



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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DECEMBER 18TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 9:1-31

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



1. Hymn #227 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #194 - "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
 4. Hymn #212 - "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?"
 5. Hymn #223 - "Born to Die"
 6. Reading: **Brother Jeriah K.**
 7. **Message:** "Does Jesus Take Your Breath Away?"
 8. Hymn #218 - "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
 9. Hymn #574 - "God Be with You"
 10. Benediction
 11. Sunday Evening Service
Holy War #58; James 1:19-27
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DOES JESUS TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY?

And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, and their clothing, his cupbearers, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her. **2 CHRONICLES 9:3-4, ESV**

I. BACKGROUND for OUR CHAPTER

[parallel: 1 Kings 10-11]

A. Solomon's Visitor

vv1-12

B. Solomon's Wealth

vv13-28

C. Solomon's Death

vv29-31

II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION from OUR TEXT

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. **PSALM 27:4, ESV**

A. Christ's Breathtaking Gospel Pictures

1. *the wisdom of Solomon*, v3; **Matt 12:42**
2. *the house that he had built*, v3; **Matt 16:18**
3. *the food of his table*, v4; **Matt 4:4**
4. *the seating of his officials*, v4; **Eph 2:6**
5. *the attendance of his servants*, v4; **John 15:13**
6. *his cupbearers*, v4; **1 Cor 10:16**
7. *and their clothing*, v4; **Col 3:9-10**
8. *and his burnt offerings that he offered ...* v4; **Heb 10:10**

B. Christ's Beauty in Application

1. for those who trust Christ
2. for those who have yet to trust Christ

QUOTE of the WEEK

WE cannot readily tell which action in a gracious life God may set the most store by. The Holy Spirit in this chapter selects out of good men's lives the most brilliant instances of their faith. I should hardly have expected that he would have mentioned the dying scene of Joseph's life as the most illustrious proof of his faith in God. That eventful life— perhaps the most interesting in all sacred Scripture, with the exception of one, abounds with incidents, of which the Holy Spirit might have said by his servant Paul, "By faith Joseph did this and that," but none is mentioned save the closing scene. The triumph especially of his chastity under well-known and exceedingly severe temptation, might have been very properly traced to the power of his faith, but it is passed over, and the fact that he gave commandment concerning his bones is singled out as being the most illustrious proof of his faith. Does not this tell us, dear brethren and sisters, that we are very poor judges of what God will most delight in? Very likely when we least please ourselves God is best pleased with us. That prayer over which we groaned, and thought it was not prayer, may have had more true supplication in it than another intercession of which we thought far more highly. That sermon which made us lament in the bitterness of our soul because we thought we had delivered it so feebly, may have been in God's sight more precious than many a fluent discourse concerning which we congratulated ourselves. That trial which we thought we passed through with so much impatience, may have been before God an exhibition of true patience as he looked deep down into our souls. The tests by which we try ourselves are very inaccurate. It may be when we read our own biographies in the light of eternity we shall be surprised to notice that God hath highly commended what we wept over, while much that we gloried in will be cast away among the reprobate silver. The Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart, and his glance pierces to the core. The Lord weigheth the spirits; he estimates not by colour, form, and glitter, but by actual weight, and hence when he weighed up the character of Joseph he gave the preponderance to an incident wherein faith is really present in much force, but not to the superficial observer. [EMPHASIS *in original*]

"Joseph's Bones" from the text, Hebrews 11:22

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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 Chron. 21	Revelation 9	18	Zechariah 5	John 8
2 Chron. 22-23	Rev. 10	19	Zechariah 6	John 9
2 Chron. 24	Rev. 11	20	Zechariah 7	John 10
2 Chron. 25	Rev. 12	21	Zechariah 8	John 11
2 Chron. 26	Rev. 13	22	Zechariah 9	John 12
2 Chron. 27-28	Rev. 14	23	Zechariah 10	John 13
2 Chron. 29	Rev. 15	24	Zechariah 11	John 14
2 Chron. 30	Rev. 16	25	Zechariah 12	John 15

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