

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

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews tells us of two kingdoms. One which could be “shaken” and another one which could not. One is the kingdom of the Law given to Moses. The other is the Kingdom of RIGHTEOUSNESS given by JESUS CHRIST. The first “kingdom” was temporary or of limited power because it could not continue by reason of the fact, that those who are its subjects could not abide under it. It could only minister death because it was weak through the flesh. *“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.”* This kingdom could be and was shaken and could in no wise ever deliver one of its subjects unto life. Therefore, he says, *“For ye are **not** come unto the mount(i.e.; that kingdom) *that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest.*”* Then he goes on to say, *“**But ye are** come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”*

This is quite a contrast and one which must be understood if one is to understand the deliverance which is brought to the sons of GOD by the LORD JESUS CHRIST in HIS redemptive work and complete fulfillment of the Law. *“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”* Paul speaks of the usefulness of the law as well as its limited purpose and power in his letter to the Galatians, *“But before faith(i.e.; before the unfolding of the gospel which has brought life and immortality to light) *came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law **was** our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”****

The Law is good, it is just and holy, but it can only minister condemnation instead of life. Therefore it was necessary that the “patterns” be replaced by a more perfect law which Paul describes to the Romans, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* This is a LAW which can never be shaken because it is a LAW which is in no wise dependent upon the activity of sinful flesh. This is a LAW whose power is in the LAWGIVER who is the PERFORMER of the same. *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”*

In every age there are those who continually try to bring the free born sons of GOD back under that Law given to Moses. They generally tell us that this Law is divided up into two parts, one which they call the “ceremonial law” (i.e.; the dietary restrictions and sacrifices) and the other which they call the “moral law”. (i.e.; usually defined as the Ten Commandments) They tell us that CHRIST has fulfilled the “ceremonial law” by HIS death on the cross and that HE has indeed forgiven us for our many sins, while leaving us HIS example of lawkeeping which we are to imitate to the best of our ability. We are told that we are not set free from the law itself, but that HE has left it hanging over our heads like the “sword of Damocles”, lest we think that salvation is “all” of grace, and embrace our sinful flesh.

The LORD shakes this “kingdom” and the rotten fruit falls by the bushel, for any righteousness which is defined by an adherence of flesh and blood to a moral code cannot stand the test of true RIGHTEOUSNESS which can be found in CHRIST alone. That man whose HOPE is built upon the perfect fulfillment of the law by CHRIST will never be ashamed. *“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven”*

Do you think that you are a “keeper of the law” which was given to Moses? If so you shall perish in your sins. For that law was but a schoolmaster (i.e.; a truant officer) to bring us unto CHRIST. CHRIST is the fulfillment of the law for HIS children and they rest in HIS perfect work. CHRIST alone has kept the law in its jot and tittle for those who have fled to HIM.

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