

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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

Throughout the scriptures we see the number three appear many times. Solomon, a man of great earthly wisdom, uses an illustration here of the strength of a cord or rope which is made up of three individual woven strands. Such a rope is much stronger than the same number of fibers which are all laid side by side in a bundle. The weaving together of three individual cords enhances the strength of the rope as each one compliments the other.

One of the primary uses of the number three in the scriptures is in the manner in which GOD has been pleased to reveal HIMSELF to men. HE is clear in telling us that HE is ONE GOD when HE gave the law to Moses. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD"* Yet HE is equally clear in revealing HIMSELF in a Triune GODHEAD. *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"* All authority rests in HIM.

Much speculation and division has been introduced among the saints over the years as controversy has raged over the exact manner in which GOD has revealed HIMSELF as ONE individual and sovereign GOD, and yet spoken of HIMSELF in a plural sense. As much as men like to bluster and seek to convince us that they have a perfect understanding of this matter, the reality is that this seeming conundrum is but a manifestation of the mystery which surrounds HIM who dwells in the LIGHT to which no man can approach.

Find a man who claims to be an expert in the study and doctrine of the "TRINITY" and who can answer all questions about it, and you will find a man who has too high of an opinion of his knowledge.

This is the ultimate THREEFOLD CORD which cannot be discovered by mortals much less broken or dissected by anything which is created. What we do see clearly and unequivocally, set forth in the scriptures, is that JESUS CHRIST is the REVELATION of GOD to man. No man can come to the FATHER but by HIM, and the SPIRIT will always testify of none other but HIM. If a man is to be acquainted with the Almighty GOD, the GREAT I AM, he must be acquainted with JESUS CHRIST, the CREATOR of all things, the FIRST and the LAST.

The gospel of JESUS CHRIST is itself a three fold cord which testifies to the glory of the BLESSED GOD and the redemption which HE has both purposed and carried out according to the good pleasure of HIS will. In this three fold cord HE has revealed the glory of HIS grace and the bestowal of mercy to those whom HE calls. *"God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."*

(1) The grandest of mysteries is made manifest as the Eternal GOD who is pure SPIRIT did take upon HIMSELF flesh and blood. In this mortal body HE was *"justified in the SPIRIT"*, i.e.; the SPIRIT did bear witness through signs and wonders and ultimately by HIS resurrection from the dead that HE is indeed GOD. The SPIRIT did testify that HE was without sin and thereby able to offer a suitable sacrifice to expiate the sins of everyone for which HE stood as a MEDIATOR.

(2) The LORD was pleased to manifest HIS redemptive work in the plain sight of those witnesses being the apostles which HE called and commissioned to declare the gospel. This work was made known unto the Jew (first) but also to the Gentiles, as many as the LORD our GOD shall call. This was indeed a great mystery which had been hidden, heretofore. *"Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:"*

(3) The LORD has given faith to those whom HE has ordained unto eternal life and called by HIS SPIRIT. *"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."* Those whom the LORD calls; believe, not in order to become the sons of GOD, but to manifest the fact that they are the sons of GOD. *"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

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