

JANUARY 30TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:1-66

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. We pause today from our regular reading for a special communion passage. We will resume our congregational reading in 1 Chronicles 6 next week.

TODAY'S SERVICE



- 1. Hymn **#74** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements a. membership admittance
- 3. Hymn #102 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
- 4. Hymn #279 "His Robes for Mine"
- 5. Hymn #285 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
- 6. Reading: Brother Steve Klaich
- 7. Message: "The Cry that Tears, Shakes, Splits & Opens"
- 8. The Lord's Table
- 9. Hymn #313 "Near the Cross"
- 9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Bible Study – 6 p.m. Holy War #35 & John 19



The CRY that TEARS, SHAKES, SPLITS & OPENS

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. MATTHEW 5:25-26, ESV

I. PRESENTING CHRIST'S DEATH

The Calamity of Mankind

1. the wickedness of sinful man's heart, vv1-2

2. the waywardness of sinful man's head, vv11-14

The Crucifixion of Christ

- 1. the murder of Christ, vv24-26
- 2. the mocking of Christ, vv27-31, 39-44
- 3. the mutilation of Christ, vv45-47
- 4. the marvelous redemption of Christ, v50

The Cry of Christ

- 1. a separation removed, v51a
- 2. a world shaken, v51b
- 3. a hardness broken, v51c
- 4. a captivity liberated, vv52-53

QUOTE NOTE: "[The] reality of God is measured by the truthfulness of his speech, not by my grasp of his presence."¹

II. PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S DEATH

A Complete Proclamation

A Communing Proclamation

A Comforting Proclamation

¹ David Gibson, Living Life Backward, Crossway, Wheaton, IL; 2017, pg.89

QUOTE of the WEEK

Let this then be your basis idea of Christ— "he has redeemed us from the curse of the law." Indeed, in reference to Christ, we must regard his redemption as the basis of his triumphs and his glory— "the sufferings of Christ and the glory that shall follow." We cannot understand any work that he has performed unless we understand his vicarious sacrifice. Christ is a lock without a key, he is a labyrinth without a clue, until you know him as the Redeemer. You have spilt the letters on the floor, and you cannot make out the character of the Wonderful till first you have learned to spell the words— atonement by blood. This is the deepest joy of earth and the grandest song in heaven. "For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood."

I beg you to observe, in connection with our text, that as the foundation of the Tabernacle was very valuable, so our Lord Jesus as our Redeemer is *exceedingly precious to us.* His redemption is made with his precious blood. The redemption money was of pure and precious metal, a metal that does not lose weight in the fire. "The redemption of the soul is precious." What a redemption price hath Christ given for us; yea, what a redemption price he is! Well did Peter say, "Unto you that believe he is precious": silver and gold are not to be mentioned in comparison with him. To me it is very instructive that the Israelites should have been redeemed with silver in the form of half-shekels. because there are many who say, "These old-fashioned divines believe in the mercantile idea of the atonement." Exactly so: we always did and always shall use a metaphor which is so expressive as to be abhorred by the enemies of the truth. The mercantile idea of the atonement is the Biblical idea of the atonement. These people were redeemed, not with lumps of uncoined silver, but with money used in commerce. Paul saith "Ye are not your own: ye are bought" -listen-"with a price" - to give us the mercantile idea beyond all question. "Bought with a price" is doubly mercantile. What say you to this, ye wise refiners, who would refine the meaning out of the word of the Lord? Such persons merely use this expression about the "mercantile idea" as a cheap piece of mockery, because in their hearts they hate atonement altogether, and the idea of substitution and explation by vicarious sacrifice is abhorrent to them. Therefore hath the Lord made it so plain, so manifest that they may stumble at this stumbling-stone, "whereunto also," methinks, as Peter saith, "they were appointed." To us, at any rate, the redemption price which is the foundation of all is exceedingly precious. [emphasis in original]



"Sliver Sockets: or, Redemption the Foundation" from the texts, Exodus 30:11-16; 38:26-27 a sermon delivered on January 30th, 1881 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* Volume 27, Sermon No. 1,581



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

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
2 Kings 13	2 Timothy 3	31	Hosea 5-6	Ps. 119:145-176
2 Kings 14	2 Timothy 4	1	Hosea 7	Ps. 120-122
2 Kings 15	Titus 1	2	Hosea 8	Ps. 123-125
2 Kings 16	Titus 2	3	Hosea 9	Ps. 126-128
2 Kings 17	Titus 3	4	Hosea 10	Ps. 129-131
2 Kings 18	Philemon	5	Hosea 11	Ps. 132-134
2 Kings 19	Hebrews 1	6	Hosea 12	Ps. 135-136
2 Kings 20	Hebrews 2	7	Hosea 13	Ps. 137-138

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