



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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APRIL 21ST, 2024

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

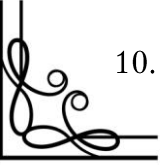
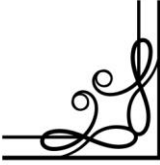
Nehemiah 7:1-73

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 #4 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #577 - "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
 4. Hymn #570 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 5. Hymn #575 - "The Church's One Foundation"
 6. Reading: **Pastor Jon Cardwell**
 7. **Message:** "The Gates of Jerusalem"
 8. Hymn #580 - "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
 9. Benediction
 10. Annual Business Meeting
(No Evening Service)
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The GATES of JERUSALEM

The Beauty & Blessing of Local Church Membership

And I said to them, "Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes."

NEHEMIAH 7:3, 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. Gates Guarded, vv1-4**
- B. Genealogies Listed, vv5-65**
- C. Gifts Recorded, vv66-73**

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

III. *the BEAUTY & BLESSING from OUR TEXT*

On the holy mount stands the city He founded; the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. PSALM 87:1-2, ESV

A. 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

B. Prominent Priority & Passion *for* Christ's Church

- 1. Psalm 87:1-2
 - a. Christ's priority for His church
 - b. Christ's passion for His church
 - c. Christian response to this priority & passion

C. Precious Protection & Provocation *in* Christ's Church

- 1. Nehemiah 7:3
 - a. *gates opened [when] the sun is hot*
 - b. *standing guard [to] bar the doors*
 - c. *appoint guards among the inhabitants*
 - i. *at their guard posts*
 - ii. *in front of their own homes*

QUOTE of the WEEK

The ARGUMENT is this: “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye, *therefore*, and teach all nations.”

Three things here. Christ had suffered, bled and died; he had now risen from the dead. As the effect of his finished work, he had as mediator received all power in Heaven and in earth. There is no allusion here to his inherent power that is not given to him: that is his native right; he has, as God, all power in heaven and in earth. The text relates to him as mediator. As mediator he had not this power once; he was weak, he was despised, he was forsaken even of his God. But now, having finished the work which was given him to do, his Father honours him. He is about to lift him to his right hand, and gives him, as the result of resurrection, all power in heaven and in earth. Three things, then. First, this is the picture of the Church’s history, and *therefore* she should teach all nations. Secondly, this is the Church’s right. Thirdly, it is the Church’s might; and for all these reasons she ought to teach all nations.

1. First, this is the Church’s *picture*. Christ suffers, bleeds, dies.... We have been sending out heralds of the cross these eighteen hundred years; they have landed upon many a shore to die.the Church must suffer that she may reign, she must die that she may live, she must be stained with blood, that she may be robed in purple, she must go down into the earth, and seem to be buried and forgotten, that the earth may help the woman, that she may be delivered of the man child. Courage!...

2. This is the Church’s *right*.... Ye have no power to prevent it, for all power is given unto Christ in heaven and in earth. Do ye say that the missionary has no right upon your shore? The virgin daughter of Zion shaketh her head at you, and laugheth you to scorn. She has right anywhere and everywhere; she has rights in heaven without limit, and rights in earth without bound, for all power is given to her head in heaven and in earth, and she therefore has a patent, a claim which is not to be disputed, to take to herself all countries and all kingdoms, because the power above is given unto Christ....

3. But now, lastly... the Church’s *might*.... Ye have power to teach, fear not. Let this be your encouragement.... There never lived another man save Christ, who could say, “All power is given me on earth.” ...Christ has power over politics. He can make wars, and create peace, with a view to the propagation of his Word. He can change the hearts of princes, and preside in the counsels of senates, he can cause nations that have long been shut up, to be opened to the truth.... We have with us to-day a Leader whose power is not diminished, whose influence in the highest heavens has suffered no impairing. He is universal Lord. Oh, let our efforts be worthy of the power which he has promised, let our zeal be in some respect akin to his zeal, and let our energy prove that the energy divine has not been withdrawn.

“The Missionaries’ Charge and Charta” from the text, Matthew 28:18-19
a sermon delivered on April 21st, 1861 by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon** (1834-1892)
Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 7, Sermon No. 383
[emphasis in original; condensed & abridged by Pastor Cardwell]

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

APRIL 2024

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Leviticus 25	Psalms 32	21	Eccles. 8	2 Timothy 4
Leviticus 26	Psalms 33	22	Eccles. 9	Titus 1
Leviticus 27	Psalms 34	23	Eccles. 10	Titus 2
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

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