

singing : “Thy mercy my GOD” #11

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

The unfolding of the gospel is so very precious to the sons of GOD, and its sweetness cannot be likened to anything which has its origins in this world. When its glories are made manifest in the eyes of those who are given ears to hear it, they are sometimes overcome with the joy which is revealed therein. Thus we see John so blessed with what he heard, that he wanted to worship at the feet of the messenger who brought this news to him. The messenger was quick to remind him that there was only ONE who is worthy of such worship.

One ready lesson that we can learn from this incident is that those who are anointed to bring forth the message of the gospel are not sent with a mandate to promote their own name or to provoke men to esteem them in some exalted position. The man who is sent with the everlasting gospel has but one agenda, which is not to gain a following or build a congregation) but, rather, to see the NAME and HONOR of JESUS CHRIST alone,, magnified and exalted. GOD called, and HOLY GHOST indicted preachers are not sent to bring attention to themselves but to the ONE who is the KING and REDEEMER.

Those who are sent with this message have no instruction to take unto themselves any title, to seek any sort of fame, or to enrich themselves from those to whom they are sent. The day and age in which we presently dwell is crawling with a multitude of leaches, freeloaders, and charlatans of every stripe claiming to be the messengers of GOD. They go about strutting and preening while they supposedly exercise their “gifts” in either a theatrical manner or a “learned and studious” one, replete with their diplomas and man bestowed “credentials”. The main gift that most of them have is the ability to deceive men and to cause them to remember and honor their own name rather than CHRIST alone. “See thou do it not”. Flee from them for they preach “another gospel” which is no gospel at all, but is that upon which many have gone shipwrecked.

In the religious order which I grew up in, it was often a common occurrence to have times set aside for those who were present at the meeting to give their “testimony”, which invariably was a recounting of some experience which they had in times past.

There is certainly nothing wrong in recounting the joys which might surround ones memories of those “experiences”, for even the Apostle Paul, recounted his own “conversion” experience on more than one occasion. Yet the truth is that while such “experiences” may be held in our fond memories, they are not what the scripture describes as the “testimony of the saints” which is the “testimony of JESUS CHRIST”.

A true testimony is a recounting of that which the LORD has accomplished and is the very basis upon which all of the hopes of GOD’s people are built. Not even the grandest “conversion experience” can be a substitute for recounting what CHRIST has done in HIS own work.

A true testimony is a very present hope for the sons of GOD, and is not some distant memory that might fade with time.

A true testimony is manifested in the saints of GOD by that work which HE is pleased to perform in them. The work of the SPIRIT in the sons of GOD is the evidence of their sonship.

A true testimony is that which sets the children of GOD apart from those who do not have this “evidence or witness”. They are described in the Revelation *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*

The children of GOD are not born into this world with knowledge of spiritual things, but in HIS own time HE is pleased to call them from darkness to light. The beginning of this “knowledge” is brought to them in the new birth, which is not of this fleshly realm but that which has its origins in the LIFE of CHRIST. While the beginning of their pilgrimage is of great importance, that beginning is only that. The SALVATION of GOD’s little children is not an experience which can be recorded on a calendar, rather the SALVATION of the sons of GOD is in the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST.

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