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

One of the first and foremost lessons that the SPIRIT of GOD is pleased to teach HIS people is that they have no strength of their own. Daniel relates that he had not strength when the LORD appeared. Isaiah experienced the same thing when he was given a glimpse of GOD's holiness, "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; Job testifies in a similar fashion when the LORD appeared to him in the whirlwind. "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." So it was also with John on the isle of Patmos when the LORD revealed HIMSELF to him, "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead." The blessed Apostle Paul was struck blind and made to cry out in his weakness and anquish, "Who art thou, Lord?"

The work of GOD in this revelation is totally unaided nor is it precipitated by man. It is GOD alone who can convince a man of his utter inability to help himself. This concept is absolutely hated by the religious do gooders of the world who rely on men to do their fair share in the work of GOD and especially in letting GOD save them. Men will continue on their merry way, attempting and doing great things for GOD until such time as HE is pleased to show up on the scene and leave them speechless and clamoring for breath at the revelation of the depths of their own depravity and the vast divide that is between them and the true and living GOD. Many are convinced that they can believe in HIM whenever they wish but those whom HE has taught to believe must acknowledge their own inability to even do that as the father of the demon possessed child confessed. ", <u>Lord, I believe;</u> help thou mine unbelief."

So we address ourselves to all of those little children who mourn for their sin, who see themselves as unworthy of the least of the LORD's mercies, who know themselves to be worthy of being cast away forever. Those who tremble at the mention of the LORD's name and fear to even approach HIS throne, to them we come with the sweet message of the gospel wherein HE says "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Are you weighed down under the heavy load of your sin and find not one shred of worth within yourself? Have you heard men say "just believe" but you sadly confess "I can't". The gospel reveals SOMEONE who is exactly suited to a sinner's need. JESUS CHRIST the RIGHTEOUS has everything and more for those who cannot help themselves, for those who are without strength, HE is yet strong.

Salvation! O the joyful sound!'Tis pleasure to our ears,

A sovereign balm for every wound. A cordial for our fears

HIS voice is strength to HIS people. Daniel said, "when he had spoken unto me, I was" strengthened "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Faith is the gift of GOD, HE is pleased to speak to HIS people through the promises of the gospel and to apply them to HIS elect. "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:" It is the sweet gospel that informs the mourning children of GOD that JESUS CHRIST the LION of the tribe of Judah, has prevailed in their behalf and has obtained eternal redemption for them apart from any effort on their part. HE is their CHAMPION and is pleased to give them the kingdom.

HIS strength is strength to HIS people. Daniel said "THOU hast strengthened me". Daniel did not think that it was by HIS own power that HE could stand. Paul told the Corinthians "let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." We need that constant reminder for we know that HE is our strength. The reason we can stand is not because HE has made us strong enough to stand in our own strength but because HE is continually our strength. Paul knew that it is our weakness that causes the strength of CHRIST to be made manifest. Vain is the man who hopes to stand one day in his own strength, he is destined to fail. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them."

HIS help is strength to HIS people. Daniel said "Let my Lord (my sovereign) speak". He knew that this was his help and hope. The Psalmist said, "The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me." HE has come to the aid of HIS elect bride. "And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live." "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." O the depths of HIS mercy the glory of HIS strength to deliver HIS people. "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me

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