



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

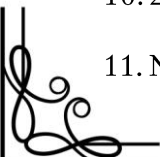
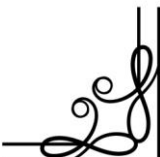
2 Chronicles 20:1-37

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 #152 - "The Lord's My Shepherd"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #136 - "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
 4. Hymn #161 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
 5. Hymn #578 - "How Firm a Foundation"
 6. Reading: **Bro. Teagun Q.**
 7. **Message:** "Godly Fear and Strong Confidence"
 8. Hymn #175 - "Abide with Me"
 9. Benediction
 10. 2023 Annual Business Meeting
 11. No Evening Service
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GODLY FEAR *and* STRONG CONFIDENCE

Even More Insights from the Fear of the LORD

And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.'"

2 CHRONICLES 20:15, ESV

I. *the* BREAKDOWN *of the* CHAPTER

A. Conflict before the Nation (*cf.* 1 Ki 22:47)

1. peace threatened by worldlings and idolators, vv1-2
2. prayer to the only One in the world who can help, vv3-12
3. prophetic word brings comfort, strength & instruction, vv13-17
4. praise which springs forth from godly fear, vv18-21

B. Conquest by the Hand of the LORD

1. singing praise while ambush set by the LORD, vv22-23
2. spoil provided through defeated foe, vv24-30

C. Close of Jehoshaphat's Reign (*cf.* 1 Ki 22:48-50)

1. shipwrecks and saving grace in the king's life, vv31-37

D. Considering Some Applications from this Episode

1. priority of prayer when tribulations arise, vv1-12
2. peace from God's prophetic Word, vv13-30
3. prominence of spiritual blessings in temporal times, vv20-37

II. *the* BLESSING EMPHASIZED *from* OUR PRIMARY TEXT

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and His children will have a refuge. The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. **PROVERBS 14:26-27**, ESV

A. *the* Fear *of the* LORD *as* Previously Considered

1. godly fear as wisdom's beginning, Pro 9:10
2. godly fear *is* wisdom, Job 28:28
3. godly fear is a grace of God, Isa 11:2

B. *the* Fear *of the* LORD *as* Predicaments Arise

1. the "fear not" of godly fear, v15; Prov 14:26
 - a. "*Do not be afraid...*" v15b (strong courage)
 - b. "*...do not be dismayed...*" v15c (supreme confidence)
 - c. "*...the battle is not yours but God's...*" v15d (submissive conquest)
2. the festive joy of godly fear, vv16-22; Prov 14:27
 - a. "*Listen... Thus says the LORD to you...*" v15a (attentively hearing)
 - b. "*...go down against them...*" v16 (actively obedient)
 - c. "*Stand firm, hold your position, and see...*" v17a (assuredly faithful)
 - d. "*...the Lord will be with you.*" v17b (anticipatingly hopeful)
 - e. *...fell down before the LORD...* v18 (awesomely reverent)
 - f. *...stood up to praise... began to sing...* vv19, 22 (affectionately praising)

QUOTE of the WEEK

The first effect of this peace, then, is joy. Taken follows another—*love*. He that is at peace with God through the blood of Christ is constrained to love him that died for him. “Precious Jesus!” he cries, “help me to serve thee! Take me as I am, and make me for something. Use me in thy cause; send me to the farthest part of the green earth, if thou wilt, to tell to sinners the way of salvation; I will cheerfully go, for my peace fans the flame of love, that all that I am and all I have shall be, *must be*, for ever thine.”

Then next, there comes an anxiety after *holiness*. He that is at peace with God does not wish to go into sin; for he is careful lest he should lose that peace. He is like a woman that has escaped from a burning house; he is afraid of every candle afterwards, lest he should come again into the like danger. He walks humbly with his God. Constrained by grace, this sweet fruit of the Spirit, peace, leads him to endeavour to keep all the commandments of God, and to serve his Lord with all his might.

Then again, this peace will *help us to bear affliction*. Paul describes it as a shoe. As he says, “Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of *peace*.” It enables us to tread on the sharpest flints of sorrow, yea, on adders, and on serpents also; it gives us power to walk over the briars of this world, and our feet are not wounded; we tread the fires, and we are not burned. This divine shoe of peace makes us walk without weariness, and run without fainting. I can do all things when my soul is at peace with God. There are no sufferings that shall move my soul to pain, no terrors that shall blanch my cheek, there are no wounds that shall compel me to an ignominious fear when my spirit is at peace with God. It makes a man a giant—swells the dwarf to a Goliath size. He becomes mightiest of the mighty; and while the weaklings creep about this little earth, bowed down to the very dust, he strides it like a Colossus. God has made him great and mighty, because he has filled his soul with peace, and with overflowing joy.

More might I tell you of the blessed effects of this peace, but I shall be content, after I have simply noticed that this peace gives *boldness at the throne*, and access to a Father’s mercy-seat. We feel we are reconciled, and therefore we stand no longer at a distance, but we come up to him, even to his knees, we spread our wants before him, plead our cause, and rest satisfied of success, because there is no enmity in our Father’s heart to us, and none in ours to him. We are one with God, and he is one with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. [*emphasis in original*]

“Spiritual Peace” from the text, John 14:27

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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Exodus 2	Luke 5	19	Job 19	1 Cor. 6
Exodus 3	Luke 6	20	Job 20	1 Cor. 7
Exodus 4	Luke 7	21	Job 21	1 Cor. 8
Exodus 5	Luke 8	22	Job 22	1 Cor. 9
Exodus 6	Luke 9	23	Job 23	1 Cor. 10
Exodus 7	Luke 10	24	Job 24	1 Cor. 11
Exodus 8	Luke 11	25	Job 25-26	1 Cor. 12
Exodus 9	Luke 12	26	Job 27	1 Cor. 13

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