

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

Men are, by nature, in rebellion to GOD and only pay lip service to worshipping HIM as long as it is advantageous to them or fits their ideas of what is proper. The natural man loves the religion of his own choosing and adores the god of his imagination. He considers himself and others as worthy of GOD’s love and certainly could not fall down in worship before ONE who might hate him and have ordained him unto destruction. I remember an interchange with a man several years ago wherein a friend of mine was discussing with him as to whether or not there would be any babies in hell. This man was vehemently certain that there could be no possibility of such due to what he perceived was the “innocence” of a child. My friend was equally certain that there was no such thing as an “innocent” human being in the sight of a HOLY GOD and that the only way any human being, regardless of age, could escape hell would be by the imputed righteousness of CHRIST bestowed according to the mercy of GOD. The “discussion” ended when the man stood up and angrily declared, “I wouldn’t serve a GOD who would send babies to hell.”

Now the fact is that none of us knows whether or not there will be infants in hell but the man who worships at the footstool of an absolute GOD, will not accuse GOD of unrighteousness if HE sees fit to send some there, because he knows that Paul’s testimony is true, *“What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy.”* *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?”*

Job testified that he would worship GOD even if the LORD saw fit to destroy him as he said, *“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.”* The Jews who listened to the LORD’s words concerning the widow of Zarephath and Naaman, the leper, became angry because they realized that HE was teaching them, that the LORD chooses whom HE will to show mercy to and does not do so on the basis of anything having to do with a man’s status, religion, birth, or human choice. Both this widow of Zarephath, Naaman were Gentiles. The Jews didn’t mind the doctrine of election as long as they alone were included in it, but when the LORD revealed that GOD’s mercy is visited upon whom HE will regardless of human endeavor or status, they became angry. Does this not demonstrate the LORD’s purpose which HE declared, *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* Yes there were many widows in Israel at the same time who were equally in need, yet the LORD sent HIS prophet to this Gentile woman who dwelt in a city known for wickedness and thus demonstrated HIS disdain for the acceptable religion of men.

The LORD commanded this widow to feed the prophet, even though she didn’t know he was coming or who he was when he got there. In fact she did everything in her power to avoid feeding the prophet. Yet unbeknownst to her the SPIRIT of GOD constrained her heart by HIS word and she was compelled to do the exact will of GOD. *“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.”* She continually faced an empty barrel of meal and a dry cruse of oil, but true to the prophet’s words they never failed nor was she ever bereft of sufficient provision to fulfill the commandment of GOD. The LORD supplies HIS people faithfully but in such a fashion that they know the only reason they are sustained is that HIS grace is sufficient. *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

Tw’as not that I did choose thee For LORD that could not be.

This heart would still refuse thee Hads’t THOU not chosen me.

Thou from the sin that stained me Hast died to set me free

From old THOU hast ordained me To live on high with thee.

Tw’as sovereign mercy called me and taught my op’ning mind

The world had else enthralled me to heavenly glories blind

My heart owns none before thee, for thy rich grace I thirst;

this knowing, if I love thee, thou must have loved me first.

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

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