Another Sermon by Edward O. Bragwell, Sr (with edits)

“He Went on His Way Rejoicing” – No. 2

Acts 8:39

Introduction:
A. Scene raises questions:
   1. Who is this man?
   2. Why is he rejoicing?
   3. Answers in verses Acts 8:26-38
B. Some specific reasons he had to rejoice.

Discussion:
I. His Discovery.
   A. The meaning of Isa. 53. (acts 8.32-35).
   B. The identity of the Messiah (cf. John 1:41; 4:25, 42)
   C. Some reasons for his discovery.
      1. Took time to read (v. 28).
      2. Willing to listen.
      3. Wanted to learn (Acts 8.30-31).
         a. Like people who search Scriptures (Acts. 17:11)
         b. Like people who attend classes, meetings, etc.
         c. Like people who “talk Bible.”

II. His Relief.
   A. The burden of sin (Acts 8.36-38; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
      1. Present consciousness of sin (Heb. 10:2 NJKV)
      2. Anticipated consequences of sin (Rom. 6:23)
   B. The burden of the law (Cf. Gal. 5:1-2)
      1. No longer need for Jerusalem trips (cf. John 4:20-21, 24)
      2. No more Sabbath-keeping.
      3. No condemnation without relief. (cf. Rom. 8:3)

III. His Promotion.
   A. Greater ruler than Queen Candace – King Jesus (cf. Lk. 11:31).
   C. Greater duties than queen’s treasurer (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58).
   D. Greater privileges than queen’s palace.
      1. Right to pray.
      2. Right to hope.
      3. Right of fellowship (1 Jn. 1:7-9)
      4. Right of worship.

Conclusion:
A. Do you have reason to rejoice?
B. Do you know the joy of:
   1. Knowing Jesus as the Christ, your savior?
   2. Being relieved of your sins?
   3. Being elevated to being a Christian?