



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

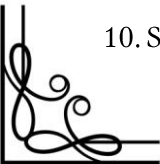

2 Chronicles 7:1-22

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 #63 – “Let All Things Now Living”
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #553 – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
 4. Hymn #557 – “Now Thank We All Our God”
 5. Hymn #558 – “We Gather Together”
 6. Reading: **Brother Eric K.**
 7. **Message:** “Christ, the Proverb & Byword among All Peoples”
 8. Hymns #560 & 561 – “Give Thanks” / “Thank You, Lord”
 9. Benediction
 10. Sunday Evening Bible Study
Holy War #56; James 1:19-27
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CHRIST, *the* PROVERB & BYWORD *among* ALL PEOPLES

The Gospel according to Solomon's Vision

“then I will pluck you up from My land that I have given you, and this house that I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.”

2 CHRONICLES 7:20, ESV

I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

A. Fire from Heaven vv1-3

B. Feast of the LORD in Jerusalem vv4-10

C. Finishing the LORD's House & Hearing from Him vv11-22

II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

As many were astonished at You— His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

ISAIAH 52:14, ESV

A. Christ, in Pictures from the Temple

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, 21**
 - b. **2 Chr 7:19-22**
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. **Matt 24:2; Rev 21:22**

B. Christ, the Proverb & Byword of Unbelief

1. the audacious depravity of mankind, v19
 - a. **Psa 14:1; Isa 64:6; Rom 3:23**
 - i. examples from the Old Testament
 - ii. examples from the New Testament
 - iii. examples from the news today
2. the astonishing judgment of God, vv20-21
 - a. the rejection & ridicule of Christ
 - b. the riddle of Christ's atoning sacrifice
 - c. the requirement for God's merciful grace

C. Christ, the Only Hope for Sinners

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

QUOTE of the WEEK

Follow me while we go a little into Scriptural detail, and learn from David how the Lord sets free the captives.

First, our deliverance was wrought *by the Lord himself*. Listen: “HE brought them out of darkness.” Write that “HE” in capital letters, Mr. Printer. Have you in the house any specially large letters? If so, set up that word in the most prominent type you have: —“HE brought them out of darkness.” Read also the sixteenth verse: —“HE hath broken the gates of brass.” Did the Lord send an angel to liberate us? No, HE came himself in the person of his dear Son. When the Lord Jesus Christ had paid our enormous debt, did he leave us to accept our quittance entirely of our own free will, apart from his grace? Ah, no! the Holy Spirit came, and made us willing in the day of his power! “HE,” “HE,” “HE” wrought all the work *for* us, and all our works *in* us. “HE brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death.” “Oh that men would praise the Lord, for HE hath broken the gates of brass.” It is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. There is no salvation worth the having which has not the hand of the Godhead in it. It needs Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to save a soul. None but the Trinity can deliver a captive soul from the chains of sin and death and hell. Jehovah himself saves us.

Next, *the Lord did it alone*— “He hath broken the gates of brass.” Nobody else was there to aid in liberating the prisoner. When our Lord Jesus trod the winepress, he was alone. When the Spirit of God came to work in us eternal life, he wrought alone. Instruments are condescendingly used to convey the word of life, but the life of the word is wholly of God. As to the divine Father, is it not true of “his own will begat he us by the word of truth”? He is the Author of our spiritual life, and he alone. None can share the work of our salvation with him, and none can divide the glory. Ho, you that are captives, are you looking for some man to help you? Remember, I pray you, that there is “none to help.” “Salvation is of the Lord.” Remember that verse, “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else;” that is to say, there is none else in the work of salvation except God. O soul, if thou hast to do with Christ Jesus, thou must have him at the beginning, thou must have him in the middle, thou must have him in the end, and thou must have him to fill up every nook and corner from the first to the last. He *alone* hath done it. [*emphasis in original*]

“Song for the Free, and Hope for the Bound” from the text, Psalm 107:14-16
a sermon delivered on November 20th, 1887 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon
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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
1 Chron. 15	James 2	20	Amos 9	Luke 4
1 Chron. 16	James 3	21	Obadiah	Luke 5
1 Chron. 17	James 4	22	Jonah 1	Luke 6
1 Chron. 18	James 5	23	Jonah 2	Luke 7
1 Chron. 19-20	1 Peter 1	24	Jonah 3	Luke 8
1 Chron. 21	1 Peter 2	25	Jonah 4	Luke 9
1 Chron. 22	1 Peter 3	26	Micah 1	Luke 10
1 Chron. 23	1 Peter 4	27	Micah 2	Luke 11

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