

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

The Psalmist writes, *“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”* Man’s natural religious bent is primarily only satisfied with results-oriented activity. Those who are carnal have no interest in being still before the LORD. In fact they view such “inactivity” as being a waste of time. They are more concerned with “doing” than “waiting”. We see a good illustration of this in the account of Mary and Martha. *“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

Martha was primarily concerned with “serving” her GUEST. But Mary desired to “wait” upon her GUEST and enjoy HIS presence and hear HIS word. The LORD did not rebuke Martha for her “activity” but HE made it clear that Mary’s desire was that which was eternal. *“For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* Carnal men cannot appreciate that which is spiritual anymore than they can produce that which is spiritual. We see the same thing demonstrated when the LORD dined at the house of Simon the Pharisee who had prepared a sumptuous banquet for the LORD, yet there came in an uninvited woman, who was “a sinner” who waited upon the LORD and bathed HIS feet with her tears and anointed HIS head with precious ointment. Some even criticized the woman, saying she had wasted such “precious ointment” when its value could have been used to “feed the poor”. But the LORD commended her.

Waiting for the LORD is synonymous with “worshipping” HIM. Nothing which men produce is “spiritual” nor can they instigate nor enhance true worship. Neither, will that which is truly spiritual appeal to the flesh. The LORD alone can give a man a desire to worship HIM and true worship alone can satisfy the hungry soul who is compelled to wait upon the LORD. *“The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”* The true child of GOD often finds himself seeking the LORD but finding HIM not. This stirs up an even greater desire in him to “wait for the LORD”. *“But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”*

The true child of GOD is compelled to “wait for the LORD”, even in his darkest hour because his “hope is in the LORD”. He has no desire or expectation of receiving help from any but that ONE in whom his soul delights. *“And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.”* The Psalmist said *“in HIS word do I hope”*. This is exactly what Peter confessed unto the LORD when he said, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. The sons of GOD are brought to believe the WORD of GOD. They find great comfort in the promises of GOD which are yea and amen. The gift of faith causes them to confess that “salvation is of the LORD”. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”* The salvation of the children of GOD is demonstrated as they wait for the LORD. *“Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”*

Our Jesus is the God of hope; He works it by his power;

It holds the weak believer up, In the distressing hour.

The darkest cloud hope pierces through, And waits upon the Lord,

Expects to prove that all is true Throughout the sacred word.

True hope looks out for blessing great; And, though they’re long delayed,

Yet hope’s determined still to wait, Until they are conveyed.

Hope long will wait, and wait again, And ne’er can give it up,

Till the blest Lamb, who once was slain, Appears the God of hope.

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