

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

Men are natural born idolaters. They always design and serve gods which think like they do and reward the behavior they most like to exhibit. They know exactly the habits and whereabouts of these gods and worship and serve them according to a schedule which suits their own activities. David says that the ONE who is the true and living GOD does exactly as HE pleases in the heavens and the earth. HE is never surprised, disappointed or lonely, nor does HE ever stand in need of anything. HE is perfect and complete in all of HIS ways, glorious above imagination in HIS person, and totally satisfied at the unfolding of HIS purpose. HE lacks nothing that HIS creation can supply nor can HE be made more or less glorious by anything that they may provide or do or neglect to provide or do. David said HE has done whatever HE pleased. Now if that be true then it behooves us to ask, wherein is the LORD's pleasure?

HE has pleasure in selecting a people to be called by HIS name. *"For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people."* The Jews thought that those whom HE was pleased to call HIS own were members of a certain race or tribe. Though Israel was chosen for a season as a type and foreshadow of the sons of GOD, the true elect sons of GOD have always been a remnant out of every tribe and tongue on the face of this earth. Their number has never increased nor diminished.

HE has pleasure in righteousness. *"I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness."* This cannot be discovered in men, for even our righteousness is as filthy rags in HIS sight. *"Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? --Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?"* HE is *"of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity."*

HE has pleasure in HIS SON. *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."* The LORD JESUS CHRIST is that one who is the delight of HIS FATHER. *"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth;"* and HE is the ONE to whom all of the promises are given. In CHRIST *"dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."*

HE has pleasure in the redemption of sinners. *"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand."* Since HE was pleased to love HIS elect and to delight in uprightness, it has pleased HIM to offer HIMSELF as a sacrifice for their sin, *"To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* (Rom 3:26) The LORD JESUS did not go to the cross out of any obligation We have redemption only because of HIS good pleasure.

HE has pleasure in the proclamation of the gospel. *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."* The plain gospel message is *"that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;"* The LORD could have chosen any method or means of communicating this glorious truth unto men that HE desired. But it pleased him to raise up fallen men to be proclaimers of this glorious truth, to lift up the name of HIS BELOVED and to preach this word of reconciliation to the poor and lowly, the halt and the lame, and those who are thirsty and hungering. Men are but clay vessels in the hand of the LORD, HE can raise them up or put them down, open their mouths or shut them according to HIS good pleasure. The "preacher" is but a means of communication to the minds of men the glorious message that JESUS CHRIST has accomplished the salvation of sinners. The power of GOD to bring life unto dead sinners is still solely in HIS hands and applied directly by HIS SPIRIT's power according to HIS sovereign will. Preachers are used by HIM to bring the glorious word of reconciliation to those HE has thus awakened. What a privilege it is for any son of Adam to be entrusted with this glorious message of hope and peace. What a blessing it is to both the messenger and the hearer. GOD is pleased to draw men to HIMSELF as this word is proclaimed and rebel sinners are brought out of darkness and into the light of this glorious gospel. *"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."* Do you rejoice in CHRIST? *Thy free grace alone,"#11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net**