

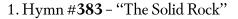
# MAY 21st, 2023

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 28:1-27

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**



- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #**143** "Be Thou My Vision"
- 4. Hymn #241 "Our Great Savior"
- 5. Hymn #344 "My Hope Is in the Lord"
- 6. Reading: Bro. Mike S.
- 7. **Message**: "Light in the Midst of Darkness"
- 8. Hymn #359 "Satisfied"
- 9. Benediction
- Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
   Holy War #69; Ecclesiastes Introduction





# LIGHT in the MIDST of DARKNESS Eternal Lessons from Ahaz's Repulsive Reign

Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done, but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel. He even made metal images for the Baals, and he made offerings in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom and burned his sons as an offering, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree. **2 CHRONICLES 28:1-4**, ESV

### I. the Breakdown of Chapter 28

- A. Abhorrent Corruptions & Consequences, vv1-8
- B. Aid to Judah by God's Grace, vv9-15
- C. Assyrian Help Sought, vv16-21
- D. Abounding Faithlessness of the King, vv22-27

## II. the Blessings Emphasized from Chapter 28

#### A. The Wickedness of Ahaz

- 1. he was idolatrous, v2 (v23)
- 2. he was supercilious, v3 (24a)
- 3. he was adulterous, v4 (24b)

## B. The Word of the Lord through Isaiah

- 1. the person of the Son of God, Isa 7:14; Gen 3:15
- 2. the propitiation in the son of David, Isa 11:1-5; 2 Sam 7
- 3. the promised end of the son of Dawn, Isa 14:12-15; Rom 16:20

## C. The Wise Applications for Our Times

- 1. Provision
  - a. (see **B.** above)
- 2. Perspective, Eph 4:23
  - a. revelation
  - b. humiliation
  - c. illumination
  - d. motivation
  - e. exaltation
- 3. Power
  - a. Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 1:18
  - b. 1 John 5:11-12; Phil 2:12-13

### **QUOTE of the WEEK**

Very great mistakes have been made about the law. Not long ago there were those about us who affirmed that the law is utterly abrogated and abolished, and they openly taught that believers were not bound to make the moral law the rule of their lives. What would have been sin in other men they counted to be no sin in themselves. From such Antinomianism as that may God deliver us. We are not under the law as the method of salvation, but we delight to see the law in the hand of Christ, and desire to obey the Lord in all things. Others have been met with who have taught that Jesus mitigated and softened down the law, and they have in effect said that the perfect law of God was too hard for imperfect beings, and therefore God has given us a milder and easier rule. These tread dangerously upon the verge of terrible error, although we believe that they are little aware of it. Alas, we have met with authors who have gone much further than this, and have railed at the law. Oh, the hard words that I have sometimes read against the holy law of God! How very unlike to those which the apostle used when he said, "The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." How different from the reverent spirit which made him say, -"I delight in the law of God after the inward man." You know how David loved the law of God. and sang its praises all through the longest of the Psalms. The heart of every real Christian is most reverent towards the law of the Lord. It is perfect, nay, it is perfection itself. We believe that we shall never have reached perfection till we are perfectly conformed to it. A sanctification which stops short of perfect conformity to the law cannot truthfully he called perfect sanctification, for every want of exact conformity to the perfect law is sin. May the Spirit of God help us while, in imitation of our Lord Jesus, we endeavour to magnify the law.

I gather from our text two things upon which I shall speak at this time. The first is that *the law of God is perpetual:* "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law." The meaning is that even in the least point it must abide till all be fulfilled. Secondly, we perceive that *the law must be fulfilled:* Not "one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law, till all he fulfilled." He who came to bring in the gospel dispensation here asserts that he has not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. [*emphasis in original*]

"The Perpetuity of the Law of God" from the text, Matthew 5:18 a sermon delivered on May 21st, 1882 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 28, Sermon No. 1,660

### **MAY 2023**

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Numbers 30	Psalms 74	21	Isaiah 22	2 Peter 3
Numbers 31	Psalms 75-76	22	Isaiah 23	1 John 1
Numbers 32	Psalms 77	23	Isaiah 24	1 John 2
Numbers 33	Psalms 78:1-37	24	Isaiah 25	1 John 3
Numbers 34	Psa. 78:38-72	25	Isaiah 26	1 John 4
Numbers 35	Psalms 79	26	Isaiah 27	1 John 5
Numbers 36	Psalms 80	27	Isaiah 28	2 John
Deut. 1	Psalms 81-82	28	Isaiah 29	3 John

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