

OCTOBER 23RD, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 3:1-17

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 #155 "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #164 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
- 4. Hymn #241 "Our Great Savior"
- 5. Hymn #580 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
- 6. Reading: Brother Mike S.
- 7. **Message**: "The Details & Dimensions of Life in Christ"
- 8. Hymn #575 "The Church's One Foundation"
- 9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Bible Study - 6 p.m. The Holy War #53; Epistle of James



The DETAILS and DIMENSIONS of LIFE in CHRIST

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared to David, his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 CHRONICLES 3:1, ESV

I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

A. The Place and the Porch of the Temple	vv1-7
B. The Place Most Holy for the Temple	vv8-14
C. The Pillars in Front of the Temple	vv15-17

II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this Rock, I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." MATTHEW 16:18, ESV

A. Perspectives in Gospel Love

- 1. Solomon as a type of Christ, v1; Matt 16:18
- 2. sovereignty of Christ in building His church, 2 Chr 2:2, 17-18
- 3. specific instructions for details & dimensions of His church
 - a. 1 Chr 28:11-12, 19; Eph 4:11-17; Rev 22:18-19

B. Precious Foreshadows in Gospel Light

- 1. the pillars by which one enters, vv15-17
 - a. Jachin, יכין (ya-CHEEYN), "will establish" or "He will establish"
 - b. Boaz, בעז (BO-az), "in strength" or "in His strength"
 - c. Matt 12:20; Zech 4:6
- 2. the prize for which we seek, vv8-14
 - a. Eph 2:12-14
- 3. the place whereby we find peace, v1
 - a. Gen 22:2; 1 Chr 21:15 (2 Sam 24:16-25)

C. Practical Application for Gospel Living

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

QUOTE of the WEEK

Observe, that when the mind does not receive holy matters to feed upon, as a rule it preys upon itself; like certain of our bodily organs which, if not supplied with nutritive matter, will soon begin to devour their own tissues, and then all sorts of aches, pains, and ultimately diseases will set in. The mind, when it eats into itself, forms doubts, fears, suspicions, complaints and nine out of ten of the doubts and fears of God's people come from two things— walking at a distance from God, and want of spiritual nutriment for the soul. If you, believer, do not meditate upon some scriptural subject, your minds will probably turn to vanity or to some evil within yourselves, and you will not long think of the corruption within without becoming the subjects of a despondency which will turn you into Mistress Dispondencies or Mr. Feebleminds, whereas by musing on the promises of the Holy Spirit, you would grow into good soldiers and happy pilgrims. Of some who do not feed their souls constantly with spiritual nourishment Satan takes an advantage, and fills them with unholy thoughts. It is a very frequent complaint with persons who desire to be in the fear of God all the day long, that they are molested with horrible insinuations, dreadful suggestions, and revolting ideas, and they fly to the pastor sometimes to know whether they can be the children of God at all, or if the children of God, what remedy they can use by which they shall be able to escape from this horrible torment. I suggested yesterday to a friend labouring under this serious complaint, that he should take care never to go out in the morning without placing under his tongue a text of Scripture like a wafer made with honey; and I exhorted him at all times to occupy his mind with heavenly subjects, so that there should be the less likelihood of the thoughts running after that which is evil. The best way to prevent a bushel measure from being filled with chaff is to fill it first with wheat. If the channel of the soul be filled with a strong stream of devout thought, there cannot be much mud and filth lying in the bottom. A powerful stream of holy contemplation will scour the thoughts, and bear away the foul deposits of unholy thought. There is nothing like keeping the mind occupied, for Satan finds some evil still for idle brains to think upon. It is true that weeds and nettles choke the good seed, but it is equally true that when the good seed gets strong above ground it will choke the weeds. Where Jesus is, the buyers and sellers are driven out of the temple. Dagon falls where the ark comes.

"Think Well and Do Well" from the text, Psalm 26:3 a sermon delivered on October 23rd, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 16, Sermon No. 956

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
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
2 Kings 11-12	2 Timothy 2	30	Hosea 3-4	Ps. 119:121-144

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