

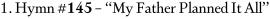
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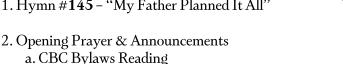
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 36:1-23

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 Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible.

TODAY'S SERVICE

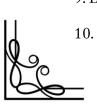




- 3. Hymn #147 "This Is My Father's World"
- 4. Hymn #49 "Praise Ye Jehovah"
- 5. Hymn #79 "To God Be the Glory"
- 6. Reading: Brother Wyatt D.
- 7. **Message**: "The Gospel According to Cyrus"
- 8. Hymn #63 "Let All Things Now Living"
- 9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Service Holy War #76; Ecclesiastes 5:13-17





The Gospel According to Cyrus

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has charged me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up."

2 CHRONICLES 36:23, ESV

I. the Breakdown of Chapter Thirty-Six

- A. the Deposing of Jehoahaz by Neco, vv1-4
- B. the Dethroning of Jehoiakim by Nebuchadnezzer, vv5-8
- C. the Detaining of Jehoiachin by Nebuchadnezzer, vv9-10
- D. the Decline of Jerusalem under Zedekiah, vv11-16
- E. the Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzer, vv17-21
- F. the Decree of Cyrus to Rebuild God's House, vv22-23

II. the Blessings Emphasized from Our Text

A. Prophetic Illustration

- 1. the corruption of man
- 2. the patience of God
- 3. the just judgment of God
- 4. the mercy of God
- 5. the sovereign grace of God

B. Personal Application

- 1. God's judgment is coming.
- 2. God is not mocked.
- 3. God has promised the only Way of escape.

QUOTE of the WEEK

WHEN the old Puritan minister had delivered his discourse, and dwelt upon firstly, and secondly, and thirdly, and perhaps upon twenty-fifthly, before he sat down he usually gave a comprehensive summary of all that he had spoken. Every one who carefully noted the summary would carry away the essence of the sermon. The summary was always looked upon by the Puritan hearer as one of the most valuable helps to memory, and consequently a most important part of the discourse. In these five words the spouse here gives you her summary. She had delivered a tenfold discourse concerning her Lord; she had described in detail all his various beauties, and when she had surveyed him from head to foot, she gathered up all her commendations in this sentence: "Yea, he is altogether lovely." Remember these words, and know their meaning, and you possess the quintessence of the spouse's portion of the Song of Songs. Now, as in this allegorical song, the bride sums up her witness in these words, so may I say that all the patriarchs, all the prophets, all the apostles, all the confessors, yea, and the entire body of the church have left us no other testimony. They all spoke of Christ, and they all commended him. Whatever the type, or symbol, or obscure oracle, or open word in which they bore witness, that witness all amounted to this: "Yea, He is altogether lovely." Yes, and I will add, that since the canon of inspiration has closed, the testimony of all saints, on earth and in heaven, has continued to confirm the declaration made of old. The verdict of each particular saint and of the whole elect host as a body, still is this, "Yea, he is altogether lovely." From the sighs and the songs which mingle on the dying beds of saints, I hear this note supreme above all others, "He is altogether lovely;" and from the songs unmingled with groans, which perpetually peal forth from immortal tongues before the presence of the Most High, I hear this one master note. "Yea, he is altogether lovely." If the whole church desired to say with the apostle, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum," she need not wait for a brief and comprehensive summary, for it lies before her in this golden sentence, "Yea, he is altogether lovely." [EMPHASIS IN ORIGINAL]

"Altogether Lovely" from the text, Song of Solomon 5:16 a sermon delivered on July 23rd, 1871 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 17, Sermon No. 1,001

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Judges 6	Acts 10	23	Jeremiah 19	Mark 5
Judges 7	Acts 11	24	Jeremiah 20	Mark 6
Judges 8	Acts 12	25	Jeremiah 21	Mark 7
Judges 9	Acts 13	26	Jeremiah 22	Mark 8
Jud. 10-11:11	Acts 14	27	Jeremiah 23	Mark 9
Jud. 11:12-40	Acts 15	28	Jeremiah 24	Mark 10
Judges 12	Acts 16	29	Jeremiah 25	Mark 11
Judges 13	Acts 17	30	Jeremiah 26	Mark 12

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