

APRIL 14TH, 2024

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 6:1-19

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 Nehemiah, the 16th book of the Bible.

TODAY'S SERVICE

1. Hymn #679 - "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

2. Opening Prayer & Announcements

3. Hymn #149 - "He Leadeth Me"

4. Hymn #**395** – "Standing on the Promises"

5. Hymn #383 - "The Solid Rock"

6. Reading: Brother Teagun Q.

7. Message: "Opposition to a Great Work"

8. Hymn #136 - "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Bible Study Ecclesiastes 7:11-13



OPPOSITION *to a* GREAT WORK Resting in Christ, yet Running to, with & for Christ, Part Two

And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" **NEHEMIAH 6:3**, ESV

I. the BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. Destruction of the Temple: 586 BC B. Decree of Cyrus to Rebuild: 536 BC C. Darius' 6th Year, Finished: 516 BC D. Departure of Ezra from Babylonia: 458 BC E. Date Nehemiah's Ministry Begins: 446 BC

II. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTER

A. an Invitation with Evil Intent, vv1-4

B. an Insulting Slander, vv4-9

C. an Intimidating Threat, vv10-14

D. an Indefatigable End, vv15-19

Book of Nehemiah Repairing the Walls Preparation, 1-2 Cooperation, 3 Opposition, 4-6 Reviving the People Registration, 7 Proclamation, 8 Confession, 9 Obligation, 10-12 Purification, 13

III. the BLESSINGS EMPHASIZED from OUR TEXT

A. the Week Previously: Resting in & Running to, with & for Christ

- 1. resting in Christ for salvation
- 2. running to, with & for Christ in love, godly fear, & faith a. love begets godly fear
 - b. godly fear begets strengthened faith
 - c. faith begets loving obedience

B. the Work

1. this great work is a greater work a. John 14:12; Col 1:18

C. the Work's Opposition

1. the god of this world opposes this great work a. 1 Pet 5:8; 2 Cor 12:7; 2 Cor 11:14; Isa 32:9, 11

D. the Work's Completion

1. our God is sovereign in all things a. Phil 1:6; 4:6; 1 Pet 5:7

E. the Work's Invitation

1. the gracious God calls a. Matt 11:28-30 The text promises to us a complete obedience, —"I will cause you to walk in my statutes, and to keep my judgments." A Christian man is obedient to God, —he minds the first table; he is just to man, —he does not despise the second table. Statutes and judgments are equally dear to believers. We are not willing to give a lame, one-sided obedience to God. The Holy Ghost, when he makes us devout Godward, makes us honest manward.

And the Holy Ghost also works a holy care for righteousness in the soul. "I will cause you to *keep* my judgments;" —that is, to have an exactness of obedience, a precision, a deliberation, a willingness to find out God's will, and a care to attend to it in every jot and tittle. A man in whom dwells the Holy Ghost is careful not to yield himself to the traditions of men but to the commands of God. He pays no attention to the statutes of the great councils of the church, or the ordinances of popes, or the laws of priests, or the mandates of bishops; but he searches out the will of the Lord only. The knee of his conscience bows with lowly reverence before the Lord, but nowhere else. He who has bound us to his altar has loosed all other bonds, so that the traditions of men and the ordinances of priests are contemptible unto us. To God, and God alone, the renewed heart renders obedience, but that obedience he does render.

Now, to what a delightful consummation has our text conducted us. It began with a renewed heart, and it ends in a purified life. It commenced with taking away the stone and giving the flesh; now it gives us the life of Christ written out, in living characters in our daily practice. Glory be to God for this! [*emphasis in original*]

"Covenant Blessings" from the text, Ezekiel 36:26-27 a sermon delivered on April 14th, 1872 by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon** (1834-1892) *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* Volume 18, Sermon No. 1,046 This Week's Bible Portions from Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Leviticus 18	Psalms 22	14	Eccles. 1	1 Timothy 3
Leviticus 19	Psalms 23-24	15	Eccles. 2	1 Timothy 4
Leviticus 20	Psalms 25	16	Eccles. 3	1 Timothy 5
Leviticus 21	Psalms 26-27	17	Eccles. 4	1 Timothy 6
Leviticus 22	Psalms 28-29	18	Eccles. 5	2 Timothy 1
Leviticus 23	Psalms 30	19	Eccles. 6	2 Timothy 2
Leviticus 24	Psalms 31	20	Eccles. 7	2 Timothy 3
Leviticus 25	Psalms 32	21	Eccles. 8	2 Timothy 4

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