

MARCH 20th, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 12:1-40

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.

TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Hymn #525 "All That Thrills My Soul"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #545 "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful?"
- 4. Hymn #575 "The Church's One Foundation"
- 5. Hymn **#581** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
- 6. Reading: Pastor Jon Cardwell
- 7. Message: "Christ's Church, an Army of God"
- 8. Hymn #536 "Joy in Serving Jesus"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sunday Evening Service Bible Questions & Answers



CHRIST'S CHURCH, an ARMY of GOD

For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like an army of God. **1 Chronicles 12:22**, ESV

Chronicles, in Hebrew, דברי הימים (div-REY hay-ya-MEEYM) meaning,, "words of the days"

I. BREAKDOWN OF THE CHAPTER

The Mighty Men Joining Judah in Aiding David

1 Chronicles 12:1 links previous chapter to verse following

The Men of Benjamin Join David, vv1-7

The Men of Gad Join David, vv8-15

The Matter of Amasai's Oath in the Spirit, vv16-18

The Men of Manasseh Join David, vv19-21

The Mighty Army of God, v22

The Mighty Men of Various Tribes Made David King, vv23-40

II. BLESSED APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

God's Blessings for David

- 1. the grace in the promises of God, 1 Samuel 16:6-13
- 2. the grace & faithfulness of God, from day to day
- 3. the glory of God, like an army of God

God's Blessings for Christ's Church

- 1. the grace for Christ's church, from day to day men came
- 2. the growth in Christ's church, to help
- 3. the glory of Christ's church, like an army of God

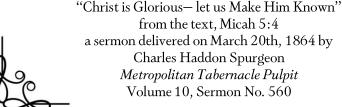
God's Blessings for You and Me

- 1. the grace for God's saint, from day to day
- 2. the growth in God's saint, to help
- 3. the glory of God's saint, a great army
- 4. the glory awaiting God's people, like an army of God

QUOTE of the WEEK

I. At the outset, observe carefully the perpetual reign of Christ. He lives, he reigns, he is king over his people.

Notice first, that his reign is *shepherd-like in its nature*. The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, but our Master washed his disciples' feet. Earthly monarchs are often tyrants; their yoke is heavy, and their language domineering; but it is not so with our King; his yoke is easy, and his burden is light, for he is meek and lowly of heart. He is a shepherd-king. He has supremacy, but it is the superiority of a wise and tender shepherd over his needy and loving flock; he commands and receives obedience, but it is the willing obedience of the well-cared-for sheep, rendered joyfully to their beloved Shepherd, whose voice they know so well. He rules by the force of love and the energy of goodness. His power lies not in imperious threatenings, but in imperial lovingkindness. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King, for "men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed." Never people had such a king before. His service is perfect freedom; to be his subject is to be a king; to serve him is to reign. Blessed are the people who are the sheep of his pasture; if they follow in his footsteps their road is safe; if they sleep at his feet no lion can disturb their peace; if they are fed from his hand they shall lie down in green pastures, and know no lack; if they abide close to his person they shall drink of rivers of delight. Righteousness and peace are the stability of his throne, joy and gladness are the ornaments of his reign. Oh! how happy are we who belong to such a prince. Thou King in Jeshurun, we pay thee homage with loyal hearts; we come into thy presence with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise, for thou art our God, and we are the people of thy pasture, and the sheep of thy hand. [emphasis in original]





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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
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
Exodus 38	John 17	27	Proverbs 14	Phil. 1

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