

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

The LORD does appoint all events to transpire exactly according to HIS timetable and no one else’s. Men often grow anxious as they wait for various events to occur, sometimes even doubting that the things which the LORD has decreed shall indeed come to pass. Yet the LORD is never in a hurry, and has determined to unfold HIS purpose over thousands of years concerning that people which were given to CHRIST, and loved by HIM from before the foundation of the world. It has pleased HIM to delay the unveiling of their identity until such time as HE desired to make them known. We see this first revealed in HIS purpose to subject them unto vanity as they were ordained to be born into Adam’s posterity. The scripture says that they are *“by nature the children of wrath even as others.”* yet there is an important distinction made between them and the rest of Adam’s offspring. *“For God hath not appointed (them) to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Paul describes “vessels of honor” contrasted with “vessels of dishonor”, the latter of which are *“fitted for destruction”*. The natural man rebels against this teaching.

The LORD instructed Hosea to name his firstborn son, Jezreel, which in the Hebrew literally means *“GOD will sow”*. HE then instructed him to name his next child, *“Loruhamah”*, which literally means *“not pitied”* for HE said that *“I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.”* And true to HIS decree HE did bring judgment upon the house of Israel.”

If we took a snapshot of that moment we could in no wise determine that they were indeed the people of GOD, yet HE would in HIS own time demonstrate that *“they are not all Israel which are of Israel”*. Neither can current chastening destroy those whom HE loves. HE would demonstrate that HE never forsakes those to whom HE is pleased to show mercy and would single out the house of Judah to manifest that truth saying, *“But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God”* Yet even so they were taken into captivity into Babylon in order that the LORD might demonstrate HIS deliverance of those whom HE loves. *“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”*

The manifestation of HIS love and mercy is never according to the timetable of men nor is HIS manner of deliverance of that people which are called by HIS name in keeping with their own estimation of what is right and good. Even as he declared to Moses, *“I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”* Oh how humbled in the dust should the sons of men be at the sound of these words, yet by nature they rise up with fists held high and accuse him of injustice. Their judgment awaits.

In the natural thinking of men, it would appear that the LORD had completely turned away from that people which HE loved, since darkness was upon Israel for 400 years from the closing of the prophecy of Malachi, until a Nazarite prophet by the name of John, came as a herald of HIM who would be the SALVATION of Israel and would forever manifest the glory of GOD’s grace. Peter stood on the day of Pentecost and declared the everlasting Gospel in the ears of the multitude saying, *“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.”* Religious men assume that they are included in those who are the recipients of GOD’s mercy, based upon their own obedience, activity, and what they define as faith.

The scriptures tell us *“The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.” (2Tim 2:19)* HE shall lose none of those which belong to HIM but shall indeed raise them up at the last day according to HIS purpose to demonstrate both HIS mercy and HIS justice. In the mean time, HE is pleased to bring much comfort to the sons of GOD by causing them to find a place of rest in CHRIST as they contemplate that work which HE has performed in their behalf. As long as the sons of GOD dwell in this present world, they will be beset with doubtings, fears, and unbelief. Yet they are held up by HIS precious promises and are caused to cling to CHRIST as a drowning man clings to a life preserver. This is the day of salvation! Do you hear what the SPIRIT saith unto the churches?

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