singing: "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

All of the benefits and blessings that are given to the created sons of GOD come to them through the LIFE which naturally occurs in CHRIST JESUS who possesses LIFE by virtue of being eternally ONE with the FATHER. HIS LIFE has no beginning and no end simply because HE is GOD whom Isaiah describes as "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy." Nothing can be added to HIM nor can anything be taken away. All things and creatures of any sort are the product of HIS creation and none can share in that essential glory which is HIS as the ETERNAL GOD. Even as HE told Isaiah, "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another." Or as Paul says, "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting.

All creatures and things occupy that realm which we know as "time" and HE alone occupies that realm, which we can only partly comprehend, which the scripture calls "eternity." This is essentially that which forms the separation between HIMSELF and all that HE has created. Many are the schemes and theories of men that have clouded that separation and subsequently caused confusion and often division among the sons of GOD.

GOD is never under any sort of obligation and always does things according to HIS will, completely unfettered by any other moving force. We rejoice when we read that HE has loved HIS people with an "everlasting love" for it describes to us an enduring love which cannot possibly end. We also are blessed in consideration of it, for we cannot see with human eyes when such love had its beginning, though we are quite certain that its beginning (as are all things) is in CHRIST and according to HIS eternal purpose.

The true blessings of the sons of GOD flows to them as their understanding is fully opened to behold the beauty of that truth which Paul expressed saying, "but Christ is all, and in all." (Col 3:11) It is seen in the words of Simon Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

We rejoice in the glorious truth of the LORD's unconditional election of a people, in CHRIST, from before the foundation of the world, yet our joy cannot be full apart from HIS application of the truth of CHRIST's sufficiency in all things to our mind and heart. This is that which Paul describes to the Corinthians when he said, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Is this not the manifestation of being made a new creature in CHRIST? Is this not the fruit of "having the SON" and "having LIFE"?

Eternal LIFE is <u>in CHRIST</u>. John plainly said "this LIFE is in HIS SON". Where else would one be able to find such LIFE? Man, by nature is not only dying constantly as he moves towards the day when the grave shall swallow him up; but he is already dead in trespasses and sins. Thus he is, essentially, "twice dead" and is totally helpless to extricate himself, either, from the carnal grave or that state wherein he abides in darkness without the knowledge of THE HOLY ONE. How can he find this LIFE when he has neither the desire or the ability to discover its SOURCE?

Eternal LIFE is <u>of CHRIST</u>. Like a FOUNTAIN which gushes forth, so the LORD does bring this LIFE to those whom HE loves. Even as HE said to the Samaritan woman, "the water <u>that I shall give him</u> shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. We live because HE lives and we believe because HE has granted to us this LIFE.

Thus we see that Eternal LIFE is <u>by</u> or <u>through CHRIST</u>. HE is that blessed CONDUIT through which LIFE comes to us and by which we are enabled to come to the FATHER. CHRIST JESUS is the manifestation of the "tender mercy of our GOD". All blessings which are given to the children of GOD, both in this world and that which is to come, flow through, HIM who is the POSSESSOR of eternal LIFE. In HIM we live and move and have our being as the sons of GOD.

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