

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

Regardless of the amount of knowledge a man may receive from a study of the scriptures, his understanding is incomplete if he fails to see the glory of CHRIST upon every page. To read the Bible as a collection of stories, and not see CHRIST as the subject of each one is to miss the purpose of those accounts. To preach from the scriptures as a source of sound doctrine and not see CHRIST revealed in that doctrine is to declare a message which is as dead and dry as the skeletons in the valley of dry bones and as useless to the awakened sons of Adam, as that which the "*physicians of no value*" brought to Job.

CHRIST is the GIVER of all sound doctrine as well as the ONE to whom all true doctrine points. HIS doctrine is not, primarily, concerned with lessons of morality, but, rather, to testify of the gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD. To declare HIS truth is to exalt the finished work of the REDEEMER and the establishment of HIS Kingdom in the earth. This Kingdom is not one which is entered into or comprehended by flesh and blood. It is not concerned with geography or specific tribes and nationalities. The weapons of those who are called to wage its war, are not made of natural materials, but are mighty even to the casting down of imaginations and every high thing which would exalt itself against HIM.

To read of the trials and sorrows of GOD's people upon the pages of the sacred scriptures and not consider that such are but an illustration of that MAN of SORROWS who was tempted in all points like as we are, is to focus upon the wrong person. This world is truly a lowland of sorrow and temptation for all of its inhabitants, but is most especially a grievous dwelling place for the sons of GOD who are awakened to behold the corruption that is in them by nature and choice.

To spend our days in lamentation and commiseration about these trials, in our conversations to one another, is to turn our eyes away from the only SOURCE of comfort in the midst of such troubles. We would never wish to make light of the physical suffering of anyone but at the same time we would wish to remind those who have fled to CHRIST for refuge that HE is a MAN of SORROWS and acquainted with our grief. HE is the WAY that we might escape all trials. May our focus be ever upon HIM.

As the LORD JESUS bore the curse of the law for those, whom HE made HIS soul an offering for sin, HE endured a greater agony in HIS soul and spirit, than HE did in HIS body by physical sufferings, as horrendous as they were..

The LORD demonstrates the judgment which is due to all who have transgressed HIS law and disregarded HIS sovereign right to rule in glorious dominion, yet HE has not appointed all of the inhabitants of the earth to taste of that judgment, For HE has a people which HE hid in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world and HE has gladly come into this world in order to take the cup of condemnation from them and drink every last dreg for them.

HE is the ADVOCATE, MEDIATOR, and INTERCESSOR of those whom HE has loved with an everlasting love. HE has taken this "*cup of judgment*" out of their hand. Though HE has ever stood as their MEDIATOR, yet it pleased HIM according to HIS purpose to magnify the glory of HIS grace to come into this world and make HIS redemptive work known. HE took upon HIMSELF the form of a SERVANT that HE might demonstrate the purpose of GOD to be both just and the JUSTIFIER of HIS elect bride. There is no doubt that she, just like all of mankind, stood guilty of breaking the Holy Law of GOD, and as a lawbreaker was worthy of death and destruction. Yet due to the depths of HIS love and the wideness of HIS mercy, HE came into the world to pay the debt that she owed. HE paid it all, in full, treading the winepress of GOD's wrath alone to accomplish it. She cannot pay that debt which is cancelled nor can any accusation ever be brought against her.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

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