



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NINILCHIK

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 3:1-32

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 Nehemiah, the 16th book of the Bible.



TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #28 - "How Great Thou Art"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #74 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
 4. Hymn #578- "How Firm a Foundation"
 5. Hymn #4 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
 6. Reading: **Pastor Jon Cardwell**
 7. **Message:** "Christ, Our God who Restores"
 8. Hymn #580 - "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
 9. Benediction
 10. Fellowship Meal
No Evening Service
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CHRIST, OUR GOD WHO RESTORES

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. **NEHEMIAH 3:1, ESV**

I. *the* BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- A. Destruction of *the* Temple: 586 BC**
- B. Decree of Cyrus to Rebuild: 536 BC**
- C. Darius' 6th Year, Finished: 516 BC**
- D. Departure of Ezra from Babylonia: 458 BC**
- E. Date Nehemiah's Ministry Begins: 444 BC**

II. *the* BREAKDOWN of *the* CHAPTER

A. Rebuilding the Wall & Gates, vv1-32

- 1. clear details of the work
- 2. concord among the laborers
- 3. conspicuous identities of those involved (& not involved, v5)
- 4. considering the reasons for building a wall
 - a. symbol
 - b. separates
 - c. sign
 - d. shows
 - e. satisfies

Book of Nehemiah

Repairing the Walls

Preparation, 1-2

Cooperation, 3

Opposition, 4-6

Reviving the People

Registration, 7

Proclamation, 8

Confession, 9

Obligation, 10-12

Purification, 13

III. *the* BLESSINGS EMPHASIZED from OUR TEXT

A. Exalting *the* Lord Jesus *in* Our Text

- 1. Christ, our God & Restorer (Eliashib) אֱלֹהֵינוּ
- 2. Christ, our Great High Priest

B. Encouragement from *the* Lord Jesus *by* Our Text

- 1. Christ Jesus restores our souls, Psa 23:3
- 2. Christ Jesus restores our joy, Psa 51:12

C. Exhortation *unto* Salvation *for the* Lost

- 1. objections to Christianity
- 2. rejection of Christ's offer
- 3. dejection by Christian offense
- 4. elation in Christ's kingdom

QUOTE of the WEEK

....The true Christian lives in very select society. Listen! “Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” Speak of select society, there is none like this! We are a chosen generation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood. “We are not come unto Mount Sinai, but we are come unto the blood of sprinkling and unto the general assembly and Church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.” This is select society. Next *they have courtly audience*: the prince may be expected to have admittance to royalty when common people like ourselves must stand afar off. Now the child of God has free access to the royalty of heaven. Our courtly privileges are of the highest order. Listen! “For through Him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father.” “Let us come boldly,” says the apostle, “*to the throne* of the heavenly grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” We have courtly audience and peculiarly select society. Next to this it is supposed that among princes there is *abundant wealth*, but what is the wealth of princes compared with the riches of believer’s? for “all things are yours, and ye are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.” “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Among princes, again, there dwells *peculiar power*. A prince has influence; he wields a sceptre in his own domain: and “He hath made us kings and priests unto God, and we shall reign for ever and ever.” We are not kings of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and yet we have a triple dominion; we reign over spirit, soul, and body. We reign over the united kingdom of time and eternity; we reign in this world, and we shall reign in the world that is yet to come: for we shall reign for ever and ever. Princes, again, have *special honour*. Everyone in the crowd desires to gaze upon a prince, and would be delighted to do him service. Let *him* have the first position in the empire; he is a prince of the blood, and is to be had in esteem and respect. Beloved, hear ye his word: “He hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” so that we share the honour of Christ as we share his cross. Paul was taken from the dunghill of persecution, but he is not second to any in glory; and you, though you may have been the chief of sinners, shall fare none the worse when he cometh in his kingdom; but as he owned you on earth, and redeemed you with his precious blood, so will he own you in the future state, and make you sit with him and reign among princes, world without end. May the Lord bless these words for Jesus’ sake. Amen. [*emphasis in original*]

“From the Dunghill to the Throne” from the text, Psalm 113:7-8

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

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
2 Kings 18	Philemon	5	Hosea 11	Ps. 132-134
2 Kings 19	Hebrews 1	6	Hosea 12	Ps. 135-136
2 Kings 20	Hebrews 2	7	Hosea 13	Ps. 137-138
2 Kings 21	Hebrews 3	8	Hosea 14	Psalms 139
2 Kings 22	Hebrews 4	9	Joel 1	Ps. 140-141
2 Kings 23	Hebrews 5	10	Joel 2	Psalms 142
2 Kings 24	Hebrews 6	11	Joel 3	Psalms 143
2 Kings 25	Hebrews 7	12	Amos 1	Psalms 144

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