

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

GOD has made a “difference” between that which is holy and that which is profane. We see this first mentioned when the LORD would bring Israel out of Egypt. *“But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.”* We see it again mentioned when the LORD set apart a priesthood of the house of Aaron and established a pattern for them to follow. *“that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean.”* The dietary laws which the LORD gave to Israel demonstrate the same. It is clear from what we read in the New Testament about the vision which the LORD gave to Peter that HE in the giving of these laws to Israel, did not have a particular regard to steak or ham, chickens or crows, but rather to the setting apart of a people in the earth to manifest the glory of HIS grace in their redemption. We further see in Peter’s vision that this setting apart of this particular people was not because of their human bloodlines but rather according to HIS purpose, wherein HE loved a people in CHRIST JESUS and chose them that they might be holy and without blame before him. *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”* This “separation” or “sanctification” of HIS people from the population of the world in general is manifested in the form and OBJECT of their worship. The LORD plainly declared this truth to the woman at the well in Samaria when HE said, *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

Cain is a type of the “natural man” who has neither part nor lot in the kingdom of heaven. He sought to worship GOD on his own terms and became angry when it was revealed to him that GOD had no regard unto him or that which he offered. Cain’s religion was of the earth, or fleshly and he sought to gain favor with GOD by presenting to HIM the fruits of his own labor, which he had produced with the sweat of his own brow. Yet the LORD had no respect unto the offering which Cain brought, primarily because HE had no respect unto Cain an heir of destruction, but just as importantly because Cain, in his offering, had no respect unto the blood SACRIFICE that was necessary for a sinner to come into the presence of GOD.

The LORD had respect unto Abel’s offering primarily because HE had respect unto Abel as an heir of the promise. As Abel was a type or figure of the true HEIR of the promise, HIS beloved SON in whom HE is well pleased who gave HIMSELF as an ATONEMENT for sin. The purpose of the religion of Cain is to satisfy the needs of the flesh. Man has a natural distrust of the LORD because of his innate sin. Since the LORD has hidden many things from men according to HIS own purpose, this natural distrust and spiritual blindness causes him to disregard the word of GOD and to seek his own explanation of things not seen by the natural eye. Thus, man has developed his many theories to “explain” creation, from the “big bang” to various forms of evolution and alien visitations of the planet. Arising out of this same distrust and spiritual blindness to truth, comes all forms of fleshly religion and resultant theories of an afterlife. That form of religion which lays claim to believing the scriptures while continuing to promote a purely carnal understanding of them, is that which is a most insidious evil, which the powers of darkness would use to destroy the children of GOD, if it were possible.

The religion of Cain is easily received and believed because it is not contrary to the natural reasoning of men. This religion worships man’s free will and demands that the glory of GOD can never take precedence over man’s right and ability to determine his own fate. The religion of Cain has respect unto the good works of men to some degree, if not to purchase his redemption, at least to secure his present blessing in this world and the level of reward or status which he might attain in the world to come.

The “religion” of Abel on the other hand is no religion at all, insofar as men would define the term. Rather it is a place of complete rest and reliance in that which is performed by CHRIST. The glory of GOD is the primary goal of it. Those who are awakened to enter into HIS rest confess with one accord that HIS grace alone is sufficient for life and blessing. Its only creed is that of the apostle Paul. *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”* What type of religion do you have?

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