

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

We all should be somewhat familiar with the parable of the prodigal son. A young man full of vigor and convinced of his knowledge of worldly ways departed from his father's house intent on trying out his wings and throwing off the yoke of his father's rule. He soon learned that he was not as wise as he first thought, when he found himself in a place of great need, having spent everything that his father gave him. This young prodigal made the startling discovery that he was a servant of his own lust, when he had to enter into servitude to a citizen of a country to which he did not belong. This parable gives us a picture of the true sons of GOD. By their own choice, owing to their heart's desire and sinful nature they cast off their FATHER's rule and rebelled against HIM. They have spent and destroyed all that he gave them and sold themselves into slavery to one who was not their father and willingly became his bondmen in the pig sty of sin. They forgot who their FATHER was and for all intents and purposes became like those who dwelt in that country. Looking at them in that fallen state one would assume that they were as all the others who had citizenship there. They acted the same, thought the same, talked the same, they even smelled like the hogs with whom they companied. But unbeknownst to them, they were still loved by their FATHER who had a design for them that did not include citizenship in this world nor the lifetime occupation of feeding and eating with hogs.

When it pleased the FATHER, HE awakened them, brought them to their senses and reminded them of the glories of HIS house. By the miracle of grace he made their mind to dwell on the fact that in their FATHER's house was more than enough to satisfy their desire. HE brought them on a journey back to the place which HE had prepared before they were ever born. They first thought that the idea of making this journey was their own and would be content occupying the place of a servant in HIS house. But when they arrived they discovered that HE was waiting for them with open arms and knew the exact time of their arrival because HE had marked out their journey according to HIS purpose and had sent HIS HOLY SPIRIT to bring them to HIM. Once they have arrived back in HIS presence, they wonder why they ever departed. Now they are made aware that it was HE who paid their debts and bought them out of slavery while they were yet wallowing in sin. Their old nature causes them to be plagued with doubts and fears about their standing with HIM but HE never wavers.

Since they have learned the ways of this world, they need a tutor to instruct them in the ways of that country of which they are truly citizens. From time to time they even consider a return to that wretched place, Yet their FATHER is faithful to bring the rod of correction to them, reminding them of the price which HIS dear SON paid to deliver them from the bondage of this world. This world is not their home, they are strangers and sojourners here.

*"For GOD hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with HIM."*

They have not earned it but rather, have been given an inheritance beyond comprehension. *"Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."*

They are no longer subject to the curse of the law nor fearful of its condemnation. *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto CHRIST, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of GOD by faith in CHRIST JESUS."*

Their acceptance in that continuing city is not theirs because of their obedience but because of HIS promise. *"Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise."*

Though they find themselves living in this dark world they are not a part of it nor do they find here anything of lasting value. *"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the SAVIOR, the LORD JESUS CHRIST:"**"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the FIRSTBORN, which are written in heaven, and to GOD the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to JESUS the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."*

*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)**