

MAY 8TH, 2022 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 16:1-43

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.

TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Hymn **#119** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #404 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
- 4. Hymn #405 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
- 5. Hymn #412 "A Passion for Thee"
- 6. Reading: Brother Mike Sutton
- 7. Message: "Occupation: the Joy of Gospel Order, Part 2"
- 8. Hymn #557 "Now Thank We All Our God"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sunday Evening Bible Study Holy War #41; John 19:38-42, "Jesus is Buried"



OCCUPATION

The Joy of Gospel Order, Part Two

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! 1 CHRONICLES 16:8, ESV

Historical Exposition of Our Chapter

- 1. a lodged ark, vv1-6
- 2. a lyrical heart, vv7-36
 - a. Psalm 105:1-15, vv8-22
 - b. Psalm 96:1-13, vv23-34
 - c. Psalm 106: 47-48, vv35-36
- 3. a loving responsibility, vv37-42
- 4. a leaving for home, v43

Helpful Application from Our Text

- 1. praising God for Christ
 - a. why we praise
 - i. Christ, our Mercy Seat, tabernacles among His people, v1
 - Matt 1:23; John 1:14; 1 Chron 16:34
 - ii. Christ, our Sacrifice, blesses His people, v2; v35
 - Luke 23:34; Rom 5:6, 8, 10; 1 Chron 16:21
 - iii. Christ, our King, distributes blessed gifts to His people, v3
 - Eph 4:8; 1 Cor 12:7-11; 1 Chron 16:18
 - b. ways we praise
 - i. singing to Him, v9a
 - ii. speaking to others, v9b
 - iii. seeking His strength & presence, v11
- 2. praying to God in Christ
 - a. seeking His strength, v11a
 - b. seeking His presence continually, v11b
- 3. proclaiming God's testimony of Christ
 - a. among the peoples, v8
 - b. to ourselves, v12
 - c. to His chosen ones, v13

QUOTE of the WEEK

Brethren, Christ is so precious that *he cannot be bought*. If a man should give all the substance of his house to purchase an interest in Christ, it would be utterly condemned. Rich men might gather together all their goodly things, yea, India might be exhausted of its wealth, Peru drained of its silver, and California of its gold, but no part nor lot in Christ could be bought, even with sapphires and diamonds. He gives himself away right freely, according to the riches of his grace, but he is utterly unpurchasable, for he is so precious that *he cannot even be priced*. A whole world can never weigh against him any more than a single grain of dust would weigh against the universe. There is no measuring line with which to form a unit for calculation, with which to measure him; he is infinite, and finite judgments will never be able to comprehend his unutterable value. He is God's unspeakable gift. Heaven itself is nothing as compared with him, and if a man had to wade breast deep through a thousand hells to come at Christ, it were well worth the venture, if at the last he might but say, "My Beloved is mine, and I am his."

Jesus is so precious that *he cannot be matched*. There is none like him. The fairest of the fair are uncomely and deformed when compared with him. As Rutherford would say, "Black sun, black moon, black stars, but, O bright, infinitely bright Lord Jesus." "He is the express image of his Father's person, and the brightness of his Father's glory." Ye shall find none that can be likened unto him, if ye ransack time and space. Miss him as your Saviour, and you have lost the only salvation possible; gain him, and you will want no other, for he is made of God unto you "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption," and all your souls can want; yea, be himself is all. If heaven find earth were sold, ye could not match Christ in any market if ye gave the price of heaven and earth for his like. If you search eternity, and ransack immensity, there shall ne'er be found one fit to be second to him, he is so precious.

Precious, brethren, he is to us, because *he cannot be lost*. All the precious things in this world are loseable. The jewels may be stolen, the house may be broken into by the thief, and the casket may betaken away, but Christ is such a jewel that even Satan himself can never rob the soul of him when once it hath him. My heart evermore rejoices in that precious truth. Let Jesus Christ be once mine as the gift of God, I am safe, for "the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." The Lord never repents of what he has done, he never plays fast and loose, or takes back a boon which he has once bestowed. Is not Jesus a priceless, precious jewel, since he cannot be lost! [*emphasis in original*]

"Three Precious Things" from the texts, 1 Peter 2:7; 2 Peter 1:4; 2 Peter 1:1 a sermon delivered on May 8th, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 16, Sermon No. 931



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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Numbers 16	Psalms 52-54	8	Isaiah 6	Hebrews 13
Num. 17-18	Psalms 55	9	Isaiah 7	James 1
Numbers 19	Psalms 56-57	10	Isaiah 8:1-9:7	James 2
Numbers 20	Psalms 58-59	11	Isa. 9:8-10:4	James 3
Numbers 21	Psalms 60-61	12	Isaiah 10:5	James 4
Numbers 22	Psalms 62-63	13	Isaiah 11-12	James 5
Numbers 23	Psalms 64-65	14	Isaiah 13	1 Peter 1
Numbers 24	Psalms 66-67	15	Isaiah 14	1 Peter 2

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