

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

The LORD raised up the nation of Israel above all nations of the earth and committed unto them the law and the prophets. HE made a conditional covenant with them which required their strict obedience to the law. HIS purpose in raising them up was twofold. One is that HE would demonstrate to men HIS sovereign prerogative to love and cherish a people of HIS choice even as HE said, *“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”* Secondly HE would expose the impotence and inability of men to obey the law and to keep that covenant, thereby demonstrating the natural unrighteousness of any who should be called the sons of GOD, and the absolute necessity of an imputed righteousness by which they might stand before HIM.

Those who were Jews by natural birth have for the most part stumbled at the revelation of JESUS CHRIST as the RIGHTEOUSNESS of HIS people, because they have continued to seek to establish their own righteousness in the sight of GOD by an outward conformity to the letter of Moses’ law or at the least by an adherence to its moral code. Many Gentiles have adopted the same notion and do indeed perish in their own supposed righteousness and confidence in their acts of religion and “faith.”

In order to understand the prophecies and promises dealing with Israel in the scriptures it is vital that a man has a clear understanding of the fact that *“they are not all Israel which are of Israel”*. It is necessary to grasp the fact that national Israel is but a type of that true “chosen nation” which is spoken of throughout the scriptures as a *“remnant”*. *“Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”* This *“remnant”* is made up of men from every nation, tribe, and tongue. It is this *“remnant”* which is the recipient of all of the promises which are made to CHRIST in the covenant of redemption. *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”* This is a covenant without conditions which is a manifestation of grace.

The people of GOD are a despised and persecuted people. They have no natural defence, not having the ability to deliver themselves from their enemies or to prevent themselves from being led to the place of their own demise. Yet the LORD would magnify the glory of HIS grace in showing HIMSELF to be their SHEPHERD and MIGHTY SAVIOR, a true and faithful DELIVERER.

HE said *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* It is the purpose of GOD not to simply put HIS people in a salvable state but rather to effect their complete deliverance from destruction and to provide them with the necessary provisions as HE leads them in and out to find pasture. *“he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.”*

John says, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* *“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”* TRUTH is indeed that which is the BEAUTY of HIS people. *“Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.”* HE said I am the TRUTH. The LORD JESUS prayed for those whom HE loves, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”* So the LORD JESUS CHRIST has come to deliver HIS people by the TRUTH. *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”* It is in and by the TRUTH of the gospel of the LORD JESUS CHRIST that the children of GOD are delivered from those that oppress them. John, the Baptizer prophesied that CHRIST would *“give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins.”* The grace of GOD is the active demonstration of the application of HIS love to that people which HE chose in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. The grace of GOD does not just provide an opportunity of blessing for the sons of GOD but rather it is the very avenue by which all of the promises which the LORD has made to HIS people are delivered to them. Have you experienced HIS grace.

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