THE ETHIOPIANS: A PREPARED HEARER.

1. He was not only a HEARER, he was a PREPARED HEARER.
   1. He was already seriously reading the prophet Isaiah.
   2. It was not necessary fro the Lord of Philip either to make an effort to get the Ethiopian to "Draw in his wonderning mind from things of the earth" as we at time petition the Lord to do for us. His mind was centered upon the word of God. He was reading it right then.

2. WHERE ARE THE PREPARED HEARERS TODAY. Philip has now to deal with men:
   1. Men who are reading the journals of the day.
   2. Men who are reading the fiction of the hour and engaged in exciting discussions of the passing time.
   3. Between these things and the Scriptures of God there may lie unnumbered, insurmountable thousands of miles.

3. So we get little in the Church.
   1. Our ears are full of the hum of the world Our mind is dazed by many cross lights.
   2. Our attention is teased by a thousand appellants. SO:
   3. Not many heads are lifted up from the Scripture to turn a glowing face upon the philip who has come to teach them.

He is faced with the infinite odds of having of dealing with the unprepared hearer.