

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

Every blade of grass, every grain of sand, and every creature under the sun exists solely to fulfill the purpose of the Sovereign GOD who created them out of nothing. Just as surely as the orbits of the planets about the sun are marked out with precision and the bounds of the sea are set so that it cannot pass, so too is every event under the sun ordered to occur in its timely fashion to fulfill that same exact purpose. Thus, we read the words of the LORD JESUS, *“For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.”* HE has ordained that in every age there should be men who are lacking in the riches of this world and has chosen them to represent the inhabitants of HIS kingdom. Each time we see those who are begging for bread, unwashed and unkempt, in debt with no means to pay their obligations, we should be reminded that the inhabitants of Zion are likened unto them. *“Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?”*

The poor are seldom, truly, pitied and quite often despised by those who have an abundance of this world’s goods. They are looked upon as slackers and irresponsible by those who are convinced that they have gained their own good fortune by their own effort, education, and the tugging of their “bootstraps” rather than the favor of GOD who creates one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor as it hath pleased HIM. In this they are much like those Jews whom Paul says, *“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”* The LORD would demonstrate that the way into the Kingdom of Heaven is *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.”* In keeping with this very principle, the LORD declared *“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.”* The sons of GOD are likened to the poor, because they are without power. *“when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

The sons of GOD are likened to the poor because they have no one (apart from the LORD) who truly pities their plight, or who will be their advocate. *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”* They are likened to the poor because they have nothing with which to pay their enormous debt. *“For the wages of sin is death”*. The sons of GOD are likened to the poor because they cannot make provision for themselves. Thus the LORD says, *“I will satisfy her poor with bread.”* This is a promise which is totally without conditions. It is the LORD’s purpose to provide everything that the sons of GOD stand in need of. To this end HE has ordered all things to occur in the earth for their benefit and does so provide them with HIS abundant grace. The question might be asked why are the rich not mentioned? The reason is that there are no “rich men” in the Kingdom of heaven. This is a kingdom which is specifically given to the destitute. *“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”* These are those who know they have nothing wherewith to pay that which they owe, seeing a mountain of debt which overwhelms them and leaves them in a hopeless condition.

This is not a kingdom for those who find themselves to be faithful, or those who have overcome their sin, or are able to perform deeds of righteousness. This is not a kingdom for those who expect to recount their triumphs before the LORD and bask in their victories. This is a kingdom for the outcasts and failures of the world, and not its model citizens. As the LORD said to the Pharisees, *“Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”* This Kingdom which the LORD JESUS describes is not prepared for those are in possession of anything which would fit them for its citizenship or give them reason to boast in themselves.

The LORD has designed this world for the purpose of manifesting the glory of HIS grace, in the redemption of sinners, through the blood sacrifice of HIS only begotten SON. HE has come into the world to seek and to save that which is lost. Something cannot be “lost” unless one has ownership of it. So too has the LORD declared HIS intention to redeem that people which HE has loved with an everlasting love, saving them from sure destruction. To this end HE has declared HIS intention to seek them out and to provide everything which they might need to bring them out of darkness and into the LIGHT. The promises of GOD are yea and amen. HE is ever faithful to HIS own.

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