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Simon the Sorcerer

Acts 8:9-13

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The Amazement of Magic

Acts 8:9 (NASB)
Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;

- Simon had been influential there for some time
- There are three present, active participles: practicing magic, amazing, and claiming to be great
- The Jews were forbidden to practice magic (Deuteronomy 18:9-14)

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Simon's Devoted Following

Acts 8:10, 11 (NASB)
and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God." And they were giving him attention because he had

The Gospel Converts Simon's Followers

Acts 8:12 (NASB)

But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

- "preaching" is *euaggelizo*; "gospeling"
- The content is the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus
- He is the King whose "name" signifies His person and work (see Acts 2:29-38)

Simon Initially Believes

Acts 8:13 (NASB)

Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

- Luke does not specify an object to Simon's faith
- Simon's attachment was to Philip "continued on" means "being devoted"
- His interest was the signs and miracles

The Significance of Signs

Luke 11:29, 30 (NASB)

As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be
