

#### **FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023**

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 18:1-19:11

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.



- 1. Hymn #**49** "Praise Ye Jehovah"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #79 "To God Be the Glory"
- 4. Hymn #88 "God Sees the Heart"
- 5. Hymn #90 "The Mercies of God"
- 6. Reading: **Bro. Steve K.**
- 7. **Message**: "Godly Fear for the Priesthood of Believers"
- 8. Hymn #412 "A Passion for Thee"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Holy War #62; James 3



# GODLY FEAR for the PRIESTHOOD of BELIEVERS More Insights from the Fear of the LORD

And he charged them: "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, in faithfulness, and with your whole heart:" **2 CHRONICLES 19:9**, ESV

## I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTERS

#### A. Chapters Eighteen & Nineteen (cf. 1 Kings 22:1-42)

- 1. Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab, ch.18:1-19:3
- 2. Jehoshaphat's appointment of leaders; institutes reforms, ch.19:4-11

#### II. the BLESSING from OUR TEXT

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. **ISAIAH 11:2**, ESV

Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; **HEBREWS 5:7**, KJV

#### A. the Fear of the LORD from Previous Messages

- 1. godly fear as wisdom's beginning, Pro 9:10
- 2. godly fear is wisdom, Job 28:28
  - a. יֵרְאַת יִהֹוָה (yir-ATH y'HŌ-vah) reverent fear of the LORD

### B. the Fear of the LORD for Priestly Ministers

- 1. the principles for Christ's priests
  - a. protective discernment, vv6-7 בַּחַד יְהֹנְה (pa-CHAD YHVH)
  - b. precious faithfulness, v9a
  - c. perfect heart, v9b

#### C. the Fear of the Lord from Our Prince & Messiah

- $1. \ the \ prayer \ of \ Christ \ in \ the \ garden$ 
  - a. Luke 22:41-44; Heb 5:7
  - b. "Here we see, as nowhere else, how abhorrent He was of the iniquity which was about to be laid on Him, and how wonderful was His love to God and to us." —Dr. Adolph Saphir (1831-91)

#### D. the Fear of the Lord filling Our Practical Moments

- 1. the prophesy of Christ in Isaiah
  - a. accompanied by knowledge, Isa 11:2 (John 1:18; 14:9)
  - b. attended with delightful fragrance, Isa 11:3a (Gal 2:20; 6:14)
  - c. accessed thru heavenly submission, Isa 11:3b-4 (Heb 11:7)
  - d. accomplished for God's utmost glory, Isa 11:4b-5 (Phil 2:12-13)
  - e. attached also is the mysterious "fear not," Isa 11:6-9

#### **QUOTE of the WEEK**

To be a king is indeed so little wrong in the sight of Jesus that it is the ultimate purpose of his coming to earth. He came to save men, did he not? Yes, but still he says, "For this purpose was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth"; which is another way of saying, "that I might be a king." This is his ultimatum. Christ is a teacher that he may be a king; Christ is an exemplar that he may be a king; Christ is a Saviour that he may be a king; this is the great end and object that he hath in his life, his death, his resurrection, and his second coming, —that he may set up a kingdom among the sons of men to the glory of God. Oh that this great object of his mission might be furthered in our time, and consummated speedily in the long-promised age of gold.

The Master tells us that the main force and power of his kingdom lies in the truth. He came to be a King, but where is his scepter? The truth. Where is his sword? It cometh out of his mouth: he bears witness to the truth. Where are his soldiers? They are men of truth. Jesus Christ leads on a band of whom he says, "And ye are my witnesses." His kingdom consists in witnessing to the truth, and who are they that become his subjects? Why, those that are of the truth, men who, hearing the truth, know the joyful sound and accept it, and feel its power.

Dear hearers, let each one of us ask himself, "Do I belong to his kingdom? Will I have this man to reign over me? Do I desire to get rid of everything in myself that is not true? Am I anxious to put down around me everything that is false and wicked? Do I wish to uphold God's laws, for they are truth? Do I desire to spread the principles of love and kindness, for they are truth? Am I willing to learn, and so become the disciple of the greatest of all teachers, and then, am I willing to bear witness to what I have learned, and so spread the sway of truth? If so, then I am of his kingdom. I know that I address many who desire in their hearts to-day that Christ and his truth may triumph, and they little mind what becomes of themselves. Let but his gospel spread and the principles of righteousness prevail; and as for us, let us live or die, it shall be a matter of small concern. O King, live for ever, and we shall find our life in thy life, and glory in promoting thy glory, world without end. Such a spirit is of the truth, and we may assure ourselves that Jesus is our King.

"Our Lord's First Appearance before Pilate" from the text, John 18:38 a sermon delivered on February 12th, 1882 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 28, Sermon No. 1,644

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Genesis 45	Mark 15	12	Job 11	Romans 15
Genesis 46	Mark 16	13	Job 12	Romans 16
Genesis 47	Luke 1:1-38	14	Job 13	1 Cor. 1
Genesis 48	Luke 1:39-80	15	Job 14	1 Cor. 2
Genesis 49	Luke 2	16	Job 15	1 Cor. 3
Genesis 50	Luke 3	17	Job 16-17	1 Cor. 4
Exodus 1	Luke 4	18	Job 18	1 Cor. 5
Exodus 2	Luke 5	19	Job 19	1 Cor. 6

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