

**Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"**

Throughout the book of Judges we read of time after time that the nation of Israel left off from waiting upon the LORD to turn aside to the worship of the gods of their own imagination. There are numerous Gods mentioned in the scriptures which men have worshipped and brought gifts of devotion to. Yet none of these "gods" actually have any place of existence nor any existential power. We read of the prophets of Baal, crying, shouting, and cutting themselves in a vain attempt to get him, to answer with fire. David aptly describes these "imaginary" gods in Psalm 115. *"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them."*

The scripture says that the LORD will have men in derision and will laugh at them for such foolishness. *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."* *"But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision."* *"But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD."* When men do not fear the LORD (a state in which all men dwell by nature, *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*) they will go about to establish their own righteousness and will rejoice in their own power and might.

We see that the LORD raised up Pharaoh and made him to be a mighty man in the Earth in order to manifest HIS own righteous judgment and power and to demonstrate that HIS mercy is sovereignly dispensed. *"So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth."*

In much the same fashion as the LORD raised up Pharaoh, we see HIM give Sisera a place of great power and might among the nations of the Earth. No doubt Sisera was quite impressed with himself being the Captain of the, Canaanite King Jabin's, army and going to war with nine hundred "chariots of iron." He commanded quite a formidable force for the time and oppressed Israel for over twenty years. Yet in HIS own time, the LORD laid Sisera low and demonstrated quite clearly that the might and power of men, regardless of how formidable it may be, is as nothing before HIM. To such mighty men of war, there could be no lower state than to die at the hand of a woman. We see this illustrated in the death of Abimelech, *"And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died."* Thus the LORD added insult to injury and showed HIS utter disdain for the strength of men as HE ordained that Sisera should be slain by Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. She lured him to his death and drove a tent stake through his temple as he slept and then cut off his head.

The scripture says, *"the LORD discomfited Sisera."* This is a word which is hardly, if ever, used in modern language and means "put into chaos". This is exactly what happened as every one of Sisera's men were slain by Barak's army. In the heat of this battle, Sisera, "the mighty" abandoned his *"chariot of iron"* and fled like a dog running away from the fight. If you had been able to ask Sisera about his power and might at that time, he would no doubt have confessed his own weakness. I am reminded of another man of great power who went into battle with great religious zeal, breathing out threatening and slaughter to the household of GOD. Yet he too abandoned "his chariot of iron" and fell upon his face before the LORD on the road to Damascus as the LORD "discomfited" Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance in a moment. Such is the mercy of GOD to those HE loves.

Those for whom CHRIST has shed HIS precious blood, shall all, in HIS time, be brought down to HIS feet confessing their sins and calling upon HIS name. HE is the SAVIOR of sinners and will lose, none of those for whom HE obtained eternal redemption. Have you been "discomfited" by the LORD?

*Thy free grace alone,"#11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net)**