

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

The Psalmist’s said, *“In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.”* More than anything else, the children of GOD desire to be found walking in faith and resting in CHRIST in complete obedience to HIS commands, yet as Paul says, *“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”* John recognizes the same tendencies in the sons of GOD, and exhorts and encourages them with these words, *“And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.”*

The LORD has provided everything which the children of GOD have need of and even in the most distressing hour, gives them sustenance and help. *“There hath no temptation (i.e.; trial) taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”* The means whereby the LORD will lift the sons of GOD out of despair is in HIS work in them to cause them to think on those things which HE has done for them and is presently doing in their behalf. In describing the exercises of his mind and heart, David said. *“For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.”*

The scriptures tell us that the LORD JESUS CHRIST has been *“in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* HE has walked *“through the valley of the shadow of death”*, HE has been surrounded with the *“counsel of the ungodly”* and HE has been in the presence of *“deceitful and bloody men”*, *“For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.”* yet HE rested perfectly in HIM in whom HIS soul delighted. *“But do thou for me. O GOD the Lord, for thy name’s sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust. My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads. Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.”*

Only CHRIST is able to ascend into the hill of the LORD for HE alone is that ONE, *“that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”* Thus when we think on those things which are the *“wonders of old”*, we must think on CHRIST who is *“the fulness of the Godhead bodily”* *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*

This is the grandest work which has been performed in the heavens or the earth. It is indeed an ancient work, for HE is a priest forever after the order of Melchisedek. John speaks of the eternal nature of HIS accomplishment as being that of ONE *“slain from the foundation of the world.”* The redemptive work of CHRIST has been manifested to the sons of men and the angelic host in this the day of salvation, but the certainty of HIS accomplishment is as eternal as the purpose of GOD. The very purpose for which the LORD created the world and all that is therein. *“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”* *“Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”* Do you rejoice in CHRIST?

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