

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

Satan is a master of subterfuge and deceit, lying in wait to destroy those whom he has been enabled to snare in his web of lies. He is aided by the fact that men are in rebellion against GOD by their very nature, and they would rather believe a lie than to fall down in obedience and worship at the feet of an Almighty GOD. The greatest weapon in his arsenal is carnal religion to which men to a greater or lesser degree are drawn to. Every society and culture upon the face of the earth have hewed them out such cisterns which are broken and hold no water. Some have the appearance of water just like a mirage that appears in the desert when men’s mouths are parched and dry and they seek relief. Yet they are each one dependent upon their foundations of free will and levels of righteousness, relative to morality, prayers, and good deeds which they encourage one another to perform with the expectation of blessing from above.

At the heart of these endeavors are smatterings of truth which in the present day “churches” are set forth in such a manner to appeal to the natural understanding of men without giving great offense or stirring up anxiety in the hearers. Entertainment is more important than substance and encouragement is more greatly desired than searching the heart with biblical self examination.

Then there are others which eschew these false notions and propound the very purest forms of doctrine which for all intents and purposes is exactly in line with the letter of truth as it is set forth in the Scriptures. They cross every “tee” and dot every “i” with great precision, yet they rest upon this “teaching” and “preaching” as the very foundation which they assume will support them in the hour of trial which is to come upon the earth. “Sound doctrine” is vital to a proper understanding of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, but the soundest of doctrine is not sufficient to rest upon, nor can a man discover CHRIST through it, apart from the application of it to the heart by the HOLY SPIRIT “*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” Knowing the scriptures can bring such blessing to the sons of GOD, but resting in this “knowledge” apart from a genuine “love of it” is to perish. There is a fine line between approving of sound theology in the flesh and that which drives one to worship in adoration and praise.

As JESUS of Nazareth, appointed by GOD to fulfill all RIGHTEOUSNESS, walked among HIS brethren, HE was touched with the feelings of their infirmities and was acquainted with the trials of HIS people in body and in mind. There was no point upon which HE was not tried nor any circumstance which could arise in the course of the human existence which HE was not familiar with. HE knew that the arm of the flesh would fail and even though HE was a perfect MAN without defect, yet HE “*learned obedience by the things which HE suffered.*” HE felt the arrows of distress as HIS enemies snapped at HIS feet, like ravening wolves, mocking HIM and ridiculing HIM because of the audacity with which HE expressed HIS complete reliance upon HIS FATHER, calling them and their religion into question by the things which HE taught, and they despised. Over and over HE declared to them the “*foundations of the righteous*”, which HE knew could never be destroyed, lest those who would flee to HIM for refuge should be swept away with the wicked whose destruction is as sure as the everlasting nature of these foundations.

Paul says, “*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*” HE speaks of the ONE FOUNDATION of the sons of GOD. HE says the same thing to the Colossians, “*Christ is all, and in all*” Every building is built upon “*one foundation*”, yet that foundation is made up of many elements. If any one of the elements of a foundation fails then the building cannot stand if each of these elements is vital.

The work of CHRIST is the only work which is acceptable in the courts of Heaven. HE came to do HIS FATHER’s will and HE has accomplished that work which can in no wise be overturned. No work of man, regardless of his pedigree is acceptable to the FATHER except it is “the work of CHRIST”. HE is the SANCTIFIER and PERFORMER for HIS children and HIS righteousness is seen in them and for them. Those who are hidden in HIM have a perfect RIGHTEOUSNESS. Thanks be unto GOD that our FOUNDATION standeth sure. “*Thy free grace alone,*” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**