

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

The natural reaction of the flesh is to recoil when the subject of GOD’s unconditional election of a people unto salvation is brought up. Then to grow even more angry when it is furthermore pointed out that HE has also created a people unto destruction as well. Men consider such an arrangement to be “unfair” and they generally will vent their spleen against such teaching because believe that GOD must give everybody a fair chance and a square deal (according to them). They completely reject the notion that HE has the right to do with HIS own as HE sees fit even though Paul declares the same in Romans; *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”* *“Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.”*

Men simply assume that GOD should have a favorable regard to men because they believe that men have some “inalienable right” or “intrinsic worth”. Yet the fact is that men have nothing except that which has been given to them, and thus they have no standing which is not the gift of GOD. *“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”* Therefore it is of the LORD’s mercies that we all are not consumed.

David understood the vast divide that there is between the HOLY CREATOR and the sinful worms of the dust when he said, *“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”* Even as did Job when he said, *“What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?”* They understood that not only is it not wrong for GOD to choose a people, whom HE loved, unto salvation, but rather a consideration, that HS having loved any of wretched and rebellious mankind is incomprehensible.

Because of man’s natural sinful condition he is completely dead insofar as any ability to comprehend and receive SPIRITUAL truth. Nothing has to change for him to perish. Apart from being “born again” he will die without any understanding or desire after GOD’s truth. *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* If it had pleased the LORD, HE could have never given any man the ability to see the glory of that kingdom, yet as Daniel said, *“But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets.”* To this end HE does show to those whom HE has loved from before the foundation of the world, the glorious mysteries of the reign of CHRIST as KING and SAVIOR.

This is beautifully illustrated at the wedding which the LORD attended in Cana of Galilee. Here, HE performed one of HIS most astonishing miracles, and yet HE did so in almost complete secrecy. While many at the feast enjoyed the wine which HE made, only a few lowly servants and HIS disciples knew how the wine came to be. They were awestruck by this secret knowledge. As John tells us, *“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”* This was a glory that was hidden from the guests at the wedding.

During the LORD’s ministry, HE gloried in the fact that the gospel was hid from some and revealed unto others. *“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes--- All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.”*

Only those who are convinced of their complete unworthiness to receive the least of HIS mercies, are given the great and precious truths of the gospel. Those that entertain the notion that they possess something of worth, in themselves, (be it free will, religious duty, or any form of righteousness) are unfit vessels in which to place this most precious truth. The common thread that runs through every religion that men have devised is the notion that they can approach GOD by and according to their own free will. In doing so they believe they can strike a bargain with GOD or at the very least influence HIM to pay heed to their requests and good deeds.

Those vessels which are prepared by the LORD to receive the TRUTH as it is in JESUS CHRIST, confess that they possess nothing which can gain them anything with GOD. They confess that they are covered with sin from head to foot and are in need of HIS mercy. They confess that they are worthy of destruction. They confess that they believe in the absolute sufficiency of the work of CHRIST as the REDEEMER of HIS people. What is your confession?

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