

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 29:1-30

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 #405 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #440 "Jesus Calls"
- 4. Hymn #423 "Something for Thee"
- 5. Hymn #425 "To Whom Much Has Been Given"
- 6. Reading: Brother Mike Sutton
- 7. Message: "Our Wondrous Stewardship Toward God"
- 8. Hymn #398 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
- 9. Benediction

10. Fellowship Meal (no evening service tonight)



OUR WONDROUS STEWARDSHIP TOWARD GOD

Bountiful, Hilarious Gospel Giving

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You." 1 CHRONICLES 29:14, ESV

I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

A. The Word to David from the Lord	1 Chr 17
B. The Warfare of David in the Lord	1 Chr 18
C. The Wickedness Against David	1 Chr 19
D. The Wars' Rewards & Repetition	1 Chr 20
E. The Worldly Arrogance of David	1 Chr 21
F. The Wonderful Counsel of David	1 Chr 22
G. The Works of David's Last Days	1 Chr 23-29
1. organizing the Levites	ch.23
2. organizing the priests	ch.24
3. organizing the musicians	ch.25
4. organizing the gatekeepers & officials	ch.26
5. organizing the military & tribal leaders	ch.27
6. official charge to Israel & to Solomon	ch.28
7. offerings to the LORD & final prayer	ch.29
a. contributions to the LORD's temple	vv1-9
b. consecrated prayers to the LORD	vv 10-19
c. celebration for the LORD's blessed kin	g vv20-25
d. close of the reign & life of the LORD's	beloved vv26-30

II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2Corinthians 9:7**, ESV

A. Carnal Attitudes in Giving

- 1. reluctantly, Gk. εκ λυπης (ek LOO-pās) "out of grief" or "out of sorrow"
- 2. under compulsion, Gk. εξ αναγκης (ek an-ANG-kās) "out of constraint" or "out of distress"
- 3. idolatry is the root of these sins, 2 Cor 9:5 (Col 3:5)

B. Correct Attitude for Gospel Giving

1. cheerful, Gk. root ιλαρος (hil-ar-OS) "merry" or "willing" a. 1 Chron 29:14

C. Christ-honoring Application

- 1. decided in his heart or purposeth in his heart (KJV)
 - a. how much to give, 2 Cor 8:3
 - b. when to decide, 2 Cor 9:5
 - c. when to give, Heb 10:24-25 (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2)

QUOTE of the WEEK

When the Lord uses means in the salvation of a soul, he takes care that nobody shall praise the means or ascribe the salvation to the agent. He has many ways with his most useful servants of making them keep their places; and you will notice that as soon as ever any one of them begins to grow rather large in his own esteem, he is usually met with weakness and barrenness. We must, brethren, keep self out of the way. We must put ourselves absolutely into God's hands, that he may use us in the winning of souls, and then we must send the great I down, down, down, till it is buried out of all remembrance. They tell us that when you go fishing it is wise to stand back and keep yourself out of sight as much as possible. The fish that see you will not take the bait. The Lord will not do great wonders in company, but alone. His servants must not set up to be masters, or they will be sternly rebuked. On the throne of grace God will brook no rival. If we are to see Jesus increase, we must decrease. If Christ goes up, self goes down. The Lord saith, "My glory will I not give to another." We shall be made to forget the minister, and every other worker, and recognize the fact that the Lord alone doeth great wonders.

O brethren, when I think of what the Lord has done for some of us by forgiving and saving us, how his glorious name rises and fills the whole heaven! God is not to be compared with any: they vanish as he appears. The Father is everything; he alone doeth great wonders when he receives the returning prodigal. The Son of God who bore our sins in his own body on the tree is everything to us, and he alone is the Wonderful. When we shall see him it will be as the Lamb in the midst of the throne. We shall give no praise for our salvation to any, but himself and that divine Spirit who regenerates us. Beloved, we rely on no influences of any sort save that almighty influence which proceeds from the Holy Ghost. "He alone doeth great wonders."

This should be a great comfort to those of you who are not yet saved. If I were in your condition I would try to catch at the text this morning. God himself is able to save. Trust Jesus and live. [emphais in original]

"God the Wonder-Worker" from the text, Psalm 136:4 a sermon delivered on September 4, 1887 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 33, Sermon No. 1,981

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FAMILY READINGS		PRIVATE READINGS		
1 Samuel 28	1 Cor. 9	4	Ezekiel 7	Psalms 45
1 Sam. 29-30	1 Cor. 10	5	Ezekiel 8	Psalms 46-47
1 Samuel 31	1 Cor. 11	6	Ezekiel 9	Psalms 48
2 Samuel 1	1 Cor. 12	7	Ezekiel 10	Psalms 49
2 Samuel 2	1 Cor. 13	8	Ezekiel 11	Psalms 50
2 Samuel 3	1 Cor. 14	9	Ezekiel 12	Psalms 51
2 Samuel 4-5	1 Cor. 15	10	Ezekiel 13	Psalms 52-54
2 Samuel 6	1 Cor. 16	11	Ezekiel 14	Psalms 55

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