

Simon Peter Is Rebuked

"There was one man, named Simon, who had been doing sorcery in the city. He'd amazed the people of Samaria, making himself out to be some great one. All the people, from the least to the greatest, had listened to him. They'd said of Simon, "This man is that great power of God." They listened to him because he'd long amazed them with his sorceries." (Acts 8:9-11).

"But when the people of Samaria believed Philip preaching good news concerning the Kingdom of God and the name

of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself also believed. After being baptized, he continued on with Philip, amazed by the signs and great miracles that he saw." (Acts 8:12-13).

"The apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When Peter and John came down to Samaria, they prayed that the people might receive the Holy Spirit. As yet the Spirit had fallen on none of them —they hadonly been baptized in the name of Christ Jesus. So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:14-17:).

"When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money: "Give me this power too; so that anyone I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have no share in this ministry, because your heart isn't right with God. So repent of this wickedness of yours, and ask God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are tasting the poison and hefting the chains of your iniquity." Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that none of the things you have spoken happen to me." (Acts 8:18-24).