

# MARCH 13th, 2022

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 11:1-47

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 First Chronicles, the 13th book of the Bible.



## **REFUSING DRINK, RISKING LIFE, & REDEEMING THIRST**

David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. And David said longingly, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to David. But David would not drink it. He poured it out to the Lord and said, "Far be it from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

### 1 Chronicles 11:16-19, ESV

Chronicles, in Hebrew, דברי הימים, literally, "words of the days"

#### I. BREAKDOWN OF THE CHAPTER

### David Anointed King

vv1-3

**David Takes Jerusalem** 

vv4-9

David and His Mighty Men vv10-47

#### **II. BLESSED APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT**

### **Redeeming Thirst**

- 1. thirst of a bunkered soldier, vv16-17
- 2. thirst of a bloody Savior, John 19:28-29

## **Risking Life**

1. truth of loyal men, v18a

- 2. truth of a loving Messiah, John 10:17
- a. truth of life-empowering refreshment, John 7:37-39

## **Refusing Drink**

- 1. truth of a humble conduct, vv18b-19
- 2. truth of a holy consecration, Matt 27:34

## **Responsive Character**

- 1. thirst for Christ, Psa 42:1-2
- 2. treasure of Christ, Matt 6:21
  - a. loving the Holy One of Israel, 1 Jn 4:19
  - b. loving one another, 1 Jn 4:7-8; John 13:34
- 3. triumph through Christ, Rom 8:37; Matt 16:24
  - a. honest selflessness
  - b. humble obedience
  - c. holy reverence

But believer, how precious is Christ to thee in the hour of conviction of sin, when he says, "Thy sins which are many, are all forgiven thee." How precious to thee in the hour of sickness, when he comes to thee and says, "I will make all thy bed in thy sickness." How precious to thee in the day of trial, when he says, "All things work together for thy good." How precious when friends are buried for he says, "I am the resurrection and the life." How precious in thy grey old age, "even in old age I am with thee, and to hoary hairs will I carry you." How precious in the lone chamber of death, for "I will fear no evil, thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me." But, last of all, how precious will Christ be when we see him as he is. All we know of Christ here is as nothing compared with what we shall know hereafter. Believer, when thou seest Christ's face, now, thou only seest it through a veil- Christ is so glorious, that like Moses he is compelled to put a veil upon his face, for his poor people while they are here are so feeble that they could not behold him face to face. And if he be lovely here, when he is marred and spit upon, how lovely must he be when he is adored and worshipped. If he is precious on his cross, how much more precious when he sits on his throne. If I can weep before him, and love him, and live to him, when I see him as the despised man of Nazareth; Oh, how shall my spirit be knit to him, how shall my heart be absorbed with love to him, when I see his face and behold his crown of glory, when I mark the harpings of the neverceasing harpers who harp his praise. Wait awhile, Christian. If he is precious to the believer now, when faith is turned to sight he will be more precious still. Go out of this hall, and cry, "O Lord Jesus, I must love thee, I must serve thee better, I must live for thee; I must be ready to die for thee- for

> "Thou art precious to my soul, My transport and my trust."



"Christ Precious to Believers" from the text, 1 Peter 2:7 a sermon delivered on March 13th, 1859 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon *The New Park Street Pulpit* Volume 5, Sermon No. 242



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

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Exodus 24	John 3	13	Job 42	2 Cor. 12
Exodus 25	John 4	14	Proverbs 1	2 Cor. 13
Exodus 26	John 5	15	Proverbs 2	Galatians 1
Exodus 27	John 6	16	Proverbs 3	Galatians 2
Exodus 28	John 7	17	Proverbs 4	Galatians 3
Exodus 29	John 8	18	Proverbs 5	Galatians 4
Exodus 30	John 9	19	Proverbs 6	Galatians 5
Exodus 31	John 10	20	Proverbs 7	Galatians 6

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