

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

The grandest triumph of all of the ages is seen as JESUS CHRIST entered in once into the Holy Place having obtained eternal redemption for HIS people, the sheep of HIS pasture. HIS greatest victory was won by the shedding of HIS own blood to secure the deliverance of HIS people who had sat in bondage and were all their lifetime subject unto death. The wars of the nations of this world serve to set the stage that men might be given an understanding of such triumph. Without the knowledge of “war”, it would be impossible for men to grasp the nature of that victory which JESUS CHRIST fought and died for, then rose again in utter triumph over the enemy, death.

David writes *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”* Even fools know that there “is a GOD”, *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”* Their “foolishness” is not in their “ignorance” of GOD but rather in their desire to throw off HIS rule and to live according to their own desire. All men are by nature born into this rebellion, and in time they gladly join themselves together in its purpose.

We see this “confederacy” in action on the plains of Shinar as men came together to build a tower unto their own glory. *“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”* This is the dawning of the religion of “free-will”, whose altars are scattered throughout the Earth and has no shortage of adherents of various persuasions. All of man’s religions have the same basic premise, which is that GOD can be influenced in one fashion or another to bless men according to their own activity. Now it is certain that they acknowledge that there is “a GOD” but they in reality, in their “confederacy”, seek to limit HIM and make HIM subservient to their own will and thus deny HIS supremacy. HE said, *“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”*

We see this “confederacy” in action as the Sadducees and Pharisees, who were normally not the best of friends (akin to Democrats and Republicans); nonetheless coming together with a common purpose to destroy HIM who was sent by GOD. *“But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.”* All of the Jews were agreed that they would not have this MAN to rule over them. The LORD ordained their actions even as HE did those of Judas whom they paid to betray the LORD. Even their “prophecies” were correct though not as they considered. *“And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.”*

Though men were “confederate” with evil intentions, yet GOD meant it for good as HE ordained the cruel death of HIS only begotten SON as a SUBSTITUTE for sinners. *“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”*

By HIS grace HIS children are called to join with one another to worship and adore HIM who is worthy of all praise. Their worship of HIM is not conditioned on what they have done for HIM but rather, they are met together to revel in what HE has done for them. What foolishness is wrought among those who would spend their time in recounting their service and obedience to HIM. HE has bought HIS people with HIS own blood and they belong to HIM. HE alone is worthy to be praised!

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