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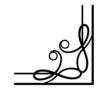
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 16:1-17:19

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 #67 "Thou Art Worthy"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #**108** "The Love of God"
- 4. Hymn #136 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
- 5. Hymn #143 "Be Thou My Vision"
- 6. Hymn #111 "And Can It Be?"
- 7. Reading: Brother Wyatt D.
- 8. Message: "The Fear of the LORD Fell upon All the Kingdoms"
- 9. Hymn #161 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
- 10. Benediction
- 11. Sunday Evening Bible Study Holy War #60; James 2:14-26



The FEAR of the LORD FELL upon ALL the KINGDOMS Further Instruction in Godly Fear

And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, and they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

2 CHRONICLES 17:10, ESV

I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTERS

A. Chapter Sixteen (*cf.* 1 Kings 15:16-24)

- 1. Asa averts Baasha's invasion, vv1-6
 - a, work & wisdom found in the flesh
- 2. As a admonished by the LORD, vv7-10
 - a. Word of God forsaken
- 3. Asa's ailment and end, vv11-14
 - a. weakness in gospel witness

B. Chapter Seventeen (cf. 1 Kings 22:41-50)

- 1. a kingdom fortified under Jehoshaphat, vv1-9
- 2. a kingdom fearing the LORD under Jehoshaphat, vv10-19

II. the BLESSING from OUR TEXT

"And He said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding."" JOB 28:28, ESV

A. the Fear of the LORD from Last Week's Text

- 1.2 Chronicles 15:4
 - a. distress; turning; seeking; finding
 - b. Prov 9:10, יְרָאָה (yir-AH) fear, reverence

B. the Fear of the LORD upon All the Kingdoms

- 1. 2 Chronicles 17:10, ¬¬□ (PACH-ad)
 - a. protection from enemies, v10
 - b. provision through our enemies, v11
 - c. plunder & subdue enemies, 2 Chr 14:14-15; Ex 15:16
 - d. proclaims the fame of the LORD, 2 Chr 20:29
 - e. promotes the gospel of Christ, 1 Chr 14:17

C. the Fear of the Lord upon Our Lives as Believers

- 1. Job 28:28, יִראָּה
 - a. the wisdom of godly fear, Ecc 1:18
 - b. the way of godly fear, Prov 3:7
 - i. 1 Cor 15:9; Eph 3:8; 1 Tim 1:15
 - c. the wonder of godly fear, Isa 11:2-3

QUOTE of the WEEK

What is this fountain which is said to be opened, and when and how was it opened? It is a fountain opened to the house of David, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. We observe, therefore, that the blessing here spoken of deals with the greatest evils to which mankind is subject—sin and uncleanness. We have all fallen; we have all proved our fall by our sinful practice. Sin has separated us from God and brought upon us the divine wrath; uncleanness, which is a tendency still to sin, a defilement of our nature, prevents our returning to our heavenly Father, and entering into renewed fellowship with him. This great evil in its double form is, according to the text, distinctly recognized by God; it is not winked at, it is not treated as a trifle that may remain, and yet man may be beloved of God and be happy; no, but the evil being there, preparation is made for its removal. The text says, not that the filthiness is concealed, that the transgression is excused, but that there is a fountain opened for the effectual removal of sin and uncleanness. In the gospel God never trifles with human sin. We proclaim full, free, immediate forgiveness to the very chief of sinners, but it is not in a way which makes men think that sin is trivial in God's esteem, for there is coupled with the declaration of pardon a description of the way in which God by the sacrifice of his Son renders it possible for him to be merciful without being unjust. In the substitution of Christ Jesus we see justice and mercy peacefully embracing, and conferring double honor upon each other. I repeat the word, the uncleanness is not concealed, the sin is not winked at, but there is a fountain prepared for the purging away of the defilement, and it is opened to the house of David, for the great and mighty, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem— the poor, common people of every class. Hear this, ye who feel yourselves sinners, God has provided means for delivering you from your sins. [emphasis in original]

> "The Open Fountain" from the text, Zechariah 13:1 a sermon delivered on January 22nd, 1871 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 17, Sermon No. 971

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Genesis 23	Matthew 22	22	Nehemiah 12	Acts 22
Genesis 24	Matthew 23	23	Nehemiah 13	Acts 23
Genesis 25	Matthew 24	24	Esther 1	Acts 24
Genesis 26	Matthew 25	25	Esther 2	Acts 25
Genesis 27	Matthew 26	26	Esther 3	Acts 26
Genesis 28	Matthew 27	27	Esther 4	Acts 27
Genesis 29	Matthew 28	28	Esther 5	Acts 28
Genesis 30	Mark 1	29	Esther 6	Romans 1

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