

**SermonIndex Announcements :: Old Puritan Readings by Paul West****Old Puritan Readings by Paul West - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/12/19 0:28**

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Saints,

I have gotten up some old puritan readings by Paul West. This is the beta stages of a project at sermonindex that we are praying about developing, a good repository and podcast of puritan readings (small devotional clips).

I would love to hear what you think about these readings so far, for the future readings we will probably try to utilize a professional sound recording system for the voice enhancement, even though brother paul west has done a tremendous job with laymans tools and voice recorders.

**What a Monster! - Charles Spurgeon (read by Paul West)**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=16302&commentView=itemComments>

**I Saw One Hanging on a Tree - John Newton (read by Paul West)**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=16303&commentView=itemComments>

**Why Christ Offends Men - Charles Spurgeon (read by Paul West)**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=16304&commentView=itemComments>

**Re: Old Puritan Readings by Paul West - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/12/19 3:10**

This is wonderful! this makes me "jump for joy", Brother Paul does a good job to, for me this quality is good enough, it is better then some of the other audio readings out there. Looking forward to some more!

God bless you

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/19 8:12**

Terrific idea.

Hoorah for your unction and effort to do this. In the past year I've become a fan of the podcast...in many ways it has the portability of radio but more permanence.

If I may suggest, you might consider lengthening these just a bit more. I found that my no sooner was my mind getting settled into the devotional stream that the podcast was over without warning!

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Excellent job gents. I believe there is much potential in this idea.

MC

(edit: I've just seen the packaging treatment you've given the Revival Conference podcast. Once again, your doing a first rate job Greg. Take my comments regarding the beta of this new podcast with a grain of salt then...you are probably 10 steps ahead of what you've shown us so far.)

**Re: Old Puritan Readings by Paul West - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/12/19 8:24**

Great Idea!!!  
((Can we get a peek at the to-do list.))  
Thanks Again

**Re: Old Puritan Readings by Paul West - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/19 8:34**

Ah! Tremendous!

Just seeing this put such a broad smile upon my face ... This is not the first time I have heard our brother speaking and what was first noticed was the often unfortunate manner of some audio books, perhaps through no real fault or intent of their own, but they are often a read in a very deadpan or just straight ... seemingly lifeless way.

But this is no dry reading! We could almost turn this title around a bit to say;

"Readings by an Old Puritan Heart, Paul West" ;-)

Greatly looking forward to this ... What a grand idea and undertaking, Praise God!

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/19 8:42**

Quote:  
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This is true. :-)

**Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/12/19 8:44**

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a Tree ),  
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**Re: An Old Puritan heart - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/19 9:39**

Like your suggestions MC and am unashamedly jumping the gun here a bit, my reaction was the same as Christians (hmmhmm) my heart 'jumped for joy' just to see this. Timing couldn't have been better as I have a drive up into the city today and will be able to draw off all of this marrow.

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:-) Love Max, one of the best Christmas gifts I ever received, his reading of the scriptures.

As MC noted, 'unction' that profound expression, not something that can be worked up but that which cut's through. I am certainly with you being more fond of the 'grass root-ness' of SI and probably a bit too fussy about it at times, can see w here some more depth (thinking stereo wise or in equalization) would give this all .. well a bit more *depth* in sound.

The content hasn't even been touched on yet, looking forward to it.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/12/19 10:25**

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Excellent suggestions.

**Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/12/20 9:34**

Bump

**An Old Puritan Heart - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/20 9:54**

Too short! ;-)

Perhaps that is a challenge just as much as we might have with longer messages or even articles here. They are succinct though, can only see this developing into a greater ministering to whomever has ears to hear.

Would like to take this opportunity to suggest listening to this message that I am so glad to see has been made available;

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid16033>) The Purpose of Trials

Due to some malfunctions had an abrupted version and was finally able to hear it in it's entirety yesterday. I recommend this to all, true to spiritual experience I am sure many will find and to others, perhaps newer to this transposed life, a very good primer on what one can expect.

*Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 1Pe 3:8*

**Re: An Old Puritan Heart - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/12/20 10:46**

Brother Mike, thank you for your glowing recommendations and support. I am just as excited as everyone else here, I look forward to reading more and more of these nuggets by God's grace. And perhaps they should be a bit longer! Let's all come into agreement and pray that God will iron out all the wrinkles and multiply these humble bits of bread and fishes into a hearty feast for multitudes.

Thank you also for linking that message on trials. If anyone is interested, I just put up a new message on my blog. I preached it last night at my church, and I'm not quite sure how well it was received. I offer it here on SermonIndex with meekness, with the prayer that God use it to strike a chord of sobriety in us all:

(<http://audio.xanga.com/PFWest/898041683520/audio.html>) Unsuitable Brides for God's High Priest

I plan on sending more Puritan audio readings to brother Greg over the weekend, when I have time after work to do so. And I'll try to clean up the audio a bit myself, and keep the mic at a safe distance!

:-)

Brother Paul

**PODCASTing - posted by HIServant (), on: 2007/12/20 19:59**

I am thankful that there's collaboration on the podcasting! I am educated looking at your suggestions! Thanks!

**Re: PODCASTing - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/12/22 14:06**

Brothers and Sisters,

keep praying for this podcast. I have taken steps to have a brother for around \$50-100 create a professional intro and outro. For the podcast. Brother Paul West might be as God enables to go to a studio to record some sound bytes. I am excited at what this is becoming for God's glory.

Later on I hope to get some speakers such as Don Currin, Roger Ellsworth, John Piper and many more on board to read these.

Oh how we need these puritan gems in our day.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/12/22 14:42**

Dear brethren,

Pray that God's wisdom be shed abroad in the heart of Brother Greg and my own concerning this undertaking. I need guidance and counsel and instruction with the studio. I've never been to a recording studio for something like this, I don't know how to start or what to do, but I trust in God. God's will be done, and I'll comply to whatever the Lord wants.

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/12/22 15:48**

I will pray, I do have a great longing to see God turning this into a 365 day devotional. If it be his will.

however God leads, these writings are precious and I am grateful to have such a wonderful opportunity to take part in listening to these "gems". Looking forward to more of these

Christian

**Re: - posted by Tears\_of\_joy, on: 2007/12/22 15:49**

Brethren, this is very good, may the Lord guides you! I believe everything which is made with fear, much prayer and brokenness before Him, it will be used for a real edification of the Body.