



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 8TH, 2023

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 12:1-13:22

*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 Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible.*



### TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #11 - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
  2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
  3. Hymn #28 - "How Great Thou Art"
  4. Hymn #94 - "Mercies Anew"
  5. Hymn #88 - "God Sees the Heart"
  6. Reading: **Brother Galen Q.**
  7. **Message:** "Hearts Not Set to Seek Christ"
  8. Hymn #263 - "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
  9. Benediction
  10. Sunday Evening Bible Study  
Holy War #59; James 2:1-13
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# HEARTS NOT SET *to* SEEK CHRIST

*And he did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.*

**2 CHRONICLES 12:14**, ESV

## **I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTERS**

### **A. Chapter Twelve** (1 Kings 14:21-31)

1. abandoning YHVH God, vv1-8
2. attack by Shishak king of Egypt, vv9-12
3. Abijah, Rehoboam's son reigns, vv13-16

### **B. Chapter Thirteen** (1 Kings 15:1-8)

1. armed for war with Jeroboam, vv1-3
2. addressing Jeroboam in the name of the LORD, vv4-12
3. ambush of Jeroboam & Judah's cry to the LORD, vv13-20
4. Abijah's last days, vv21-22

## **II. the BLESSING from OUR TEXT**

▼28 *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ▼29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ▼30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”* **MATTHEW 11:28-30**, ESV

### **A. the Several Lessons from Rehoboam and Abijah**

1. their hearts sought not the LORD, 2 Chr 12:14; 1 Ki 15:3
2. their prayers were evil in the sight of the LORD, Isa 59:2
3. then why were their prayers answered?
  - a. God's providence produces humility, 2 Chr 12:7
  - b. God's powerful truth is in His grace, 2 Chr 13:5
  - c. God's precious mercy abounds to His people, 2 Chr 13:14
  - d. God's purposed victory is found in Christ alone, 2 Chr 13:15

### **B. the Salvation Message for the Heavy-Ladened**

1. the Lord Jesus' ear is not dull to save, Isa 59:1
2. the Lord Jesus extends a simple invitation, Matt 11:28

### **C. the Sanctification Message for Christ's Learner**

1. the only way to salvation is the way of sanctification, Matt 28:29-30
2. the “open secret” Satan & the flesh don't want you to know, Rom 8:31
3. the oppressive struggle, Gal 5:17

## QUOTE of the WEEK

The description of the person invited is very full; it describes him both actively and passively. “*All ye that labour*” —there is the activity of men bearing the yoke, and ready to labour after salvation; “*heavy laden*” —there is the passive form of their religious condition, they sustain a burden, and are pressed down, and sorely wearied by the load they bear. There are to be found many who are actively engaged in seeking salvation; they believe that if they obey the precepts of the law they will be saved, and they are endeavouring to the utmost to do them, they have been told that the performance of certain rites and ceremonies will also save them, they are performing those with great care; the yoke is on their shoulders, and they are labouring diligently. Some are labouring in prayer, some are labouring in sacraments, others in self-denials and mortifications, but as a class they are awakened to feel the need of salvation, and they are intensely laborious to save themselves. It is to these the Saviour addresses his loving admonition: in effect he tells them, “This is not the way to rest, your self-imposed labours will end in disappointment; cease your wearisome exertions, and believe in me, for I will at once give you rest— the rest which my labours have earned for believers.” Very speedily those who are active in self-righteously working for salvation fall into the passive state, and become burdened; their labour of itself becomes a burden to them. Besides the burden of their self-righteous labour, there comes upon them the awful, tremendous, crushing burden of past sin, and a sense of the wrath of God which is due to that sin. A soul which has to bear the load of its own sin, and the load of divine wrath, is indeed heavily laden. Atlas with the world upon his back had a light load compared with a sinner upon whom mountains of sin and wrath are piled. Such persons frequently are burdened, in addition, by fears and apprehensions; some of them correct, others of them baseless, but anyhow the burden daily grows. Their active labours do not diminish their passive sufferings. The acute anguish of their souls will often be increased in proportion as their endeavours are increased; and while they hope at first that if they labour industriously they will gradually diminish the mass of their sin, it happens that their labour adds to their weariness beneath its pressure; they feel a weight of disappointment, because their labour has not brought them rest; and a burden of despair, because they fear that deliverance will never come. Now these are the persons whom the Saviour calls to himself— those who are actively seeking salvation, those who are passively bearing the weight of sin and of divine wrath. [*emphasis in original*]

“Rest, Rest” from the text, Matthew 11:28-30

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<b>FAMILY READINGS</b>			<b>PRIVATE READINGS</b>	
Genesis 8	Matthew 8	<b>8</b>	Ezra 8	Acts 8
Genesis 9-10	Matthew 9	<b>9</b>	Ezra 9	Acts 9
Genesis 11	Matthew 10	<b>10</b>	Ezra 10	Acts 10
Genesis 12	Matthew 11	<b>11</b>	Nehemiah 1	Acts 11
Genesis 13	Matthew 12	<b>12</b>	Nehemiah 2	Acts 12
Genesis 14	Matthew 13	<b>13</b>	Nehemiah 3	Acts 13
Genesis 15	Matthew 14	<b>14</b>	Nehemiah 4	Acts 14
Genesis 16	Matthew 15	<b>15</b>	Nehemiah 5	Acts 15

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