.15-17)
      - a. When Peter and John laid hands on the believers, they received the Holy Spirit
  - B. What Simon said (vv.18-19)
    1. He wanted power (v.19)
      - a. “Power” in verse 10 is the Greek word “dunamis”
      - b. “Power” in verse 19 is the Greek word “exousia”
    2. He wanted a price (v.18)
      - a. In Simon’s world everything could be bought for a price
- III. SIMON WAS EXPOSED BY THE SPIRIT (vv.20-24)
  - A. Simon was undressed by the Spirit (vv.20-21)
    1. He was exposed by his speech (v.20)
    2. He was exposed by his source (v.21)
  - B. Simon was unrepentant of his sin (vv.22-24)
    1. His call to repent (vv.22-23)
    2. His calloused response (v.24)