

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

The scripture has much to say concerning the leadership of nations and the wicked and base nature of the people which the LORD raises up to such positions. There has probably never been a greater and more pompous king to rule in an earthly kingdom than Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. Towards the end of his reign the LORD visited HIM with mercy, in humbling him to eat grass in the field like an ox, stripping him of his glory and pomp. The LORD taught him what he was by nature and revealed unto him both the glory and sovereign power of HIM of whom David said, *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* This is Nebuchadnezzar’s testimony, *“And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”* Prior to this revelation he recounts the vision which the LORD brought to him through Daniel wherein HE identifies the kind of men whom the LORD raises up to sit in seats of power. *“The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”* There is not a politician alive today (at least that I am aware of) who would concur with this truth. They spend their time telling us what great citizens and upright men (and women) that they are; even when we can plainly see the holes in their underwear.

The LORD has given to HIS people a great DEFENDER, who has confronted and destroyed all of their enemies. We have been given an abiding HOPE in the certainty of HIS triumph over the most formidable foe, for HE has risen from the dead and become the FIRST FRUITS of them that sleep. Therefore we sorrow not as those who do not have this HOPE. CHRIST is appointed as our DEFENDER. *“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”*

CHRIST has gladly taken up the mantle as our CHAMPION, from the beginning, *“for the joy that was set before HIM.”* *“I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant (i.e.; HE who is the SEED of David); with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.”* HIS defence of HIS people is complete and sure. *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.”*

Since we have been given eyes to see HIS “defence” of HIS people, we now gladly own HIM as our KING and worship at HIS footstool. *“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began”* *“For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.”*

HE was a KING when HE came into the world, though HE was pleased to hide HIS kingdom from the wise men of this world. *“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

What a privilege is given to the sons of GOD, to behold HIM as that reigning KING, clothed in HIS majesty as the REDEEMER of HIS people. *“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”* *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. -- We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.”* *This is HE who is “mighty to save.”* CHRIST is Our DEFENDER and KING. Do you rejoice in HIS LORDSHIP and triumphant and eternal reign?

*Thy free grace alone,”#11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)**