



DATE: 28 April 2024 PM
TEXT: 1 Chronicles 26:18
TITLE: Fateful

adjective: having far-reaching consequences

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalms 84:10

INTRODUCTION

- in Sunday School, we are studying the important doctrine known as Bibliology:

The individual words of Scripture are inspired, not just the concepts or ideas that lie behind the words

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

- in order to tie our services together, I want to preach as my text tonight, **THE MOST IMPORTANT VERSE IN THE BIBLE**

1 Chronicles 26:18

At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

- now, this is one of the most obscure verses in the Bible, but every word of God is pure, right?

all of the words of scripture are inspired, right?

so what can we learn from this verse?

why has it been included for us to read?

- the context of the verse is again found in the Temple that Solomon built

David had organized the services of the Temple and set up musicians and singers

he had written the song book

there were over 38,000 people involved in the service of the Temple

see **1 Chronicles 23:5**

our text in particular concerns the **PORTERS** of the Temple...the gatekeepers, if you will

two were stationed at the gate called Parbar and four more were stationed along the causeway approaching the gate

in fact, there were 4,000 porters

and their job was to stand at the gates of the Temple and keep an eye on those who entered

Psalm 24:3-4

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

understand that access to holiness is a privilege...not just anybody can come close to the holiness of God

and yet, **Hebrews 4:16** says we should come boldly before the throne of grace

and here's something even more interesting: the gatekeepers were chosen from among the descendants of **KORAH**...see **Numbers 16**

1 Chronicles 9:19

I. EVERY BELIEVER HAS A JOB

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should
shew forth the praises of him who hath called you
out of darkness into his marvelous light:

in the **OT**, Levites were the priests

in the **NT**, all believers are priests

sadly, the average church sees 20%
of the people doing 80% of the work

that goes for giving, too

and a majority of people attend,
but never commit to membership

Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together
and compacted by that which every joint supplieth,
according to the effectual working in the measure of
every part, maketh increase of the body unto the
edifying of itself in love.

2. EVERY JOB IS IMPORTANT

2 Chronicles 35:15

And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

to be a guard at Parbar was just as important as any other gate or district

in fact, the Levites counted on them to be there and do their job correctly

to not show up for duty could result in all sorts of punishment...even death

Paul likened the church to the human body and went to great lengths to teach its membership

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

3. EVERY BELIEVER IS QUALIFIED

1 Chronicles 26:4-8

FRUITFUL verses 4-5

John 15:8 that ye bear much fruit

FEARLESS verse 6

2 Timothy 1:7 fear...power, love...

FAITHFUL verse 7

Galatians 6:9 not be weary...

EFFECTUAL verse 8

Ephesians 3:7

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.