

# APRIL 24TH, 2022

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Chronicles 14:1-17

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 #239 "In Christ Alone"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #241 "Our Great Savior"
- 4. Hymn #250 "Jesus Shall Reign"
- 5. Hymn **#262** "Footsteps of Glory"
- 6. Reading: Brother Wyatt Daniels
- 7. Message: "Hearing the Sound"
- 8. Hymn #462 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sunday Evening Bible Study John 19:31-37, "Christ's Pierced Side"





## **HEARING** the SOUND

"And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines." **1 CHRONICLES 14:15**, ESV

#### The Historical Overview of the Chapter

- 1. David, a king in Jerusalem
  - a. David receives help from Hiram, v1
  - b. David establish'd as king over Israel, v2
  - c. David multiplies wives in Jerusalem, v3
  - d. David sires more children, v4
- 2. David, a conqueror at Rephaim
  - a. David's inquiry answered, vv8-12
  - b. David's inquiry answered: listen, vv13-17

#### The Holy & Horrid Example from David's Life

- 1. David, a picture of Messiah, vv1-2 a. Romans 15:12
- 2. David, a picture of mankind's fall, vv3-5 a. Deuteronomy 17:14, 17
- 3. David, a picture of Christian infancy, vv8-12 a. 1 Peter 2:2
- 4. David, a picture of Christian maturity, vv13-17 a. Ecclesiastes 5:1
  - b. Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29-30

### The Helpful Application for Christian Practice

- 1. the beginning of wisdom, Proverbs 9:10
- 2. the beginning of godly fear, Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- 3. the beauty of gospel lessons, Luke 10:38-42
- 4. the blessing of hearing the sound, 1 Chronicles 14:13-17 a. *the Philistines, yet again made a raid*, v13
  - b. David again inquired of God, v14
  - c. marching in the tops of balsam trees, v15
  - d. David did as God commanded, v16
  - e. the Lord brought the fear of [Christ] upon all nations, v17

The Martha spirit shows itself in the censuring of those persons who are careful about Christ's word, who stand up for the doctrines of the gospel, who desire to maintain the ordinances as they were delivered unto them, and who are scrupulous and thoughtful, and careful concerning the truth as it is in Jesus. In newspapers, on platforms, and in common talk, you frequently hear earnest disciples of Jesus and consistent believers in his doctrines snubbed and denounced as unpractical. Theological questions are scouted as mere impertinences. Go in for ragged schools, certainly; reclaim the Arabs of the street, by all manner of means; pass a compulsory education bill, certainly; soup kitchens, free dinners, all excellent; we can all join in these; but never mention creeds and doctrines. Why, man, you cannot be aware of the enlightenment of our times! What importance can now be attached to mere biblical dogmas and ordinances? Why contend as to whether baptism shall be performed upon a babe or upon a believer, whether it shall be by sprinkling or by immersion? What matters the law of Christ in such a case? These things would do for the schoolmen of the dark ages to fight about, but what can be the importance of such trifles in this highly enlightened nineteenth century? Yes, that is the exaggeration of Martha. Mary, treasuring up every word of Christ, Mary counting each syllable a pearl, is reckoned to be unpractical, if not altogether idle. That spirit, I fear, is growing in these times, and needs to be checked; for, after all, there is truth and there is error, and charitable talk cannot alter the fact. To know and to love the gospel is no mean thing. Obedience to Jesus, and anxiety to learn his will so as to please him in all things, are not secondary matters. Contemplation, worship, and growth in grace are not unimportant. I trust we shall not give way to the spirit which despises our Lord's teaching, for if we do, in prizing the fruit and despising the root we shall lose the fruit and the root too. In forgetting the great well-spring of holy activity, namely, personal piety, we shall miss the streams also. From the sincerity of faith and the fervour of love practical Christianity must arise; and if the food that faith and love feed upon be withdrawn, if sitting at the feet of Jesus be regarded as of secondary consequence, then both strength and will to serve the Lord will decline. I dread much the spirit which would tamper with truth for the sake of united action, or for any object under heaven- the latitudinarian spirit, which sneers at creeds and dogmas. Truth is no trifle. [emphasis in original]



"Martha and Mary" from the text, Luke 10:38-42 a sermon delivered on April 24th, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* Volume 16, Sermon No. 927



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

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Numbers 1	Psalms 35	24	Eccles. 11	Titus 3
Numbers 2	Psalms 36	25	Eccles. 12	Philemon
Numbers 3	Psalms 37	26	Song. 1	Hebrews 1
Numbers 4	Psalms 38	27	Song. 2	Hebrews 2
Numbers 5	Psalms 39	28	Song. 3	Hebrews 3
Numbers 6	Psalms 40-41	29	Song. 4	Hebrews 4
Numbers 7	Psalms 42-43	30	Song. 5	Hebrews 5
Numbers 8	Psalms 44	1	Song. 6	Hebrews 6

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