

AUGUST 28TH, 2022

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 28:1-21

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 #398 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #429 "May the Lord Find Us Faithful"
- 4. Hymn #475 "Living for Jesus"
- 5. Hymn #**513** "Speak, O Lord"
- 6. Reading: Brother Steve Klaich
- 7. Message: "Be Strong, Courageous, and Do It"
- 8. Hymn #670 "Be Strong in the Lord"
- 9. Benediction
- Sunday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.
 Holy War #51; Epistle of James





BE STRONG, COURAGEOUS, and DO IT

Strength and Courage to Carry Our Stewardship's Call

Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished. 1 CHRONICLES 28:20, ESV

I. BACKGROUND FOR OUR CHAPTER

| A. The Works of David's Last Days | 1 Chr 23-29 |
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| 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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **EPHESIANS 6:10,** ESV

A. A Model of Authority in David's Charge

- 1. David, the king
- 2. David, the father

B. A Mighty Stewardship in Authority's Gospel Applications

- 1. husbands & wives, Eph 5:22-33
- 2. parents & children, Eph 6:1-4
- 3. masters & bondservants, Eph 6:5-9

C. A Miraculous Empowerment by Sovereign Grace

- 1. the will of God in Christ, Isa 53:10a
- 2. Be strong and courageous... 1 Chr 28:20a; Eph 6:10
 - a. "strong" חזק (cha-ZAK) to fasten upon, hence to seize
 - b. "courageous" אמץ (a-MATZ) to be alert (physically on foot)
 - i. Do not be afraid [or] be dismayed, 1 Chr 28:20b; John 16:33
 - ii. for the Lord God... is with you, 1 Chr 28:20b; Heb 13:5
- 3. and do it...
 - a. "do" אשה (a-SAH) to do, to make, or to execute
 - i. until all the work for the service... is finished, 1 Chr 28:20c; Jas 2:12
 - ii. until all the work... of the LORD is finished, 1 Chr 28:20d; Phil 1:6

QUOTE of the WEEK

Our best friend is not dead, our great patron and helper, our omnipotent Saviour, is not lying in the tomb to-day. He lives, he ever lives. No sound of greater gladness can be heard in the Christian church than this: "The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed!" Now, brethren, observe the connection between a risen Saviour and our living hope. Jesus Christ died, not in appearance, but in reality; in proof whereof, his heart was pierced by the soldier's spear. He was laid in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, truly a corpse. Not a spark of life remained. The only difference between his dead body and the dead body of any other was that still the preserving power hovered over him, and as his body had been defiled by no sin, so his flesh could not see corruption, as it would have done had it been the body of a sinful man. Then, at the end of the appointed time, the same Saviour who was laid in the tomb rose from the dead, not in secrecy, but before the Roman guards who watched the sepulchre. They fled in terror. He met his disciples—sometimes one by one, sometimes two at a time; on other occasions, four hundred at once saw him, credible witnesses, persons who had no reason for forging a falsehood, persons who so believed that they saw him that many of them died for their belief the most painful deaths. He rose, not in phantasy and figure, but in reality; for one of the witnesses put his finger into the print of the nails, and thrust his hand into his side; and in the presence of his assembled disciples, the risen one ate a piece of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb. He really and literally rose from the dead- the self-same Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary, who suffered under Pontius Pilate, and afterwards ascended into heaven. That fact is as well proved as any fact in human history. There never, perhaps, was any incident of human history more fully verified than the rising of Jesus of Nazareth from the tomb. Now, note ve well the comfort which arises out of this fact, since it proves that we possess a living advocate, mediator and high priest, who has passed into the heavens. Moreover, since all believers, being partakers of the incorruptible life of God are one with Jesus Christ, that which happens to him virtually happens to them. They died in his death, they live in his life, they reign in his glory. As in Adam all die who were in Adam, so in Christ shall all be made alive who are in Christ: the two Adams head up their dispensations; whatsoever happeneth to either of the Adams, happeneth to those represented by him. So, then, the resurrection of Jesus is virtually my resurrection. Were he dead still, then might I fear, nay know, that I, dying, should die; but he, having died, arose again in due season and liveth; therefore I, dying, shall also rise and live, for as Jesus is so must I be. If I have within me the new life, I have the same life in me that is in Christ, and the same thing happeneth to me as happeneth to Christ; if his life dieth, mine, being the same, dieth also; but, as he hath said, "Because I live, ye shall live also," my life is secure. Here, then, is the top and bottom of the Christian's hope: "We are begotten again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." As we see him alive, we rejoice that he liveth, because he liveth for us, and we live in him. [emphasis in the original]

"A String of Pearls" from the text, 1 Peter 1:3-5 a sermon delivered on August 28th, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume 16, Sermon No. 948

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| FAMILY READINGS | | | PRIVATE READINGS | |
|-----------------|----------|----|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Samuel 20 | 1 Cor. 2 | 28 | Lament. 5 | Psalms 36 |
| 1 Sam. 21-22 | 1 Cor. 3 | 29 | Ezekiel 1 | Psalms 37 |
| 1 Samuel 23 | 1 Cor. 4 | 30 | Ezekiel 2 | Psalms 38 |
| 1 Samuel 24 | 1 Cor. 5 | 31 | Ezekiel 3 | Psalms 39 |
| 1 Samuel 25 | 1 Cor. 6 | 1 | Ezekiel 4 | Psalms 40-41 |
| 1 Samuel 26 | 1 Cor. 7 | 2 | Ezekiel 5 | Psalms 42-43 |
| 1 Samuel 27 | 1 Cor. 8 | 3 | Ezekiel 6 | Psalms 44 |
| 1 Samuel 28 | 1 Cor. 9 | 4 | Ezekiel 7 | Psalms 45 |

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