

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

All of the blessings and benefits which are visited upon the sons of GOD come to them as a result of their union with CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. Their standing before HIM is because they have been made the seed of CHRIST and thus chosen in HIM to be HIS heirs and joint heirs. CHRIST has come into the world in order to accomplish their redemption from the curse of the law and to deliver them from the darkness which they inherited from Adam. All of Adam's posterity are under the curse of the law and made to feel its lash and suffer its penalty.

Yet the sons of GOD, who have been appointed to obtain HIS mercy, must of necessity inherit those promises which are in the eternal covenant of redemption which is given to CHRIST. So while they are born into this world with the same nature as all men, they are not appointed to destruction but to obtain salvation. This "salvation" is that which has been procured by JESUS CHRIST who has come into the world for this very purpose as the angel declared to Joseph. The labors and sufferings of CHRIST manifest HIS purpose and desire to deliver those that are HIS. *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:---and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* *"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief.*

One of the chief objections which we often hear from men, who cavil against the predestination of all things by the LORD, is that they see then no reason to pray. The LORD JESUS CHRIST was truly a MAN of prayer, even though HE knew the end from the beginning and what is in the hearts of men, yet HE prayed, making HIS requests known unto HIS heavenly FATHER in whom is no shadow of turning. It is impossible that a man who knows and loves the MAKER of heaven and earth, would not pray and seek HIM, glorying in seeing HIS will performed in the earth. Would it not be truly foolish to pray unto one who does not control all events and ordain them to occur according to the good pleasure of HIS will? If HE must wait upon the "free will" of men in order to see HIS purposes accomplished, then shouldn't we seek to change men rather than ask GOD?

The "*request of HIS lips*" shall be granted because HE does always desire to see HIS FATHER glorified and HIS will accomplished. Thus we see the LORD pray this very prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as HE sets forth the "*request of HIS lips*"; *"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; This is a prayer which does not go out of feigned lips but is the very yearning of HIM who desires to see HIS FATHER magnified. The "*request of HIS lips*" must be granted because HE and HIS FATHER are ONE. HE is the "*fullness of the GODHEAD bodily*" and HE cannot desire anything which HIS FATHER does not or vice versa. Thus HE always receives the "*request of HIS lips*." HE prayed that HIS children might be given a COMFORTER. It is the FATHER's will to give the kingdom to HIS children of which HE shall lose none.*

HE will raise HIS purchased possession from the grave at the last day. *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* HE has destroyed HIS enemies who are one and the same with the enemies and accusers of HIS people. *"Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me."* *"I will bring down their strength to the earth."* None who would hurt or destroy the sons of GOD shall ever be heard from again as HE destroys even the last enemy: death. *"O death where is thy sting"*

HIS greatest "intercession" on the behalf of HIS people is not, however, in the "prayer" of HIS lips but in HIS very presence before the throne of GOD as the GREAT HIGH PRIEST over the household of GOD and the LAMB slain for sinners. As the hymn writer said, "Five bleeding wounds HE bears, received on Calvary, they pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me. Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry, nor let that ransomed sinner die." As long as HE is seated upon that throne, the sons of GOD shall never perish, but rather enjoy HIS benefits forever. This is the "request of HIS lips" and the demonstration of HIS actions. Do you worship HIM? *"Thy free grace alone,"*

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