

Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”

The book of Esther provides, a glimpse into the intricate design of the LORD’s predestination of every detail that occurs in the rescue and deliverance of a people which HE loved before HE created the world. HE shows us this by type and foreshadow as Esther, a lowly Jew, is raised by her adoptive father (Mordecai) and ultimately brought into the very palace of the King and made to be the queen in order to deliver her people from destruction. Vashti, the original queen was deposed from her office. Little would one have guessed at the time that her refusal to put herself on display at the King’s banquet was designed to make a place ready for the one who be the deliverer of the LORD’s people. She had no other purpose in her actions than to refuse the kings request to make herself a spectacle at his banquet. But GOD meant it for the benefit of HIS people.

Mordecai, a lowly Jew, taken into captivity as a young man by Nebuchadnezzar, had no idea that he would play a pivotal role in this deliverance. How could he have known that his pity upon the orphan child of his uncle would be that which would prepare a young woman to become the queen of a mighty nation and that seed of affection which he nurtured in her would be the very catalyst for her resolve?. But GOD meant it for the benefit of HIS people.

Esther, but an orphan child, could easily have been taken in by someone with nefarious designs. What power did she have to choose the one who would protect and nurture her? How came it so that she was endowed with such beauty and grace so as to outshine all of the fair maidens from across the land of Persia? She could not have known that her ability to please the King would result in deliverance. But GOD meant it for the benefit of HIS people.

Haman, a wicked man by any man’s standard, was raised up to hate the Jews and to despise his arch-nemesis Mordecai. He only acted according to the wicked desires of his heart in persuading the King to make a decree which would ensure the destruction of the Jews. Acting upon the same evil desire and encouraged by his friends, he built a gallows which he intended for the death of Mordecai. But GOD meant it for the benefit of HIS people.

A sleepless night, brought on perhaps by an overindulgence of food and drink, or just perhaps because of the cares of the day weighing heavily upon him, caused the king to read the chronicles of the kingdom, and he just “happened” to read the exact place that recorded the deeds of Mordecai, which he just “happened” to decide to honor. He simply meant it as a gesture of gratitude to a loyal subject. But GOD meant it for the benefit of HIS people.

When one looks at all of the these characters, how intertwined their lives are, and sees all of the events that transpired in each one’s life, how can he help but see the predestinating hand of GOD unless he is blinded by unbelief. How could all of these things just have “happened by coincidence”. . HE who created the earth for a purpose, ordains and controls all events that transpire in the earth to cause that purpose to come to pass. Now as glorious as it is to contemplate the constant unfolding of events that are continually occurring every day according to HIS predestined will, that in itself is not THE glory of HIS predestination. HE has revealed HIS predestination of all things to magnify the glory of HIS purpose in the creation of the world to set the stage for the manifestation of HIS grace revealed in the redemption of a people which HE has loved from the foundation of that world.

HE ordained the fall of Adam. GOD cannot be taken by surprise. As surely as HE created men with the ability to sin, HE marked out the very spot where that sin took place. Had there been no sin there would have been no salvation. Yet in all of this HE is unblameable and unreprouvable by the creature, for HE is absolutely HOLY. GOD will deliver HIS people.

HE ordained the DELIVERER. As Esther was fitted for her role so the LORD JESUS CHRIST was perfectly fitted for HIS. *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation.”*

HE ordained the deliverance. *“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight.”* Not only did the LORD JESUS die and rise again in our behalf but HE *“also did predestinate (us) to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”* HE is presently calling HIS own to HIMSELF. As surely as the LORD was mindful of the cries of captive Israel in Babylon, so HE is mindful of those “Israelites” who cry out to HIM for mercy in the present time. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Do you call upon HIM? HE turns none away who do.

“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net**