

Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

We live in a time when there is no lack of "preaching" and teaching about the Bible around us. One only has to turn on the TV or radio to easily find a number of stations solely dedicated to that very endeavor. Yet I believe we live in an age when it is difficult to find more than a handful of broadcasts that are solely dedicated to glorifying CHRIST alone. I have no desire to be critical or to pass judgment on other's motives, but am simply making a troubled observation. The age in which we live is one where "the gospel" is watered down and mixed with man's endeavor to become a concoction that cannot help ruined sinners, or it is somehow linked to the natural realm in which we live brimming with promises of health and wealth. We have a whole generation whose hurt has been healed slightly, they have peace and confidence without any substance, they have houses without foundations and riches without value.

When a man has a real illness he needs medicine that will actually remedy what ails him. If on the other hand, all that he wants is sympathy then all he needs to do is find a doctor that will tell him what he wants to hear and prescribe a cure which satisfies his desire. By and large, the preaching that we hear today is just like that. It does not get to the root of man's problem and therefore cannot prescribe the proper medicine or determine the dose needed. The malady of sin is a sickness unto death. It does not simply hinder men from entering into eternal life; it totally prevents them from even seeking out the only known remedy for its destructive power. There is only one known antidote for the awful effects which this terrible disease has caused. *"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of JESUS! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of JESUS! O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of JESUS"*. This blessed salve, when applied by the HOLY SPIRIT, can and will heal completely, all who taste its life-giving power. Some would-be doctors preach *"peace, peace when there is no peace"*, promising salvation for praying a prayer or signing a card. Because we have a radical disease we must have a radical remedy that is applied by the TRUE PHYSICIAN. We cannot be helped by those who offer us topical ointments and anesthetics. Our primary purpose in "preaching the gospel" is to glorify CHRIST in the earth and rejoice when HE is pleased to awaken dead sinners and call them to himself by faith and repentance. The need of lost sinners is such that only the LORD can meet it. Conversion takes place only when the LORD does a work of grace in a sinner's heart. *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*

How has the LORD healed HIS people? HE has brought them near to HIM. When Adam sinned in the garden, he brought about a separation with the FATHER which has been amplified by man's willing participation in that sin. *"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."* But GOD who is rich in mercy has removed that barrier that has kept HIS people from HIM. *"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."*

HE has removed their blindness and caused them to hear. In our natural state we could not see nor hear the gospel. Yet the LORD JESUS CHRIST came into the world to heal us. HE said, *"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."* Therefore *"the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace"*. *"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them."*

HE has taken away their stony hearts and given them a heart of flesh enabling them to love HIM, HIS way, and HIS people. By nature we do not value the things of GOD. Yet as CHRIST heals HIS people he changes their whole perspective and makes those things they once despised the very things they prize most highly. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

HE has set them free from the law (i.e., principle) of sin and death. HE has made them heirs and joint heirs with HIM. *"Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of GOD through CHRIST."* Are you a new creature in CHRIST?

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