

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

The LORD demonstrates HIS glory when HE hides the TRUTH from the “*wise and prudent.*” (i.e.; those who think themselves to have no need of GOD’s WISDOM because they are satisfied with their own). *“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”* The LORD will destroy the “wise men” of the world according to their own corrupt hearts which will not seek HIM. *“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom (i.e.; the reason of natural men) knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”*

The “preaching of the gospel”, seems a quaint and rather useless endeavor to the natural man, most especially to the moralistic religionists who consider that practical teaching, moral platitudes, and psychological counseling are of much greater value. They are completely opposed to the clear and singular declaration of a sovereign GOD who has demonstrated HIS particular love for HIS elect bride in purchasing her eternal redemption by HIS sacrifice on Calvary. They much prefer (in their own wisdom) a “gospel” (so called) which is an offer of salvation which all men are able to accept or reject, to the true gospel which declares that the LORD has an elect people (HIS sheep) which HE will seek and save, losing none of those whom the FATHER has given HIM.

In their “wisdom” they much prefer a god who must wait and see what men will do. They find it to be “unbalanced” to declare the glory of HIM who says, *“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”* In their wisdom, they think that they can aid HIM, thwart HIS plans, and overturn HIS purpose by their own free will.

Paul would preach no other “gospel” than that which declares the finished work of CHRIST as the HOPE of those who are saved. *“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews (i.e.; those who love religion) a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness.”* Paul did not declare CHRIST plus some endeavor of man, nor did he give men any reason to hope in anything less than that work of CHRIST wherein HE *“hath obtained eternal redemption.”* HE has not made salvation merely possible, but rather certain by that which HE alone has performed in the behalf of those sinners which HE has loved with an everlasting love, and will manifest in the Earth as those who call upon HIS NAME and believe on HIM. The TRUE and LIVING GOD does not appeal to either the intellect or the religious fancy of men, nor does HE ever endeavor to convince them through those means. For that which they consider “foolish” is in reality much “wiser” than either their intellect or their religious fancy.

David declared it in this fashion, *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* HE has no limitations nor any parameters which HE has left for men to decide upon. HE does not show mercy to the upright but rather to sinners. HE does not call the righteous but rather the ungodly. HE does not reward men according to their endeavors, but all of the blessings which HE bestows are given to CHRIST who gives gifts according to HIS sovereign pleasure. They are not received because they “accept” HIM but rather because HE accepts them. *“We love HIM because HE first loved us.”*

The strength of CHRIST was demonstrated in HIS “weakness”, as HE poured out HIS soul unto death in the behalf of those who had no strength, triumphing over all of HIS enemies. *“And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.”* *“For 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. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”* Can there be anything more “absurd” to the natural thinking of men, than this gospel? Who has known the mind of the LORD or been HIS counsellor? Do you consider yourself wise or a fool for CHRIST’s sake? *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)***