

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

There are basically three Greek words that are all translated into the English as “world” in the scriptures. Yet each one of these Greek words carries with it a distinct meaning. It is good that we pay attention to which one of these words is used or else we could misunderstand exactly what is being taught in each case the “world” is mentioned. Translation from one language to another is always problematic in the same fashion as listening to men speak the same language with different dialects. One of these Greek words generally means the inhabited world such as the “Roman Empire” as we see in Luke 2:1; *“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.”* Another of the Greek words generally means the “world system or order” as we see it displayed in the inhabitants of the world, Jew and Gentile alike. *“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”*

The third Greek word can be most often understood to be speaking of an era or an age. It is the word from which we get our English word “eon” which means an extended period of time. generally an extended one. In fact this word is also translated in the KJV as evermore (5 times) such as when the LORD said *“behold, I am alive for evermore,”* in the Revelation given to John.

This present “age” (i.e. world) is evil by and according to the design of HIM who does all things according to the good pleasure of HIS will. HE has appointed one to “rule” over it, who is in his very being opposed to all that is good and would if it were possible, destroy all that belongs to the Sovereign GOD who made him. He is called the god of this world. Yet the LORD speaks of his ultimate fate. *“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.”* The certain doom and manifest judgment of GOD upon this *“prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”* is declared and displayed in the triumphant death and resurrection of JESUS CHRIST. *“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

Satan thought to enslave the LORD JESUS when he took HIM to the top of the mountain and showed HIM the “world”, so he determined to slay HIM. Yet every move that HE made towards that end was ordained by the hand of HIM who does all things according to HIS will. Evil men move at the bidding of Satan but every step which they take is determined by HIM whose purpose cannot fail. While they mean these things for evil, yet HE orders them all to *“work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”* This is clearly demonstrated in the case of Joseph being sold into Egypt and Satan’s affliction of Job, and then openly demonstrated in the betrayal and ultimate crucifixion of JESUS CHRIST. *“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain”*

This age serves the exact purpose for which it was ordained by HIM who creates all ages. *“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.”* It is manifested in the scriptures that while this particular world (or age) in which we presently dwell, is temporary; there are other ages unto which the children of GOD are appointed to inhabit, which are without end, to the glory of the ONE who is their REDEEMER. HE *“hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages (aion) to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”*

The ultimate destruction of this world and its inhabitants is death, for which there is no remedy. *“The soul that sinneth shall die”*. Death spares none since it is the result of sin. Yet there is ONE who has power over death. HE demonstrated it when HE came into the world born of a woman and did subject HIMSELF to the pains of death in order to bear the sins of HIS elect. HE proved it when HE lay for three days and nights in the belly of the earth, arising on the third day and manifesting the destruction of death for all those for whom HE died. *“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*

This is HE who came to deliver HIS people from this present evil world. *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; (who is the god of this age) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”* There is no bondage to which the sons of GOD have been subjected that JESUS CHRIST has not delivered them from, most especially death which is the calling card of this present evil world.

*“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)**