

# BIBLE RUNNERS

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In our Bible we have many accounts of people who ran. Why did they run? In each case it showed eagerness to do something. Let us examine a few of these "runners."

**Joseph Ran.** "That she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me. ' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. " {Genesis 39:12} Joseph ran away from the temptation of adultery! Some people have not been so wise. Remember King David, 2 Samuel 11:1-4. We must always run away from the dangers of sin, 1 Corinthians 6:18. Only by understanding the destructive nature of sin will we always run!

**Man with an unclean spirit.** "When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him." {Mark 5:6} This man ran to worship Jesus! One of man's greatest privileges is worshipping the God of heaven. Are you eager to worship the Lord when you have opportunity or do you eagerly look for a way out? John 4:24

**Rich young ruler.** "Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" {Mark 10:17} What a wonderful picture—a man running to ask the Master teacher the most needed question men need to ask, even today—how to gain eternal life! Men today need to "run" to God to see what to do about their sin condition! He still has the only correct answer!

**Zacchaeus ran.** "So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way." {Luke 19:4} Zacchaeus ran to see Jesus! Sadly, many won't even walk to hear Him today. Why? Too many other things occupy their time and energy. Man needs to remove any obstacles that keep him from seeing Christ.

**Philip ran.** "So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, do you understand what you are reading?" {Acts 8:30} He was running to teach a person about Jesus Christ! This led the eunuch to be converted. Forget the running—will we even walk to teach the gospel? \*\*\*