

APRIL 7TH, 2024

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 5:1-19

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 #9 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"

2. Opening Prayer & Announcements

3. Hymn #390 - "Constantly Abiding"

4. Hymn #**599** – "Before the Throne of God Above"

5. Hymn #172 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

6. Reading: Brother Aiden Q.

7. Message: "The Gospel According to Nehemiah"

8. Hymn #540 - "I Run to Christ"

9. Benediction

10. Fellowship Meal (No Evening Service)



The GOSPEL ACCORDING *to* NEHEMIAH Resting in Christ, yet Running to, with & for Christ

Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people. **NEHEMIAH 5:19**, 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 Economic Subjugation, vv1-5

- 1. cries & complaints
- 2. charges of interest

B. an Exasperated Solution, vv6-13

- 1. ire of the governor
- 2. immediate return of the land

C. an Example of Selflessness, vv14-19

- 1. a generous governor
- 2. a good governor

III. the BLESSINGS EMPHASIZED from OUR TEXT

A. Resting in Christ

- 1. irony of Nehemiah's statement, Mark 10:18
- 2. instruction from Nehemiah's statement
 - a. resting in Christ is all of grace for salvation...
 - b. yet because of love & godly fear (1 Jn 4:19)
 - c. man was created to know God, love God, serve God

B. Running to Christ

1. Jesus is our goal a. Phil 3:13-14 (Phil 3:10)

C. Running with Christ

1. Jesus is our strength a. John 15:5; 2 Cor 12:9-10; Phil 4:13

D. Running for Christ

1. Jesus is our King a. 1 Cor 9:24-27 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

QUOTE of the WEEK

"Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father. What solace then must that soul be filled with, that has the possession of Him to all eternity!" –John Bunyan (1628-1688)

PRAYING for MISSIONARIES & MINISTERS this WEEK

Monday Morning	Monday Evening		
Tuesday Morning	Tuesday Evening		
Wednesday Morning	Wednesday Evening		
Thursday Morning	Thursday Evening		
Friday Morning	Friday Evening		
Saturday Morning	Saturday Evening		
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening		

(*) Denotes HeartCry Missionary Society

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

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Leviticus 10	Psalms 11-12	7	Proverbs 25	1 Thess. 4
Lev. 11-12	Psalms 13-14	8	Proverbs 26	1 Thess. 5
Leviticus 13	Psalms 15-16	9	Proverbs 27	2 Thess. 1
Leviticus 14	Psalms 17	10	Proverbs 28	2 Thess. 2
Leviticus 15	Psalms 18	11	Proverbs 29	2 Thess. 3
Leviticus 16	Psalms 19	12	Proverbs 30	1 Timothy 1
Leviticus 17	Psalms 20-21	13	Proverbs 31	1 Timothy 2
Leviticus 18	Psalms 22	14	Eccles. 1	1 Timothy 3

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