

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

All of man's creative ability is but a testament to the wisdom and purpose of HIM who is the actual CREATOR of all things. We possess nothing of value nor any productive thought which has not been given to us by an all wise and faithful GOD. Jeremiah said it well, *"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."* Solomon said, *"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."*

The scriptures are a continual testimony to the outworking of the unalterable purpose of a Sovereign GOD. Few would outright deny that GOD is sovereign but multitudes of religious men effectively deny HIS sovereignty by telling us that HE can only act in concert with the free-will of men in HIS dealings with them.

They would attempt to rob HIM of the glory which is revealed in HIS determined purpose to redeem that people which HE has loved with an everlasting love. They do so by making up a recipe for salvation which is very palatable to the religious flesh of the creature.

They measure out the ingredients of chance (i.e.; everybody has a chance to be saved), throw in some natural ability (i.e., you've got to have faith), and add a dash of responsibility (GOD only helps those that help themselves). Then they cook it on a high heat (i.e.; reminding men of the fires of hell in order to scare them into making a decision) in an expensive pan (i.e.; GOD needs your money in order to finance HIS attempts to save as many as HE can before its too late).

Once it's out of the oven, (i.e.; they persuade some to make a decision and thus pronounce them "saved") they then add the icing of keeping the law (i.e.; tithing, Sabbath keeping, general morality according to their definition) and doing good deeds in order that such things can be seen of men and surely appreciated by the LORD who they believe is so proud of them. They put their elaborate dish on display and often seek to outdo one another to see how many folks they can get to eat their concoction. Advertising, building elaborate meeting houses, and instituting various programs and jived up music, designed to keep them coming (and of course tithing).

Sadly, because this dish tastes so good they never have any shortage of those that gather around their table. *"broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."* *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools."*

The declaration of the gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD centers upon one SUBJECT and needs no one to devise various means and methods in order for it to be heard. The LORD has written the recipe, provided the necessary ingredients, sent HIS messengers and caused those for whom salvation is designed to hear, receive, and believe it according to HIS Sovereign purpose. Those whom HE calls, gladly eat at HIS table and rejoice to be delivered from the wrath to come and from the tables of those who would spread their feasts of dainties which appeal to the flesh but grieve the spirit of those who are taught their own depravity, lost condition, and inability to deliver themselves out of it.

The SOURCE of true SALVATION is the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who clearly declared, *I am the door of the sheep. --I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep*

The unfolding of the grace of GOD in the redemption of HIS people is the very purpose for which the world was created. *"we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory."* The LAMB is all the GLORY in EMMANUEL's land.

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