

MARCH 19TH, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 23:1-21

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 #575 "The Church's One Foundation"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #580 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
- 4. Hymn #581 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
- 5. Hymn #397- "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"
- 6. Reading: Bro. Nickolas G.
- 7. Message: "Levites in the House of the LORD"
- 8. Hymn #578 "How Firm a Foundation"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Holy War #64; James 4





LEVITES in the HOUSE of the LORD

"The Levites shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand. And whoever enters the house shall be put to death. Be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out." 2 CHRONICLES 23:7, ESV

<u>I. the Breakdown of the Chapter</u> (cf. 2 Kings 11:4-20)

Joash Crowned King of Judah, vv1-11

1. application: give our children God's Word as soon as they can read, v11

Jezebel's Daughter, Athaliah, Executed, vv12-15

1. application: idolatrous unbelief will always cry, "Foul" v13

Jehoiada, the High Priest, Institutes Reforms, vv16-21

1. application: true worship means a destruction of idols, v17

Jesus Exalted from the Chapter

- 1. a picture of Christ in a sinner's conversion
- 2. a picture of Christ at His promised return

II. the BLESSED EXPOSITION from OUR PRIMARY VERSE

The Levites shall surround the king...

- 1. surrounding our King
 - a. Rev 1:4-6; 4:4
 - b. focus upon Jesus

...each with his weapons in his hand.

- 1. sword of the Word in the hand of each
 - a. 2 Cor 10:3-6; Eph 6:17
 - b. <u>fill</u> your hands, heads, hearts with God's Word

And whoever enters the house shall be put to death

- 1. shall put to death
 - a. Gal 2:20; Col 3:5
 - b. forsake fleshly corruptions & put them to death

Be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.

- 1. should never depart from our King
 - a. Rev 14:4 (Rev 14:1-5)
 - b. **follow** Jesus wherever He goes or wherever He sends you

QUOTE of the WEEK

Let us proceed to notice, fourthly, that JESUS CAN REMOVE BOTH THE SIN AND THE PARALYSIS IN A SINGLE MOMENT. It was the business of the four bearers to bring the man to Christ; but there their power ended. It is our part to bring the guilty sinner to the Saviour: there our power ends. Thank God, when we end, Christ begins, and works right gloriously. Observe that he began by saying: "Thy sins be forgiven thee." He laid the axe at the root; he did not desire that the man's sins might be forgiven, or express a good wish in that direction, but he pronounced an absolution by virtue of that authority with which he was clothed as the Saviour. The poor man's sins there and then ceased to be, and he was justified in the sight of God. Believest thou this, my hearer, that Christ did thus for the paralytic man? Then I charge you believe something more, that if on earth Christ had power to forgive sins before he had offered an atonement, much more hath he power to do this, now that he hath poured out his blood, and hath said, "It is finished," and hath gone into his glory, and is at the right hand of the Father. He is exalted on high, to give repentance and remission of sin. Should he send his Spirit into thy soul to reveal himself in thee, thou wouldst in an instant be entirely absolved. Does blasphemy blacken thee? Does a long life of infidelity pollute thee? Hast thou been licentious? Hast thou been abominably wicked? A word can absolve thee- a word from those dear lips which said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." I charge thee ask for that absolving word. No earthly priest can give it thee; but the great High Priest, the Lord Jesus, can utter it at once. Ye twos and fours who are seeking the salvation of men, here is encouragement for you. Pray for them now, while the gospel is being preached in their hearing; pray for them day and night, and bring the glad tidings constantly before them, for Jesus is still able "to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him." [EMPHASIS in original]

> "Carried by Four" from the text, Luke 5:16-26 a sermon delivered on March 19th, 1871 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 17, Sermon No. 981

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Exodus 30	John 9	19	Proverbs 6	Galatians 5
Exodus 31	John 10	20	Proverbs 7	Galatians 6
Exodus 32	John 11	21	Proverbs 8	Ephesians 1
Exodus 33	John 12	22	Proverbs 9	Ephesians 2
Exodus 34	John 13	23	Proverbs 10	Ephesians 3
Exodus 35	John 14	24	Proverbs 11	Ephesians 4
Exodus 36	John 15	25	Proverbs 12	Ephesians 5
Exodus 37	John 16	26	Proverbs 13	Ephesians 6

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