



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

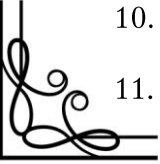
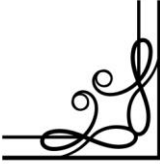
Ezra 10:1-44

*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 Ezra, the 15th book of the Bible.*



### TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #**38** - "Blessed Be the Name"
  2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
  3. Hymn #**94** - "Mercies Anew"
  4. Hymn #**150**- "He Lifted Me"
  5. Hymn #**450** - "O to Be Like Thee"
  6. Reading: **Pastor Jon Cardwell**
  7. **Message:** "Do Not Be Unequally Yoked" (Part Two)
  8. Hymn #**464** - "Lord, Be Glorified"
  9. Benediction
  10. Special Meeting
  11. Evening Service - 6 p.m.
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## DO NOT BE UNEQUALLY YOKED, Part Two

*And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have broken faith and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. <sup>11</sup>Now then make confession to the LORD, the God of your fathers and do His will. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives." EZRA 10:10-11, 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

### II. *the* BREAKDOWN of *the* CHAPTER

- A. Proposal of Shecaniah, vv1-5
- B. Proclamation for People to Assemble, vv6-8
- C. Putting Away *the* Foreign Wives, vv9-17
- D. Priests & Levites Who *had* Married Foreign Women, vv18-44

### III. *the* BLESSINGS EMPHASIZED from OUR TEXT

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?*

**2 CORINTHIANS 6:14, ESV**

#### A. *the* Problem & Prescription

- 1. *broken faith*
- 2. *married foreign women*
- 3. *increased Israel's guilt*
- 4. *make confession*
- 5. *Separate*

#### B. *the* Practical Gospel Implications

- 1. marriage & divorce
- 2. majesty, devotion & duty

#### C. *the* Personal Applications

- 1. Are you faced with decisions requiring action?
- 2. Have you broken faith with Christ?
- 3. Are you a person of faith?

#### Book of Ezra

National Restoration

under Zerubbabel

Return to Land, 1-2

Rebuilding *the* Temple, 3

Resisting *the* Enemy, 4-6

Spiritual Reformation

under Ezra

Ezra Comes to *the* Land, 7-8

Ezra Confesses Sins, 9

Ezra Cleanses Nation, 10

## QUOTE of the WEEK

About us are a thousand things *entangling*. This world is very much like the pools we have heard of in India, in which grows a long grass of so clinging a character that, if a man once falls into the water, it is almost certain to be his death, for only with the utmost difficulty could he be rescued from the meshes of the deadly, weedy net, which immediately wraps itself around him. This world is even thus entangling. All the efforts of grace are needed to preserve men from being ensnared with the deceitfulness of riches and the cares of this life. The ledger demands you, the day-book wants you, the shop requires you, the warehouse bell rings for you; the theater invites, the ball-room calls: you must live, you say, and you must have a little enjoyment, and, consequently, you give your heart to the world. These things, I say, are very entangling; but we must be disentangled from them, for we cannot afford to lose our souls. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" If a ship is going down, and a passenger has his gold in a bag about him, and he has upon him a costly cloak, see how he acts. Off goes the garment when he knows that he cannot possibly swim with it upon him. No matter though it be lined with miniver and be made of costliest stuff, off he throws it; and, as for his bags of treasure, with many a regret he flings them down upon the deck, for his life is dearer than they. If he may but save his life, he is willing to lose all besides. Oh, sirs! for the one thing needful, all entangling things must be given up. You must lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset you, if by any means the one thing needful may be yours.

There are many things very *puzzling*, and some people have a strange delight in being bewildered. It is astonishing the many letters I receive and interviews I am asked to give, in order to adjust in people's minds the doctrine of predestination and the fact of free agency; and equally remarkable is the way in which young people, and old people too, will pick out extremely difficult texts, perhaps relating to the Second Advent, or to the battle of Armageddon, and they must needs have these opened up to them before they will believe the gospel. I think it utterly useless to begin upon such things with those who are unsaved. One thing is needful, sir, and that is by no means a puzzling matter; it is plainly this, that thou submit thyself so Jesus. Christ and sit at his feet. That is needful: as for the doctrines of election and the second advent, they are important, but they are neither the most essential nor the most pressing. The one thing needful for a seeking soul is that it receive Jesus and become submissive to him, sitting as a disciple at his feet and as a servant doing his will. [*emphasis in original*]

"The One Thing Needful" from the text, Luke 10:42

a sermon delivered on October 15th, 1871

by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

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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>	
1 Kings 18	1 Thess. 1	<b>15</b>	Ezekiel 48	Psalms 104
1 Kings 19	1 Thess. 2	<b>16</b>	Daniel 1	Psalms 105
1 Kings 20	1 Thess. 3	<b>17</b>	Daniel 2	Psalms 106
1 Kings 21	1 Thess. 4	<b>18</b>	Daniel 3	Psalms 107
1 Kings 22	1 Thess. 5	<b>19</b>	Daniel 4	Ps. 108-109
2 Kings 1	2 Thess. 1	<b>20</b>	Daniel 5	Ps. 110-111
2 Kings 2	2 Thess. 2	<b>21</b>	Daniel 6	Ps. 112-113
2 Kings 3	2 Thess. 3	<b>22</b>	Daniel 7	Ps. 114-115

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