

Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

The scripture is clear that all men are alike sinners and every man in and of himself is worthy of destruction. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."* Yet the scripture is also very clear that the LORD has put a difference between those who are the wicked and those who are the just. The wicked perish in their sins but the just *"shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."* The just are *"blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom {they} shine as lights in the world."* The just shall "prosper" in the blessings of GOD but *"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."*

The SPIRIT of GOD performs a work in the sons of GOD which makes them a sweet savor unto HIM as well as to one another. This is the result of that *"common salvation"* which is produced by HIM who is the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith. This is the sanctifying work of CHRIST. One of the evidences of this sanctification is found in the knitting together of those whom HE is pleased to make one in CHRIST. *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."*

There is a natural love or affection which is commonly found among the creation which GOD has made. It can be seen among all types of creatures from dogs to humans. A mother loves her child unconditionally. A dog is loyal to his master. This "natural love" also includes the special affection and attraction which is found between men and women. This "love" forms the basis of the ongoing of the species. This "love", like all things natural, can be and is found corrupted as, mothers abandon and even slay their children, dogs bite the hands that feed them, and men burn in lust one to the other working that which is unseemly.

The love of the brethren, is, on the other hand, an incorruptible love which the world can observe but can neither comprehend or enter into. It is the fruit of the SPIRIT which can only grow on those trees which are the planting of the LORD. It is no unwelcome chore for the sons of GOD to love one another. Peter writes, *"see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."* True brotherly love is without pretense or reluctance because it stems from the SOURCE of all love. *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."*

A man's natural love is swallowed up by the grave, but that which is produced by the SPIRIT of GOD is made perfect by death. This love, one for the other, is not subject unto death but rather is enhanced by it, as the saints in all ages are bound together by ties which the world knows nothing of. *"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."* They share this common bond and rejoice in Paul's testimony, *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*

As we contemplate the lives of HIS people which are in our acquaintance we are encouraged and blessed as we remember them with fondness for the work of GOD's grace in their lives. The Psalmist commented on this when he said, *"the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."* GOD demonstrates HIS faithfulness and love for HIS elect people by the work of HIS SPIRIT in them. It is this work which endears the sons of GOD to one another, and often infuriates the men of this world.

Time would fail us to recount the mighty deeds which the LORD has been pleased to perform through and in HIS children, leaving us a legacy and fond remembrance. *"The memory of the just is blessed."* As much as we may be encouraged by the works of righteousness which the LORD is pleased to perform in the sons of GOD, yet all of those works fade in comparison with the demonstration of righteousness which the LORD JESUS CHRIST manifested when HE walked among men. The most exemplary of saints is still beset with sin, yet HE is that ONE who was tempted in all points and sinned not at all, *"neither was guile found in his mouth."* We find our greatest blessings and encouragement in remembering, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good."* HE is the very epitome of the JUST since HE is the JUSTIFIER of HIS people.

Stephen's testimony angered the Jews as HE declared that JESUS of Nazareth was that JUST ONE; and they rose up and stoned him. Yet in those whom the SPIRIT abides HE is their constant delight. *"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious."* Is HIS memory precious to you?

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