

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

It is impossible that any of the sons of men, could ever grasp the depths of the soul sufferings of CHRIST. Yet, for our learning and humbling HE has seen fit to give us a record of them in the Psalms. In many of these Psalms, we get a small glimpse of some of that grief which HE underwent in our behalf. Psalm 102 is one of those Psalms.

He says *“For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.”* What anguish of heart is upon HIM as HE sees HIS life consumed and feels the pain of the sin of HIS people in HIS very bones. Every day of HIS life HE bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, and not one of those for whom HE underwent this suffering either understood it nor could any stand with HIM in the midst of it.

“My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.” We read that HE spent much time in prayer and fasting. HIS “fasting” was not some religious exercise which HE undertook out of habit or conformity to dogma, but rather the burden of our sin which HE bore was so great and occupied HIS mind and heart to the extent that HE “forgot to eat.”

“I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.” Both the owl and the pelican are solitary birds. The LORD JESUS CHRIST had meat to eat that the world knew not of. HE trod the winepress of GOD’s wrath alone. While sparrows are generally seen in great flocks flitting about here and there, yet HE likens HIMSELF to a single sparrow which is indeed an oddity in the natural realm. There is none like HIM. *Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.*

“Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.” How glorious it is to consider that before the world was ever formed, the LORD of GLORY determined a particular hour wherein HE would manifest the deliverance of HIS people upon whom HE would show mercy. *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”* Herein HE has demonstrated HIS great “favor” to ZION which HE chose in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. The whole creation centers around this “set time”. *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who ----when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

This is indeed that “set time” which prompts all of creation to fall upon their faces and worship HIM who is the BEGINNING and the END. *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. ---We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.”* The “reign” of CHRIST is set forth as we see HIM fulfill that “new covenant” which HE promised to give, *“I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”* *“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.”* Not only has HE cancelled the debt of sin which HIS people owed but HE has made an OFFERING which could and has “taken away” their sin, not only judicially but in the heart and mind. *“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. ==For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”* *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (i.e.; set apart)”*

This is “reconciliation”. Those who were rebels by choice and nature, now throw down their arms and worship at HIS footstool, loving even the dust and stones of HIS kingdom. HE whom they despised is now that ONE whom they desire to abide with. *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* Are you reconciled unto HIM?

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