

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #26

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

A man cannot serve two masters, he will either serve the law or HE will serve CHRIST. The desire to mix the law and grace has troubled the church since the very earliest of days, and we see the whole epistle of Paul to the Galatians, written to correct this aberration of the gospel. CHRIST does not deliver HIS people from the law of Moses only to put them back under it in some other form or to introduce some more stringent “requirement”.

Any and all “requirements” which are given to those who are the sons of GOD by the grace of GOD, have been satisfied by HIM who comes to save sinners, and not to load their backs with another law of this demand or that. The principle of the SPIRIT of life in CHRIST JESUS is that which frees the sons of GOD from the principle of sin and death. The “principle of sin and death” is anything which says, “do this and live” or “do this and gain blessings.” CHRIST has secured any and all blessings for those for whom HE came.

The promise of GOD in CHRIST JESUS is that HE is become the PERFORMER for HIS people. HE does currently work in them “*both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*” Paul declares this to the Galatians when HE said, “*For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*”

This is that easy “yoke” of which CHRIST spoke. The Pharisees and their religious children which are with us today continually tried to bind men to the rigor of the law of Moses. Their doctrine was the “yoke” of the law of Moses. The yoke of which CHRIST speaks is not one which binds and chafes men but rather one which is “easy” (or full of grace) because HE is the ONE who has put forth and accomplished all of the effort needed for the complete and utter salvation of those whom HE commands to learn of HM. There is nothing left for them to do. HE is their obedience. HE is their righteousness. HE is their sanctification, and their justification.

The “yoke” of CHRIST is the revelation of the character of CHRIST. HE said, “learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:” Should we love GOD with all of our heart? HE said of HIMSELF, “*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*” Should we love our neighbor as ourselves? HE fulfilled that law, when HE “*commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”

The “yoke” of CHRIST is the revelation of the “satisfactory” and “substitutionary” work of CHRIST. The greatest rest for the sons of GOD is in being made able to see that CHRIST has satisfied the total demands of the law for those HE has undertook to redeem. HE has not made some attempt at a general and universal redemption for all men, which yet requires the addition of a man’s “faith”, but rather HE has entered in once into the holy place and obtained eternal redemption for a particular people.

If HE has “obtained” that redemption, then nothing can be left which needs to be performed. This is a message which must be proclaimed from every hill and housetop. CHRIST is the REDEEMER of HIS people, the SAVIOR of sinners, and the PROVIDER of every perfect gift.

The “yoke” of Moses’ law demanded obedience and promised condemnation for those who did not live up to its stringent demands.

The “yoke” of CHRIST, on the other hand, ministers LIFE and LIGHT, because it reveals a perfect LAWKEEPER. Rather than stirring up enmity in the hearts and minds of those who take it up (by grace through FAITH) it brings them into conformity with that “yoke” and causes them to “*delight in the law of God after the inward man.*” Perfect love casts out fear. Rather than living under the “law’s condemnation”, the man who is “in CHRIST” lives under the law’s perfect fulfillment and satisfaction, he cannot be condemned; “his burden is light”.

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