

“Simon-What Can We Learn?”

Acts 8:18-23

Introduction

- I. What can we learn from studying about a “sorcerer”?
- II. There are similarities in his life with our own lives.

Discussion

- I. Salvation is available to everyone, regardless of their backgrounds.
 - A. Under the New Testament, even a “sorcerer” can be forgiven.
 - B. This is far greater than what would have been required under the Old Law (Deut. 18:9-14).
 - C. We should have the desire that all obtain salvation (2 Cor. 5:18-21).
- II. Even Christians sin.
 - A. Simon had been forgiven, but he sinned as a Christian.
 - B. Satan will definitely want us to return to a lifestyle of sin, but we must remember the cost (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 1 John 1:8).
- III. Repentance must be a standard in our lives for when we sin.
 - A. Faithfulness is not perfection, but rather it involves repentance and confession (1 John 1:7-2:2).
 - B. We must not allow sin to once again be what we serve (Rom. 6:12-18).

Conclusion

- I. Christians are not immune to temptation and sin (James 1:12-15).
- II. Thanks to examples in the Bible like Simon, we can be encouraged to continue to move forward.