

# What Hinders Me?

Text—Acts 8: 36

## Introduction

- A. Day to Day living
- B. Some point, may desire to seek God
- C. Some want to, but find distractions instead
- D. Read Text—Acts 8: 27-38
  - 1. vs. 36, What hinders me?
  - 2. Look at things that stand in the way.

## I. Material gain—Matt. 16: 26

- A. Rich Young Ruler—Matt. 19: 16-22
- B. The Rich Fool—Lk. 12: 16-21
- C. Jesus said, Matt. 16: 26
- D. Paul—Phil. 3: 5-8

## II. Business (Work)—Jas. 4: 13-15

- A. Eccl. 2: 17-19
- B. Matt. 16: 26
- C. Working for wealth—1 Tim. 6: 9-10

## III. Worldly Wisdom—Eccl. 1: 16-18

- A. Philosophers: Plato, Socrates, Aristotle –
  - a. Acts 17: 16-21
  - b. Matt 15:7-9
- B. Modern Men: Zig Ziglar, Deepak Chopra
- C. Religious Men: Joel Osteen, Rick Warren
  - a. Jesus said—Matt. 23: 10-14
  - b. Paul warns—2 Tim. 4: 3-4
- D. Paul writes—1 Cor. 1: 17-22
  - a. Worldly vs. Godly Wisdom Ch 2: 5-8
  - b. Some seek after signs, Distracted looking for miracles
    - i. Jesus said—Matt. 12: 39
    - ii. Explains Scripture away – Mark 16:16, “belief only”
    - iii. Jesus replies—Matt 7:21
  - c. Explain existence of God away – evolution – Big Bang
  - d. Focus on physical – social entertainment, entertaining worship services – Rom 14: 17
- E. James writes—Jas. 3: 15-18

## IV. Family—Lk. 9: 57-62

- A. The Planner—Lk. 9: 57-58
  - B. The Inheritance—Lk. 9: 59-60
  - C. The Family Man—Lk. 9: 61
  - D. Jesus response to all—Lk. 9: 62
- Counting the costs

## V. Ourselves

- A. Jesus invites—Matt. 11: 28-30
  
- B. Peter encourages—Acts 2: 40
  - 1. Can't save self.
  - 2. Must make first step toward salvation
  - 3. God did His part, it's your turn.
  
- B. Preparing ourselves
  - 1. Plan to do God's Will
  - 2. Change of Heart – Being honest with self, committing to obedience
  - 3. 2. Cor. 13: 5 examine self
  - 4. Love the truth – John 8:31-32
  
- E. Spirit and Bride—Rev. 22: 17

## Conclusion

What hinders you from obeying God?