

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

Job was laid low under the chastening hand of GOD and made acquainted with his own inability. This is a common destination to which the LORD is pleased to bring all of HIS sons as HE works in them the grace of repentance. By nature, men think themselves quite able to do anything that they can think of. It is quite common for the religious nature of men to be stirred up and cajoled into "serving" GOD according to the dictates of whatever religion they choose to adopt. Some even call themselves Christians. These same people are stirred up to different levels of devotion and commitment according to the dictates of their religious tradition, the fervency of those whose teaching they submit themselves to, and the level of dogmatism that they find themselves comfortable with. Some are quite fervent and demonstrative in their practices while others prefer a more refined approach to the pursuit of "spirituality".

Regardless of what religion is chosen or to what degree it is pursued, all of man's religion is but a work of the flesh and has no lasting value beyond the present life, even though all of it is supposedly designed to prepare its adherents for the life to come. All of the religion of men is dependent on the freewill and ability of men to obey or accept its precepts in order for it to be useful. Whether one calls himself a Hindu or a Pentecostal, a Baptist or a Muslim, they are taught that they must adopt and follow certain guidelines and obey certain requirements or it profits them nothing.

This explains the shock that must have gripped the woman at the well when she compared her religious traditions to those of the Jews and received this answer from the LORD, *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers 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."* No doubt the same consternation filled the mind of Nicodemus when the LORD told him, *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* One can plainly see why the Pharisees hated HIM as HE told them, *"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honor from men."* The LORD JESUS CHRIST laid the axe firmly to the root of all of man's religiosity and destroyed the supposition that it was possible through the natural will and ability of men, to truly be acquainted with the true and living GOD. Apart from a supernatural work of GOD in a man, that man can in no wise possess any ability to grasp or to come to any knowledge of GOD. When Peter made his confession, the LORD told him, *"Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."* John describes those who have received HIM as those *"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

All men, in their natural state, possess nothing of value that could render any aid to themselves in fleeing the wrath that is to come. If the LORD is not pleased in HIS sovereign mercy to open a man's eyes to see HIM as the LORD of glory and to give HIM grace to flee unto that ONE who is *"a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land"*, then that man shall perish in his sin without help or hope.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST has accomplished all that is necessary to redeem HIS people and deliver them from any and all condemnation. They can add nothing to what HE has done for them by "believing" or "receiving" what HE has done. They believe what HE has done for them because HE has purchased them by HIS own blood and has given them the glorious gift of faith to rejoice in HIS imputed righteousness. They "receive" HIM because HE has received them and changed their mind, heart, and will to embrace HIS LORDSHIP. They are nothing in and of themselves, except that which HE has added to them. They are savored in the kingdom of Heaven solely because of that which HE has wrought in their behalf. The children of GOD have hope because HE has given it to them. They are set free from the law of sin and death because HE has broken those chains. They shall never perish because HE has given them eternal life. *"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?"* Are you a follower of CHRIST or of your chosen religion?

*"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)**