

## FEBRUARY 27th, 2022

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 9:1-44

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.



### GATEKEEPERS of CHRIST'S KINGDOM Casting Off Legalism & Embracing Godly Fear

*Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the tent of meeting.* **1 Chronicles 9:21**, ESV

#### I. BREAKDOWN OF THE CHAPTER

## Pertaining to the Return from Exile vv1-6

Progeny of Benjamin through Sallu vv7-9

# Priesthood in the Return from Exile vv10-13

Pertaining to the Levites

vv14-34

a. of the porters (gatekeepers, ESV), vv17-27

b. other positions among the Levites, vv28-34

#### Progeny of Gibeon Repeated

vv35-44

a. Saul's family line repeated, vv39-44

#### **II. BLESSED APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT**

#### **Keepers of the Gates**

1. Zechariah's position in David's day a. 1 Chron 26:1-2, 14

#### King Jesus from this Type

1. Importance of Christ Typology, John 5:39

2. Meshelemiah משלמיה (m'-she-LEM-yah) , Isa 9:6

3. Zechariah זכריה (z'-khar-YAH), Luke 23:42-43

4. Jesus as Gatekeeper, John 14:6

## Kids of Christ's Kingdom, 1 Cor 3:16-17

- 1. our passive role (Christ as gate-Keeper)
  - a. Jesus sustains us to the end, 1 Cor 1:8-9
  - b. Jesus sanctifies us in our blameless calling, 1 Thess 5:23-24
  - c. Jesus shelters our faith for a testimony of Him, 1 Pet 1:5
- 2. our active role (Christian as gate-keeper)
  - a. love God, Luke 10:27
  - b. fear God, Luke 12:5
  - c. obey God, 1 Jn 5:3

WE MUST LOVE THE PERSON OF CHRIST OR ALL OUR PAST PROFESSIONS HAVE BEEN A LIE. It is not possible for that man to be a Christian who does not love Christ. Take the heart away, and life is impossible. Your very first true hope of heaven came to you, if it ever did come at all, by Jesus Christ. Beloved, you heard the gospel, but the gospel apart from Christ was never good news to you; you read the Bible, but the Bible apart from a personal Christ was never anything more than a dead letter to you; you listened to many earnest entreaties, but they all fell on a deaf ear until Jesus came and compelled you to come in. The first gleam of comfort that ever entered my heart flashed from the wounds of the Redeemer; I never had a hope of being saved until I saw him hanging on the tree in agonies and blood. And because our earliest hope is bound up, not with any doctrine or preacher, but with Jesus, our all in all, therefore I am sure, even if we have only lately received our first hope, we must love Jesus, from whom it has come. Nor do we merely begin with him, for every covenant blessing we have received has been connected with his person, and could not be received apart from him. You have obtained pardon, but that pardon was through his blood. You have been clothed in righteousness, but he is the Lord your Righteousness, he is himself your glory and your beauty. You have been cleansed from many sins by conversion, but it was the water from his riven side which washed you. You have been made the child of God, but your adoption has only made you feel more akin to the Elder Brother, through whom you are made heirs of God. The blessings of the covenant are none of them separate from Christ, and cannot be enjoyed apart from him, any more than light and heat can be divided from the sun. All blessings come to us from his pierced hand, and hence if we have received them we must love him; it is not possible to have enjoyed the golden gifts of his unbounded love without being moved to love him in return. You cannot walk in the sun without being warmed, nor receive of Christ's fullness without being filled with gratitude.

Every ordinance of the Christian church since we have been converted has either been a mockery, or else we have loved Christ in it. [*emphasis in original*]



"Lovest Thou Me?" from the text, John 21:17 a sermon delivered on February 27th, 1876 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* Volume 22, Sermon No. 1,281



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

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Exodus 10	Luke 13	27	Job 28	1 Cor. 14
Ex. 11-12:21	Luke 14	28	Job 29	1 Cor. 15
Exodus 12:22	Luke 15	1	Job 30	1 Cor. 16
Exodus 13	Luke 16	2	Job 31	2 Cor. 1
Exodus 14	Luke 17	3	Job 32	2 Cor. 2
Exodus 15	Luke 18	4	Job 33	2 Cor. 3
Exodus 16	Luke 19	5	Job 34	2 Cor. 4
Exodus 17	Luke 20	6	Job 35	2 Cor. 5

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