



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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MAY 5TH, 2024

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

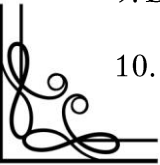

Nehemiah 8:1-18

*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 #1 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
  2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
  3. Hymn #690 - "Jesus Loves Me"
  4. Hymn #179 - "Holy Bible, Book Divine"
  5. Hymn #119 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
  6. Reading: **Brother Wyatt D.**
  7. **Message:** "Clear & Sensible Preaching"
  8. Hymn #181 - "Wonderful Words of Life"
  9. Benediction
  10. Fellowship Meal  
(No Evening Service)
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## CLEAR & SENSIBLE PREACHING

*They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.* **NEHEMIAH 8:8**, ESV

### I. the BRIEF BACKGROUND of the BOOK

- 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. The Preached Word, vv1-8
- B. The Pious Day, vv9-12
- C. The Prescribed Feast, vv13-18

### III. the BEAUTY & BLESSING from OUR TEXT

#### A. The Reverence for the Preached Word

1. authority (centrality) of the preached Word, v4
2. amen of the preached Word, v6
3. address of the preached Word, *A Puritan Catechism* (Q72)
  - a. Psa 19:7; 1 Thess 1:6; Rom 1:16
  - b. John 17:17

#### B. The Rewards from the Preached Word

1. conviction by the Word, v9b
2. encouragement from its exposition, v9a
3. responsibility to its commandments, v10a
4. strength through obedience to it, v10b
5. love, joy, peace by its blessing to transform us, v12

#### C. The Responsibilities toward the Preached Word

1. of the preacher & hearer
  - a. *A Puritan Catechism* (Q73)
    - i. attention w/ diligence, Prov 8:34
    - ii. preparation, 1 Pet 2:1-2
    - iii. prayer, Psa 119:18
    - iv. receive w/ faith, Heb 4:2
    - v. receive w/ love, 1 Thess 2:9-10
    - vi. keep in heart, Psa 119:11
    - vii. practice in lives, Heb 4:2; Jas 1:25
    - viii. exalting Christ above all, Psa 40:7-8; John 5:39

#### 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

**A72.** The Spirit makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convicting & converting sinners, & of building them up in holiness & comfort through faith to salvation.

**A73.** That the Word may become powerful & effective to salvation, we must give attention to it with diligence, preparation, & prayer, receive it with faith & love, lay it up into our hearts, & practice it in our lives.

## QUOTE of the WEEK

*“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered.” —Joel ii. 32*

I know what the Pharisees will say— “If you preach this, men will go on in sin.” It has always been so, that the great mercy of God has been turned by some into a reason for continuing in sin; but God (and this is the wonder of it) has never restricted his mercy because of that. It must have been a terrible provocation of Almighty grace when men have perverted his mercy into an excuse for sin, but the Lord has never even taken the edges off from his mercy because men have misused it: he has still made it stand out bright and clear: “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Still he cries, “Turn and live.” “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Undimmed is that brave sun that shineth on the foulest dunghills of vice. Trust Christ, and live. Call upon the name of the Lord, and you shall be pardoned; yea, you shall be rescued from the bondage of your sin, and be made a new creature, a child of God, a member of the family of his grace. The most afflicted, and the most afflicted by sin, are met with by this gracious promise, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Yes, but there were some, according to Joel, *who had the Spirit of God poured out upon them*. What about them? Were they saved by that? Oh no! Those who had the Spirit of God so that they dreamed dreams and saw visions, yet had to come to the palace of mercy by this same gate of believing prayer— “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Ah, poor souls! you say, to yourselves, “if we were deacons of churches, if we were pastors, oh, then we should be saved!” You do not know anything about it: church officers are no more saved by their office than you are by being without office. We owe nothing to our official position in this matter of salvation: in fact, we may owe our damnation to our official standing unless we look well to our ways. We have no preference over you plain folks. I do assure you, I am quite happy to take your hand, whoever you may be, and come to Christ on the same footing as yourself. [*emphasis in original*]

“The Free Grace Promise” from the text, Joel 2:32  
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by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon** (1834-1892)

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

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<b>FAMILY READINGS</b>			<b>PRIVATE READINGS</b>	
Num. 12-13	Psalms 49	<b>5</b>	Isaiah 2	Hebrews 10
Numbers 14	Psalms 50	<b>6</b>	Isaiah 3-4	Hebrews 11
Numbers 15	Psalms 51	<b>7</b>	Isaiah 5	Hebrews 12
Numbers 16	Psalms 52-54	<b>8</b>	Isaiah 6	Hebrews 13
Num. 17-18	Psalms 55	<b>9</b>	Isaiah 7	James 1
Numbers 19	Psalms 56-57	<b>10</b>	Isaiah 8:1-9:7	James 2
Numbers 20	Psalms 58-59	<b>11</b>	Isa. 9:8-10:4	James 3
Numbers 21	Psalms 60-61	<b>12</b>	Isaiah 10:5	James 4

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