

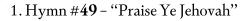
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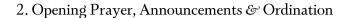
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 1:1-11

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Nehemiah, the 16th book of the Bible.

TODAY'S SERVICE





- 3. Hymn #436 "Come, We That Love the Lord"
- 4. Hymn #429- "May the Lord Find Us Faithful"
- 5. Hymn #**513** "Speak, O Lord"
- 6. Reading: Brother Aiden Q.
- 7. **Message**: "A Cupbearer to the King"
- 8. Hymn #431 "Servant's Heart"
- 9. Benediction

10. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Holy War #86 & #87



A CUPBEARER to the KING

"O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name, and give success to Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cupbearer to the king. **NEHEMIAH 1:11**, ESV

I. the BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. Destruction of the Temple: 586 BC

B. Decree of Cyrus to Rebuild: 536 BC

C. Darius' 6th Year, Finished: 516 BC

D. Departure of Ezra from Babylonia: 458 BC

E. Date Nehemiah's Ministry Begins: 444 BC

Book of Nehemiah Renairing the Walls

Repairing the Walls
Preparation, **1-2**

Cooperation, 3

Opposition, 4-6

Reviving the People

Registration, 7

Proclamation, 8

Confession, 9

Obligation, 10-12

Purification, 13

II. the Breakdown of the Chapter

A. Troubling Report from Jerusalem, vv1-3

B. Trembling Prayer of Nehemiah, vv4-11

III. the Blessings Emphasized from Our Text

So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?" John 18:11, ESV

A. the Prophetic Implications by Mankind's Sins

- 1. we are descendants of fallen Adam, Rom 3:10-12, 23
- 2. we all deserve judgment for our sins against God, Psa 11:6; 75:8
- 3. we are defined as a type of Nehemiah, temporally speaking, v11b

B. the Prophetic Illustration of Christ's Sufferings

- 1. Jesus beheld the cup, Matt 26:38-42 (Luke 22:42-44)
- 2. Jesus befit the cup, John 18:11
- 3. Jesus bore the cup, Matt 27:46

C. the Practical Applications for Christ's Servants

- 1. culpability for our sins against Christ, 2 Sam 12:13
- 2. humility for our place before Christ, Luke 18:13
- 3. responsibility for our service to Christ, Neh 1:11

QUOTE of the WEEK

First, when he said, "Weep for yourselves" he meant that they were to lament and bewail the sin which had brought him where he was, seeing he had come to suffer for it; and he would have them weep because that sin would bring them and their children into yet deeper woe. You know that just before he uttered this remarkable saying the husbands, and the fathers, and the sons of those women had been crying with loud voices, "Let him be crucified," and when Pilate had taken water and washed his hands to show that he was innocent of the blood of Jesus, they had imprecated upon their nation, and upon their unborn sons, the curse which follows from such a deed. "Then answered all the people, his blood be on us and on our children"; and though these women lamented and mourned, yet over their heads the men who had spoken for the nation had gathered the thunder cloud of divine wrath. Jesus points to it and says, "Weep for the national sin, weep for the national curse, which will surely come upon you, because you are putting the just one to death." Yea, deeper still was his meaning, for all those about him were in a sense guilty of his death; and you, and I, and all the rest of mankind have been, in our measure, the cause of the Saviour's crucifixion. Oh, brethren and sisters this is the reason why we should weep, because we have broken the divine law, and rendered it impossible that we should be saved except Jesus Christ should die. If we have not believed in Jesus Christ we have this cause for lamentation, that our sin abides upon us at this present moment. That curse which crushed the Saviour down till he said, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani, is resting upon some who are here this morning. O souls, you need not pity the dying Christ, but pity yourselves. On your own selves your sin is resting; and your children growing up unconverted, hardened in rebellion against God by your example—their sin is resting upon them too, and this is the overflowing cause why you should weep. And you believers, you from whom sin has been lifted, who are forgiven for his name's sake, yet lament that you should have sinned, and with your joy for pardoned guilt mourn that Christ had to carry the burden which you heaped together, and to bear the penalty which you deserved. All round, brethren, there is abounding cause for sorrow for sin, -a sweet sorrow from the Lord's people and a bitter sorrow from those who have no part nor lot in the result of Christ's passion as yet, but who nevertheless are partakers in the crime which slew the Son of God. [empasis in original]

> "Wherefore Should I Weep" from the text, Luke 23:27-31 a sermon delivered on October 22nd, 1876 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
2 Kings 3	2 Thess. 3	22	Daniel 7	Ps. 114-115
2 Kings 4	1 Timothy 1	23	Daniel 8	Psalms 116
2 Kings 5	1 Timothy 2	24	Daniel 9	Ps. 117-118
2 Kings 6	1 Timothy 3	25	Daniel 10	Ps. 119:1-24
2 Kings 7	1 Timothy 4	26	Daniel 11	Ps. 119:25-48
2 Kings 8	1 Timothy 5	27	Daniel 12	Ps. 119:49-72
2 Kings 9	1 Timothy 6	28	Hosea 1	Ps. 119:73-96
2 Kings 10	2 Timothy 1	29	Hosea 2	Ps. 119:97-120

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