

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

Most scholars and scientists especially believe strongly in an underlying cause of the events which occur in the earth. While they would set forth this truth, they would with very little exception, deny that the Sovereign GOD of the universe is the FIRST CAUSE of all events in the Earth, the Heavens, and regions known and unknown to men. By nature, man takes great delight in his supposed mastery over his own fate and only acknowledges the hand of GOD in occurrences for which he has no better “explanation”. He might refer to GOD’s “intervention” from time to time, as if all things just go along like a child’s wind up toy, until HE “intervenes” to remedy this or that situation. This is a very foolish view, since the LORD, HIMSELF declares, *“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.” “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. ---I have purposed it, I will also do it.”*

Paul writes to the Thessalonians about a “power” or “cause” over which man has no control. The word that he uses to describe this “powerful and irresistible force” is “*effectual working*”. In the original Greek, the word which is used in the KJV is “*energeo*” which literally means “active and efficient.” It is the root word from which our English word “energy” is derived.

Paul writes concerning the “cause” of his rejoicing, which he says is the result of his observation of the power of the WORD of GOD which manifested itself in those that were given ears to hear. This word did not simply go in one ear and out of the other, nor did they regard the TRUTH which Paul was enabled to deliver to them, as the mere words of men. Rather they embraced the TRUTH for what it was, “the WORD of GOD”. When the LORD is pleased to open the heart of a man to receive the TRUTH, he will cleave to it and be as that “*good ground*” which the LORD spoke of in HIS parable of the sower, “*But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*”

The LORD described this “*effectual working*” to Isaiah, “*For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*” We do not know every thought or purpose which the LORD shall bring to pass in the course of demonstrating HIS saving work in HIS elect children, but HE is pleased to manifest HIS work in them by an “*effectual working*”. HE does not hope or try to draw HIS people to HIMSELF, rather HE does so by HIS mighty power.

We see this same concept declared by Peter on the day of Pentecost, “*For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*” The LORD’s promise is not a conditional offer of blessing which HE leaves up to man to take advantage of. HE who makes the promise, also fulfills the promise in those to whom the promise is given. HE does so by an “*effectual working*” of HIS WORD, applied through the power of HIS SPIRIT who awakens those dead in trespasses and sins, causing them to hear the WORD of GOD. The outcome of that “calling” is never in doubt for it is indeed an “*effectual calling*”. Did HE not say, “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*” “*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” HE is both the GIVER and the FULFILLER of HIS own promise.

Preaching, without this POWER (effectually working) is no true preaching at all but is mere entertainment or a religious exercise which cannot profit those who sit under it. Men cannot cause this POWER to be present and men cannot prevent it either. Neither can the carnal abilities of men enhance it, or their ignorance diminish it. The LORD may work in the mighty wind or HE may be pleased to minister to HIS elect in a still small voice. Regardless of the fashion or circumstance in which HE is pleased to manifest HIS power, HE will bring his purpose to pass, and will humble sinners in the dust and cause them to praise HIM. “*Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea.* The LORD JESUS CHRIST is that ONE who is revealed in the Gospel, of which Paul said, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*” Has HE wrought “*effectually*” in you? Do you receive the WORD of GOD as it is in TRUTH? “*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)**