

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

One of the most momentous events to ever occur upon the earth happened the day that the LORD was pleased to send HIS SPIRIT down to lead HIS people into all truth. Now we are quite certain that there has never been a day in the history of the world when the HOLY SPIRIT has not been present in the earth. Even in the Creation the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The LORD our GOD is ONE and wherever HE is, then HIS SPIRIT is there as well. David certainly knew something of what it was to be indwelt by the SPIRIT of GOD and feared HIS departure when he prayed *"take not thy holy spirit from me."*

Yet the LORD promised to send HIS SPIRIT, which HE called the COMFORTER, in a manner which was, heretofore, not specifically and particularly known to HIS disciples."for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

Joel prophesied of this occurrence when he said, *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."* The LORD prepared HIS disciples for this event when HE met with them in the upper room after HIS resurrection just before HIS ascension

As of yet they had no clear understanding as to exactly what it was that HE came into the world to accomplish. Thus HE gave them this glorious promise which had implications beyond what they could even imagine at the time. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In this fashion HE described that to which HE was sending them and the fact that HE would provide them with exactly what they needed to perform the task to which HE sent them.

Just prior to HIS ascension HE had met with them one last time. He revealed it was not in HIS purpose to send them forth at that moment but to have them "tarry" or wait at Jerusalem until this momentous event would occur, which had never taken place in the Earth, before or since.

Thus "when the day of Pentecost was fully come" HE brought to pass that which HE had given Joel to prophesy. And just as suddenly as the LORD JESUS was taken up from them as they stood gazing, so now HE comes to them opening their understanding and giving them languages which they had never spoken, which is an illustration of the fact that they were declaring a "new" message which they had heretofore not spoken.

Peter (who not many days before had denied that he even knew this man JESUS) stood up boldly in the midst of the multitude, and declared the gospel, of the glory of the blessed GOD, in no uncertain terms and no equivocation as to the purpose for which the LORD JESUS had come into the world. Prior to this event, the disciples of CHRIST were still convinced that the MESSIAH would restore the kingdom of Israel politically and geographically. Their understanding caused them to see the nation of Israel (after the flesh) as being at the center of GOD's purpose. Amazingly many teachers and preachers today, still believe the same thing.

Yet the LORD told his disciples in John chapter 16 that the SPIRIT would be sent to them to lead them into all truth. HE said the SPIRIT would glorify HIM. That is the exact purpose for which CHRIST came, that HIS NAME might be magnified in the Earth as the REDEEMER of that people which HE loved from before the foundation of the world. Thus we see the glory of CHRIST as the center of GOD's purpose in the Earth. This is the reason that the gospel is to be proclaimed. For when the SPIRIT is come HE will speak of CHRIST. HE will magnify the SAVIOR's NAME. HE will magnify the SAVIOR's work. HE will magnify the SAVIOR's purpose and accomplishments.

The gospel is not an "offer", rather it is a message that declares the righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. It is a message which declares the glory of him who died in the room and stead of sinners. It is a message about the faithfulness of CHRIST *"Thy free grace alone," #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)**