

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

Religious men are convinced that they can go about earning GOD’s favor and blessing by the activities of their mind and body. They believe that their obedience to HIS precepts and their devotion therein will cause the blessing of GOD to come upon them. Thus, they spend much time seeking to stir men up to various levels of zeal and commitment in supposedly serving GOD. They are blissfully unaware that the blessing of GOD is that which brings about true zeal and commitment rather than vice versa. Paul declares this quite plainly saying, *“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* *“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”*

The sweet consolation of the sons of GOD is that HE will never leave them to their own devices, except that HE might instruct them, even as HE did with Job and Peter, via Satan’s sifting. Yet it is unceasing mercy towards the sons of GOD that prompts HIS faithful chastening. *“For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”* *“For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.”* It cannot be overemphasized that all of the promises, which the sons of GOD enjoy the fruits of, were first given to CHRIST, and they enjoy those fruits because they are chosen in HIM. *“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”* *“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”*

These promises are continual and cannot be overturned or abandoned because CHRIST is the BEGINNING and the END. *“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”* *“Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”*

It has pleased the LORD to send messengers into the earth to proclaim the glory of HIS grace, revealed in JESUS CHRIST, unto the vast regions of the world. For HE has a people of every kindred, tribe, and tongue scattered throughout the Earth, and HE will call them all according the purpose of HIS grace. It is HE who blesses both the MESSAGE and the messengers. *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”* *“And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* When a man is sent with this message, nothing can stop it nor diminish the purpose of HIM who sends it to accomplish that which HE determines. We see this clearly demonstrated in the early days of the New Testament church as Peter and other of the apostles declared this message in an unstoppable fashion. When they were warned to be silent, they preached still. When they were imprisoned, they were set free in order that they may proclaim this GOOD NEWS. When they were threatened with death, they “ceased not” to magnify the NAME of CHRIST according to the purpose of GOD. This was not done in their power, but rather in that of HIM that sent them. Peter declared this purpose on the day of Pentecost, *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* This is a work which shall be carried out until the end of the age. *“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

Do you hear HIS voice and are you thirsty? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**