

# **AUGUST 7TH, 2022**

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 25:1-31

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**

- 1. Hymn #11 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #27 "O Worship the King"
- 4. Hymn #28 "How Great Thou Art"
- 5. Hymn #49 "Praise Ye Jehovah"
- 6. Reading: Brother James Knox
- 7. Message: "The Precious, Powerful Privilege of Praising Christ"
- 8. Hymn #79 "To God Be the Glory"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Fellowship Meal (no evening Bible study tonight)



# The PRECIOUS, POWERFUL PRIVILEGE of PRAISING CHRIST

All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer, according to the promise of God to exalt Him, for God had given Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. They were all under the direction of their father in the music in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king. 1 Chronicles 25:5-6, ESV

## I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

A. The Word to David from the Lord	1 Chr 17
B. The Warfare of David in the Lord	1 Chr 18
C. The Wickedness Against David	1 Chr 19
D. The Wars' Rewards & Repetition	1 Chr 20
E. The Worldly Arrogance of David	1 Chr 21
F. The Wonderful Counsel of David	1 Chr 22
G. The Works of David's Last Days	1 Chr 23-29
1. organizing the Levites	ch.23
2. organizing the priests	ch.24
3. organizing the musicians	ch.25
4. organizing the gatekeepers & officials	ch.26
5. organizing the military & tribal leaders	ch.27
6. official charge to Israel & to Solomon	ch.28
7. offerings to the LORD & final prayer	ch.29

## II. BLESSINGS & APPLICATION FROM OUR TEXT

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. COLOSSIANS 3:16, ESV

# A. Prophetic Truths from Our Text

- 1. faithful inspiration (holy revelation)
- 2. fearful exaltation (holy reverence)
- 3. family participation (holy responsibility)
- 4. festive ministration (holy resolve)

# **B. Powerful Truth for Our Testimonies**, Col 3:16

- 1. exalting Christ to glorify God
- 2. exhorting one another in Christ
  - a. edification (teaching)
  - b. admonition (correction) Gk. νουθετουντες (nou-the-TOUN-tes)
- 3. expressions in harmonious words
- 4. essence of true faith (thanksgiving)

## **QUOTE** of the WEEK

Saints and sinners, too, would find it greatly to their benefit if they said, "Bring me a minstrel." This is the world's cry whenever it is merry, and filled with wine. The art of music has been prostituted to the service of Satan. Charles Wesley well said, -

"Listed into the cause of sin,
Why should a good be evil?
Music, alas! too long has been
Press'd to obey the devil.
Drunken, or lewd, or light, the lay
Flow'd to the soul's undoing;
Widen'd, and strew'd with flowers the way
Down to eternal ruin."

It is for us to use singing in the service of God, and to make a conquest of it for our Redeemer. Worldlings want the minstrel to excite them; we want him to calm our hearts and still our spirits. That is his use to us, and we shall do well to employ the harper to that end.

Let us give instances: I will suppose that this morning you were thinking about coming up to the assembly of God's people, and you felt hardly up to the mark. It would have been wise to do as I did this morning. I read at family prayer the eighty-fourth Psalm, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God."

What a sweet piece of Sabbath minstrelsy it is! How often have we been quieted and prepared for sanctuary worship by Psalm cxxii: —

"How did my heart rejoice to hear My friends devoutly say, 'In Zion let us all appear And keep thy holy day!"

When the house is full of trouble, and your heart is bowed down, is it not well to say— "Bring me a minstrel, and let him sing to me the twenty-seventh Psalm. 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." You need not confine the harper to that one strain; for David has written many psalms for burdened hearts. It is wonderful what provision God has made of sacred minstrels to play us up out of the depths into the heights if we will but make a right use of them.

"The Minstrel" from the text, 2 Kings 3:15 a sermon delivered on August 7th, 1881 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 27, Sermon No. 1,612

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FAMILY READINGS		PRIVATE READINGS		
Judges 21	Acts 25	7	Jeremiah 35	Psalms 7-8
Ruth 1	Acts 26	8	Jer. 36-45	Psalms 9
Ruth 2	Acts 27	9	Jeremiah 37	Psalms 10
Ruth 3-4	Acts 28	10	Jeremiah 38	Psalms 11-12
1 Samuel 1	Romans 1	11	Jeremiah 39	Psalms 13-14
1 Samuel 2	Romans 2	12	Jeremiah 40	Psalms 15-16
1 Samuel 3	Romans 3	13	Jeremiah 41	Psalms 17
1 Samuel 4	Romans 4	14	Jeremiah 42	Psalms 18

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