

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

The Song of Solomon is a very allegorical and beautiful poem about the unshakeable love of a BRIDEGROOM for HIS bride, and her responses to HIS overtures of love. He is quite candid in his description of this romantic love and attraction. The carnal aspect of this description serves to emphasize the beauty of the pure love and desire which is expressed by this BRIDEGROOM for the one who is the object of HIS desire. The LORD has caused men to be attracted to the opposite sex in this world for the purpose of procreation and has ordained the carnal sexual relationship of a man and his wife, as a pure expression of their enjoyment and fulfillment with one another.

As with all things which are given, to men, for a pure purpose by GOD, men have taken and perverted it and used it in ways not sanctioned by HIM. Clearly the scripture teaches that this bond of sexual union is to be enjoyed only in the confines of the marriage bond, between a man and a woman, and is not given to mankind outside of that bond. When the LORD made the woman, HE made her to be perfectly desirable to the man and, at the same time, made the man desirable to her. The purpose of GOD in all of HIS creation is the magnification of JESUS CHRIST in the manifestation of HIS everlasting love for HIS bride. For this primary end HE has ordained the attraction of a man and a woman even as HE has ordained the marriage of a man and a woman as a demonstration of that perfect and sacrificial love of the bridegroom for the bride.

The Bride of CHRIST has beauty because HE has bestowed it upon her. She is seen in HIS eyes as having no imperfection at all, because HE has imputed HIS perfect righteousness to her and has removed any blemish which could possibly be found in her.. She has ever been perfect unto HIM, as HE made her, for HE has always beheld her as this pure object of HIS desire and unwavering love, having hidden her in HIS own bosom from before the foundation of the world. This is the very basis of HIS election of her and is that which is described as HIS “foreknowledge”.

Everything which the LORD would take delight in, CHRIST does provide in her behalf. HE takes perfect delight in that one whom HE has made spotless, she lacks nothing which HE requires, and HE ever lives for her benefit. According to this same delight HE has laid down HIS life in her behalf as HE has made HIMSELF an offering for her sin. One of the three gifts brought by the wise men of the East to lay before the LORD JESUS at HIS birth was “myrrh”. Myrrh is a “fragrant, gum resin with a bitter taste.” Its bitter taste describes the effects of sin upon men. Sin promises so much yet only delivers sorrow and ultimately death. CHRIST is personally acquainted with this “bitter perfume”, as HE took upon HIMSELF the very sin of HIS beloved Spouse, drinking the cup of wrath which was due unto her, draining its last dregs of condemnation and paying the price thereof with HIS own death on Calvary’s cross. HE has taken that which is bitter and acrid and made it into the most of beautiful of odors which waft up even to the very throne of GOD. *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth.” “The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”* It is a place of true rejoicing as the LORD surveys that work which HE has accomplished and that one whom HE has purchased with HIS own blood. *“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.” “Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Another of those gifts brought by the magi to CHRIST was Frankincense. Frankincense is first mentioned in the scriptures as one of the ingredients in that Holy Anointing oil which was only to be used in the temple and upon the Priests. This oil was given its odor by the frankincense and was reserved for the enjoyment of the LORD alone. As such it represents that one true worship which is both desired and sought out by the LORD, even as HE described it to the woman of Samaria, *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* The LORD delights in the pure and unadulterated worship of those whom HE loves. This is that pure worship which is alone given to those who are the Beloved of the LORD, who lean upon HIM and HE is pleased to dwell with her and to take HIS fill of love with her through the ages to come. *“My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.”*

CHRIST has come into the world to save sinners, and HE has accomplished exactly what HE set out to do. There is no shadow of turning in HIM nor any failure to secure that Bride which HE has loved and cherished from the beginning. Do you delight in HIM who delights in the people of HIS choice?

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