

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #1

singing (*When thou, my righteous Judge, shalt come To take thy ransomed people home,
Shall I among them stand? Shall such a worthless worm as I,
Who sometimes am afraid to die, Be found at thy right hand?*)

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

The LORD JESUS CHRIST said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” in Matthew 5:3. Only the man who has ever found himself in a place of poverty and hunger can appreciate, the crumbs which fall from the MASTER’s table. Those men who are devoutly religious and find themselves to be strong in faith and operating in great power, generally despise such crumbs, preferring to leave them for the dogs to eat. These men of great faith possess ravenous appetites that can only be sated by large portions. They find it odd that there are yet those who see themselves as mere beggars in the house of GOD.

These men speak of having faith in great abundance and boast of their great endeavors and accomplishments. It seems an oddity to them that there are those who actually hunger and thirst for righteousness and long for it as those who do not yet have it in their grasp.

These bastions of strength speak of their constant communion with heaven and the heights of glory which they enjoy and they certainly cannot be bothered with those who openly confess that they are weak, halt, and lame and wait with fear and trembling outside the gate for a just a glimpse of the MASTER. These poor mourners just hope to see HIS backside in the same fashion as HE revealed HIMSELF to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

But the strong and mighty, those who have a great abundance of religious fervor and zeal take great delight in their abundant prayers, sermons, and testimonies of service to the one they call their lord or often more appropriately their partner.

The Pharisees were great religious men during the time when CHRIST walked upon the earth. They were satisfied with their relationship with GOD and rejoiced in their religious traditions and testified of their standing with GOD every chance they got. They looked askance at the general population and often noted their own moral superiority over common sinners such as drunkards, harlots and those who were employed by the Romans to collect taxes from them which they referred to as Publicans.

These Pharisees were convinced that they were serving GOD and could be assured of a great reward in Heaven in the life to come. Yet the LORD JESUS laid HIS axe to the very root of their tree when HE said, “Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.” (Mat 21:31)

In fact the LORD gave an illustration of a Pharisee who went down to the temple to pray, in keeping with his obvious religious devotion to duty. He prayed a very eloquent prayer giving thanks for his morality. He even noted his great devotion in contrast to the despised publican who was also there that day. Yet the publican did not speak any great swelling words but was downcast and smote upon his breast, and merely sought mercy from the hand of GOD.

The LORD said only one of those men went back to his own house justified. It was not the Pharisee who was certain of his standing with GOD but rather it was that despised Publican who had no assurance of anything except his own great need of mercy. Yes indeed, Blessed are the poor for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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singing (Let me among thy saints be found
Whene’er the archangel’s trump shall sound,
To see thy smiling face;
Then loudest of the crowd I’ll sing,
While heaven’s resounding mansions ring
With shouts of sovereign grace.)