

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

All that the LORD has done and is presently doing is perfect in its purpose, execution, and result. HE spoke all worlds, creatures, and world orders into existence and pronounced them “good”. Nothing can or ever has transpired which is contrary to HIS ordained purpose or outside of HIS predestined will. HE never makes apologies for HIS actions nor is HE ever reluctant to declare that HE is the FIRST CAUSE of all events. *“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me---I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”* This is extremely humbling to men and devils, though neither will willingly submit to it. They would both rather scheme to overthrow HIS purpose than fall before HIM in adoration and amazement. The scripture indicates that one third of the angels of Heaven, were cast out along with Lucifer, the *“son of the morning”*. Their creation and demise were all as much a part of GOD’s ordained purpose, to magnify the glory of HIS grace in the salvation of HIS elect, as was the flood which destroyed the population of the world and the ark which Noah was commanded to build unto the salvation of himself, his family, and in essence the world.

Man assumes that he cannot be held accountable for his wickedness, if such is ordained by GOD, and this forms the whole crux of his defiant schemes to exalt the free will of men and to dismiss the absolute predestination of all things. Paul lays the axe to the root of this rebellion in the ninth chapter of Romans when he says, *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”*

Nothing rankles the pride of man more than the revelation of the absolute predestination of all things by the hand of a sovereign GOD who cannot even be called into question. Men will imagine all sorts of vain arguments against HIS dominion, rather than bowing before the ONE who does all things according to the good pleasure of HIS will, whether they be things in Heaven or things in the earth. The salvation of GOD’s chosen people is part of HIS grand design to bring glory to HIMSELF in the exaltation of JESUS CHRIST as the REDEEMER of sinners. It is this glory which is manifested before men and angels in the work which CHRIST has done and subsequently declared in the proclamation of the Gospel. HE raises men up to declare it, as well as calls men to embrace it while falling at HIS feet in repentance and rising in hope according to the gift of faith which HE so richly bestows upon those whom HE loves. HIS boundless mercy, and particularly, HIS unswerving justice is put on display as HE put HIS only begotten SON to death in their behalf as an ATONEMENT for their sin.. *“that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*

HIS predestination both assures and necessitates the occurrence of all things which must fulfill HIS purpose and redound unto HIS own glory. HE has ordained the belief of the gospel by those HE has appointed to it as much as HE has every event which has set the stage for the manifestation of the redemptive work of CHRIST which is therein declared as the basis upon which their faith and subsequent hope rests. The LORD causes HIS people to obtain a “HOPE” which is the most precious possession of those who are so blessed. *“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”* *“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”*

This hope is described for the sons of GOD as a “good hope” in *2Thes 2:16* All things are made to work together for “good” to the sons of GOD. It is also described as “better hope” in *Heb.7:19* This HOPE is better than the law which could in no wise minister anything but condemnation to all who have broken its precepts. Those who are found hidden in the righteousness of CHRIST are better off than they could ever have been even had they never transgressed the law.

This hope is described as a “lively (or living) hope” in *1 Pet.1:3*. This HOPE endures because CHRIST “who is our HOPE” ever liveth to make intercession for us at the throne of GOD This three-fold hope causes the sons of GOD to be ever *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”*

The LORD is gracious in supplying all that the sons of GOD need. HE is their PERFORMER, REDEEMER, and KING, and HE is made unto them WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS, and SANCTIFICATION. Their hope is built on nothing less than JESUS blood and righteousness. What is your hope and upon what basis do you expect to enter into the presence of GOD?

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**