

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

It is very common to hear some who fancy themselves preachers say such a thing as; GOD gives every man a "chance" to be saved, as if salvation is something that a man could cause to occur by an act of his own will. Salvation is not "by chance" nor is it something that a man who is dead in trespasses and sins can enter into or have any comprehension of apart from divine intervention in awakening him to life. When a man has been convinced by the SPIRIT of GOD of the absolute barrenness of his own soul and the inability of his heart to seek out and embrace spiritual things, then that man can begin to have some comprehension of the necessity of GOD's mercy being poured out upon him to make him able to believe the gospel. The fact that GOD has chosen to save some of Adam's benighted race will seem to that man a glorious thing and he will rejoice in the mercy of a sovereign GOD. In time he will come to see that if it is GOD who enables a man to cry out for mercy, it is this same GOD who will keep him from falling away, though he finds himself in times of trial, doubt, and confusion which is common to all of the the blood bought sons of GOD.

GOD is unchangeable in HIS person and purpose. Whatever HE undertakes to do HE accomplishes completely. The scripture plainly teaches that HE chose a people that HE would save before the world's foundations were laid. Their election to be the recipients of redemption was not their salvation, but was only the setting of them apart to be redeemed by the work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Election is not salvation but is unto salvation. Election was a necessity for them to be marked out as the ones for whom JESUS CHRIST would shed HIS precious blood but let no one ever consider that they were redeemed by anything other than the blood and righteousness of our Blessed LORD which was poured out in time at a place called Calvary. HE bought back HIS own possession from the law's condemnation. HE not only completely justified them by HIS death and imputed righteousness but HE has declared that HE will keep them unto the very end that they may be presented faultless before the FATHER. In the fact that Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD we learn these lessons:

The work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST seems senseless to the world, but those who know themselves in need of a SAVIOR gladly embrace the provision HE has made for their redemption. The LORD told Noah to build an ark according to HIS exact specifications. No man could comprehend the necessity of such a vessel. It had never even rained upon the earth up to that time so I am sure Noah was the laughing stock of the community as he toiled in its construction. Until a man knows himself to be lost he cannot possibly desire a way to be saved.

This was a vessel which was specifically designed for a particular number of inhabitants. A certain number of each animal which the LORD intended to preserve and a select group of humans were the ones intended to dwell in it and be delivered by it. Grace is the only difference between those who perished in the flood and those who rode to safety in the ark. JESUS CHRIST came into the world to "save HIS people". HE shall see of the travail of HIS soul and be satisfied. HE is our ARK of safety.

There were provisions laid up in store for those in the ark. The LORD didn't just tell Noah to bring the animals and his family into the ark but HE also directed that Noah should put up food for all who were to be in the ark. The LORD could have caused them all to fall asleep and not wake up until the flood had receded, but they would have been ignorant of the unfolding of HIS deliverance. The same GOD who elected HIS sons also calls them in time that they may rejoice in the knowledge of the redemptive work of CHRIST. *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."*

The LORD shut the inhabitants of the ark in and secured their safety. This event has intrigued me for some time. In my mind's eye I can see the hand of the LORD closing the door which HE designed. Had HE not closed it, perhaps it could have come open and the flood waters could have overwhelmed the ark. *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep."* *"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."* Have you entered in by the DOOR of the sheep or do you seek to come unto GOD by some other way? CHRIST is the only WAY.

"Thy free grace alone,"#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**