

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

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 #494 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #459 "Fill My Cup, Lord"
- 4. Hymn #470 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
- 5. Hymn #515 "Open My eyes, That I May See"
- 6. Reading: Brother Wyatt D.
- 7. **Message**: "Christ, Greater than the Temple"
- 8. Hymn #504 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
- 9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Bible Study Holy War #55; James 1:19-27



CHRIST, GREATER than the TEMPLE

Powerful Prayer Foreshadowed in Christ Jesus

"...that Your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where You have promised to set Your name, that You may listen to the prayer that Your servant offers toward this place." 2 CHRONICLES 6:20, ESV

I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

A. Solomon Presents the Building to the People vv1-11 B. Solomon Petitions for Blessings when People Pray vv12-42

II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

"I tell you, something greater than the temple is here." MATTHEW 12:6, ESV

A. Prominent Pictures of Christ

- 1. the tabernacle of Moses as the prophesies of Christ; Heb 8:5
- 2. the temple of Solomon as the incarnation of Christ, Matt 12:6
 - a. its destruction as the crucifixion of Christ, John 2:19
- 3. the temple of Zerrubbabel as the glory of Christ's church, **1 Cor 3:16**
 - a. its beautification under Herod as the apostasy of the last days
 - i. 2 Thess 2:3; 2 Tim 3:1-5
 - b. its destruction in 70 AD as no need for a temple on earth
 - i. Rev 21:22; 1 Cor 15:51-53; 1 Jn 3:1-2
- 4. the times of fullness, Gal 4:4
 - a. Christ presented to God's people, vv1-11
 - i. John 3:16; Jas 1:17
 - b. Christ prays for His disciples, vv12-42
 - i. John 17:1-26

B. Powerful Prayer in Christ

- 1. praying in Christ's name, John 14:13-14
 - a. stand in humble faith upon judgment (Christ's cross), vv12-13
 - b. stand in faith upon Christ's model prayer, Matt 6:9-13
 - i. recognizing to whom we pray, vv14a, 18; Matt 6:9
 - ii. recognizing His plans, purposes & promises, vv14b-17; Matt 6:10
 - iii. requesting His provision, vv19-20; Matt 6:11
 - iv. requesting His forgiveness, v21; Matt 6:12
 - v. requesting His leading & deliverance, vv22-42; Matt 6:13
 - lead us not into temptation, 1 Chr 11:16-19

C. Precious Promises with Christ

- 1. for those who trust Christ
- 2. for those who have yet to trust Christ

QUOTE of the WEEK

Our sires, the Nonconformists, when they left the state-created religion to maintain a spiritual worship, and gathered themselves together as the servants of God, did well in hearing their protest against the less glaring idolatries of their age. In their day, as now, there existed the very common idolatry of superstitious reverence of buildings. Certain piles of stone, brick and timber, are regarded as holy places. It is thought that inside certain walls God is more peculiarly present than outside, where the trees are growing and the birds singing. Our forefathers protested against this by never calling their buildings churches. They knew they could not be; they knew that churches mean companies of faithful men and women. They called the places of their usual worship "meeting-houses;" that is what they were, and nothing more. The veneration of building materials, pulpits, altars, pews, cushions, tables, candlesticks, organs, cups, plates, etc., is sheer, clear idolatry. "Worship God" is a command which needs to be spoken in these days in tones of thunder. There is none holy save the Lord. "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." Hear ye the Lord's own words: "Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?" [emphasis in original]

> "Iconoclast" from the text, 2 Kings 18:4-5 a sermon delivered on November 13th, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 16, Sermon No. 960

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| FAMILY READINGS | | | PRIVATE READINGS | |
|-----------------|------------|----|------------------|-------------|
| 1 Chron. 1-2 | Hebrews 8 | 13 | Amos 2 | Psalms 145 |
| 1 Chron. 3-4 | Hebrews 9 | 14 | Amos 3 | Ps. 146-147 |
| 1 Chron. 5-6 | Hebrews 10 | 15 | Amos 4 | Ps. 148-150 |
| 1 Chron. 7-8 | Hebrews 11 | 16 | Amos 5 | Luke 1:1-38 |
| 1 Chron. 9-10 | Hebrews 12 | 17 | Amos 6 | Luke 1:39 |
| 1 Chron. 11-12 | Hebrews 13 | 18 | Amos 7 | Luke 2 |
| 1 Chron. 13-14 | James 1 | 19 | Amos 8 | Luke 3 |
| 1 Chron. 15 | James 2 | 20 | Amos 9 | Luke 4 |

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