

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #45

singing : “Thy mercy my GOD” #11

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

The sustenance of the children of Israel who came out of Egypt in the exodus was a staggering task to be sure. No one is certain of the exact number which Moses led out from under Egyptian bondage but we are told in Exodus 12:37 that the number of men, not including women and children, was approximately six hundred thousand.

They were glad to leave Egypt’s bondage and found themselves enriched with Egyptian wealth as the LORD caused the Egyptians to give them their gold and silver jewelry. Their joy at this deliverance and wealth was short lived, however, when they saw the Egyptian army headed for them as they had their backs against the Red Sea.

They forgot the joy of their deliverance and they murmured and lamented their plight, thinking they had escaped only to be destroyed. Yet in the proper time the LORD demonstrated HIS power in their deliverance by opening the Red Sea and causing them to go through it on dry ground. Then HE brought about the destruction of the Egyptians by that same power, as HE caused the sea to fall on them.

Knowing human nature as we do, we are not surprised that the people started to complain and murmur when they began to be thirsty and were unable to find water to drink. This murmuring followed right upon the heels of their great celebration at the Red Sea. :Such is the way of man’s religious flesh. He is full of praise one moment when everything is going well and then fretting the next because his attempts to solve his problems are not met with success. Rather than waiting on the LORD’s provision. he seeks to solve his own problems by a reliance upon the flesh.

The LORD had already formed a well or stream for them to drink from, long before they were thirsty or had ever arrived at it. “your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” As they congratulated themselves on their ability to discover this stream, they found that they could not enjoy the water because it was to them “bitter”

In the flesh we view the trials and troubles of this world as “bitter”, yet that man who is taught by the SPIRIT is made to see that even these “bitter waters” are designed for our benefit. *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”* So is even this bitter water which was tasted by the Hebrews meant for the benefit of the LORD’s children as we see how those waters are made “sweet”.

These waters were made to be bitter by the hand of the ONE who provided the MEANS whereby they might be made sweet. There is nothing that could possibly transpire in this world which is not designed and ordained by the hand of an all wise and sovereign GOD. It did not just “happen” that these waters were bitter but they were designed to be bitter. One reason is so that the LORD’s children might be shown that there is nothing in this natural world that can benefit them in the Kingdom of GOD.

Just as this “bitter water” fulfilled the ordained purpose of GOD, so too is the wrath and wickedness of men and angels ordained to fulfill that same purpose. *“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”* The glory of the REDEEMER is seen against the backdrop of the darkness of this world and its inhabitants.

These waters were made sweet as Moses put a tree in them. It is by the means of another TREE that the sweetness of the gospel has come to us. The scriptures tell us that the LORD JESUS CHRIST is *“a tender plant, and -- a root out of a dry ground.”* HE is that ONE who was *“cast into the waters”* HE did not merely decree that the “waters” would be made sweet but HE took upon HIMSELF the likeness of sinful flesh and cast HIMSELF into these waters that HE might be tried and tested in all points and yet remain without sin. Thus HE became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of GOD in HIM. This is indeed the sweetest water that can ever be drunk by a thirsting and perishing sinner. HE has made these waters sweet. In HIM is found all of our *righteousness.*

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