

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

The nation of Israel, is used in the scriptures as a type and foreshadow of the true people of GOD that have belonged to the LORD from the beginning. Chapter 33 of Deuteronomy, chronicles the meanderings of the Israelites on their journey from captivity in Egypt to their freedom in the promised land of Canaan. By my count they pitched their tents 41 different times in 41 different places, as they moved about once a year. That was hardly the way to “put down roots”. But it was not GOD’s intention that they should “put down roots” for HE had prepared for them a land flowing with milk and honey and the land of their sojourn was not their home. HE did not intend that they should have there a permanent dwelling. Their passage through the wilderness was for the purpose of teaching them many lessons, and to prepare them for entrance into that promised land.

As the elect and predestinated sons of GOD, we too are strangers in the land in which we now dwell. *“For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.”* The true sons of GOD have always testified that they are not satisfied with such things as this world has to offer but are looking for a place of uninterrupted fellowship with their FATHER. *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.”* Abraham *“looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is GOD.”* The allure of this world, which once gripped the sons of GOD in a trancelike hold, becomes tarnished in their eyes when they are born again. Though their flesh cries out from time to time for the leeks and onions of Egypt, yet in their heart and soul, they cry out for the LIVING GOD. *“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the SAVIOR, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.”* The way of the flesh, which once was their chief desire can no longer satisfy them. When a man, by the grace of GOD has tasted that “LIVING WATER”, then he can never more be satisfied to drink from the wells which quench the thirst of the natural men of this world.

The true sons of GOD are strangers in the earth because they have been:

Given the gift of faith. *“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* Their confidence and hope is not in those things which can be seen and felt in the flesh, but their hope is in the eternal, CHRIST.

Transformed by the SPIRIT. *“Therefore if any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* The work of GOD is to fit HIS children for glory. The beginning of that work is the new birth. Those who were strangers to GOD now have the spirit of a son crying “Abba FATHER” The culmination of that work is the resurrection of their bodies to an immortal state. *“We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, but thanks be to GOD, which giveth us the victory through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.”*

Passed from death unto life. *“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto GOD through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”* “How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” *“For the law of the Spirit of life in CHRIST Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* They have the expectation of everlasting life in the future because they have been given eternal life in the present, not simply in the promise but in the actual fact.

Indwelt by the HOLY GHOST. *“Howbeit when HE, the SPIRIT of truth, is come, HE will guide you into all truth: for HE shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever HE shall hear, that shall HE speak: and HE will shew you things to come. HE shall glorify me: for HE shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the FATHER hath are mine: therefore said I, that HE shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”* The world has hated the FATHER and HE has given to HIS children the keys of the kingdom. *“Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.”* Not only do they confess that this world is not their home, but this world confesses that they are not their brethren. Do you love this world or do you seek a better country?

Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**