

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

The Bible contains all of the information that is needed for the children of GOD to grow up into mature believers completely equipped to walk in the good works which “*God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*” The first part of that verse says “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works*”. So it is obvious that if HE has begun a good work in us, HE will perform it until the very end. GOD is pleased to perform good works in and through HIS elect children as they dwell upon this earth. HE works in them by HIS SPIRIT to give them a ready mind and a willing heart to do HIS will. And HE is pleased to reveal the truth of HIS word which HE sets forth before them in the pages of the Bible.

It is impossible to “prove” to the natural man that the Bible is the word of GOD. Yet at the same time it is impossible to convince the true children of GOD that it is not. The SPIRIT of GOD bears testimony through the written word by HIS power of the eternal truths contained in it. Just as HE convinces men in the matter of creation, “*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*” so HE convinces HIS sheep of the veracity of HIS word. Religious men debate the reliability and completeness of it but the sons of GOD receive it as the very words of life and depend upon it for instruction and comfort .

Paul said, the scriptures are given to us for the purpose of thoroughly furnishing the children of GOD with all of the information that they need in order that HIS exact purpose be accomplished in them. “*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*” HE could have just “matured” (perfected) us immediately totally without any participation by us, but it has pleased HIM to involve us in a process whereby we are exercised in these bodies in which we now live. HE is presently working in HIS sons through the admonitions and exhortations of HIS word that we might be:

Instructed in sound doctrine. Sound doctrine does not change with the times nor can it be altered or modified to suit the tastes of natural man. The truth of the gospel will always be a savor of life to some and of death to others. The cross of JESUS CHRIST will always be offensive to religious men because they are determined to find some way to merit GOD’s favor. The gospel of JESUS CHRIST is only discovered in the scriptures, which contain the record of who HE is, what HE has done, and what HE shall yet do. Sound doctrine begins and ends with JESUS CHRIST. Who is “*the author and finisher of our faith.*”

Reproved by its power. The LORD JESUS said that when the HOLY SPIRIT was come, “*He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*” HE performs this work in the children of GOD through the scriptures. As they are made aware of the perfections of CHRIST revealed there, HIS people are convicted of their own unholiness and convinced of HIS absolute righteousness. HIS commandments drive HIS sons to their knees in repentance as HIS perfect law reveals to them their sinfulness and innate inability to keep its precepts.

Corrected by its truth. The scripture is full of many admonitions and warnings for the sons of GOD. It is by this means as the HOLY GHOST is pleased to apply HIS word to their minds and hearts that they are chastened and corrected. HE does not leave HIS children to wallow and die in their sin but chastens them through the application of HIS WORD.

Instructed in practical holiness. Now we are quite sure that all men shall remain sinners until they die. However, it is equally clear that the LORD has made changes in the lives of those HE has visited with the new birth. After listing the description of the men of this world and their characteristics Paul says, “*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*” Those who are manifested as the true children of GOD are singled out from the world as being made “*new creatures*” in contrast to what they once were. As these new creatures they have a desire to be instructed in the lifestyle which the word of GOD describes as good. They are reminded that there are some who “*after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*”

GOD will apply HIS word to HIS children so that such may never be said of them. Rather HE intends that they should hear these words from the scripture; “*Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*” Do you love HIS WORD?

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