

JANUARY 9TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 3:1-24

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 First Chronicles, the 13th book of the Bible.



TODAY'S SERVICE



- Hymn #9 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #10 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- 4. Hymn #28 "How Great Thou Art"
- 5. Hymn #387 "Because He Lives"
- 6. Reading: Brother Teagun Quinlan
- 7. Message: "The Clarity of Christ"
- 8. Hymn #264 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
- 9. Benediction
- Sunday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.
 Holy War #32 & John 18





The CLARITY of CHRIST

and the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei; 1 Chronicles 3:19, ESV

I. HISTORICAL EXPLANATION OF THE CHAPTER

Reminder of Chronicles Summary דברי הימים

- 1. authorship Ezra? (516-456 BC)
- 2. ancestry & perspectives

Royal Lineage of David

1. sons of David born in Hebron & Jerusalem, vv1-9

Royal Lineage of Solomon

1. sons of David through Solomon, vv10-16

Returning Exiles from Captivity

1. sons of David through Jeconiah, vv17-24

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QUOTE NOTE: "Light not only exposes the darkness; it shows and provides the only way out of the darkness."¹

II. HOLY APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

Zerubbabel: A Captive Son's Life & Lord

- 1. royal lineage, 1 Chr 3:19
 - a. the Son of David, Rom 1:3
- 2. returning exiles, Ezra 2:1-2
 - a. led a host of captives, Eph 4:8; Luke 4:18
- 3. restored government, Hag 2:21; Zech 4:6
 - a. upon Christ's shoulder, Isa 9:6-7; Col 1:18
- 4. rebuilt temple, Zech 4:9
 - a. Christ builds His church, 1 Cor 3:16; Matt 16:18
- 5. riches of gospel in his name
 - a. זרבבל flowing away from chaos, confusion, darkness
 - b. salvation in Christ, 1 Pet 2:9

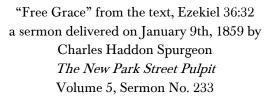
Are You a Captive Son?

- 1. light for those seasoned with years
- 2. lessons for those still boasting physical youth
- 3. life for those sadly unyielding or seeking to yield

¹ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, Wm. Eerdman's Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI; 1959, pg. 168

QUOTE of the WEEK

THERE are two sins of man that are bred in the bone, and that continually come out in the flesh. One is self-dependence and the other is selfexaltation. It is very hard, even for the best of men, to keep themselves from the first error. The holiest of Christians, and those who understand best the gospel of Christ, find in themselves a constant inclination to look to the power of the creature, instead of looking to the power of God and the power of God alone. Over and over again, Holy Scripture has to remind us of that which we never ought to forget, that salvation is God's work from first to last, and is not of man, neither by man. But so it is, this old error—that we are to save ourselves, or that we are to do something in the matter of salvation— always rises up, and we find ourselves continually tempted by it to step aside from the simplicity of our faith in the power of the Lord our God. Why, even Abraham himself was not free from the great error of relying upon his own strength. God had promised to him that he would give him a son- Isaac, the child of promise. Abraham believed it, but at last, weary with waiting, he adopted the carnal expedient of taking to himself Hagar, to wife, and he fancied that Ishmael would most certainly be the fulfillment of God's promise; but instead of Ishmael's helping to fulfill the promise, he brought sorrow unto Abraham's heart, for God would not have it that Ishmael should dwell with Isaac.... Do we not read that it grieved Abraham's heart to send Ishmael away? Ah! and many a Christian has been grieved by those works of nature which he accomplished with the design of helping the God of grace.... That error, then, I say is in our bone, and will always dwell with us, and hence it is that the words of the text are put as an antidote against that error. It is distinctly stated in our text that salvation is of God. "Not for your sakes do I this." He says nothing about what we have done or can do. All the preceding and all the succeeding verses speak of what God does. "I will take you from among the heathen." "I will sprinkle clean water upon you." "I will give you a new heart." "I will put my Spirit within you." It is all of God: therefore, again recall to our recollection this doctrine, and give up all dependence upon our own strength and power.





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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Genesis 9-10	Matthew 9	9	Ezra 9	Acts 9
Genesis 11	Matthew 10	10	Ezra 10	Acts 10
Genesis 12	Matthew 11	11	Nehemiah 1	Acts 11
Genesis 13	Matthew 12	12	Nehemiah 2	Acts 12
Genesis 14	Matthew 13	13	Nehemiah 3	Acts 13
Genesis 15	Matthew 14	14	Nehemiah 4	Acts 14
Genesis 16	Matthew 15	15	Nehemiah 5	Acts 15
Genesis 17	Matthew 16	16	Nehemiah 6	Acts 16

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