

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

The kingdom which the LORD has seen fit to manifest in the earth is not one which can be appreciated by the natural man. While the LORD is pleased to show the glorious nature of it to HIS elect, HE has purposed to hide it from the world in general by causing it to appear unto them as something which is quite insignificant or even despised. Paul described the disdain which the world has for it when he said, *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 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? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”*

The kingdom of GOD which CHRIST came to establish occupies no real estate nor can its victory be measured by the standards which the world understands. HIS kingdom is built not with concrete and timbers but rather with living stones. *“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

HIS kingdom is manifested in HIS calling of that remnant which HE is pleased to deliver from this present evil world. HE came as their REDEEMER and is presently calling them with an effectual call which can in no wise be nullified or resisted by those upon whom HIS everlasting love is set. HE brings each one to HIMSELF in a manner which is totally unaided and heretofore unknown by them.

The world is greatly enamored of what it considers “magnificent” things. The fastest cars, the most expensive jewelry, architectural grandeur, athletic superiority, or great success in business, just to name a few. It is therefore no surprise that the natural religious bent of men would be channeled in the same direction. The erroneous thinking that GOD is impressed with the great endeavors and expenditures of men, (be it measured in money or effort) is a prevalent notion among all the world’s religions. All religions seek to stir men up to attempt and accomplish “great things” and “produce exciting results” which can be seen and appreciated by all around. It has always been thus and shall be till the time of the end.

Isaiah speaks of the daughter of Zion as a *“lodge in a garden of cucumbers”*. The daughter of Zion is that remnant which the LORD has chosen. She is precious in HIS sight and HE will withhold nothing which is good for her. She is the apple of HIS eye and the object of HIS greatest affection. HE often describes her in the most affectionate of terms, such as we read in the Song of Solomon. *“Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.”* Isaiah is not describing her as she appears to the LORD, but rather as the world views her, disdainful of the kingdom of GOD as without any endearing qualities. There is nothing which the world finds desirable about the true gospel of GOD’s sovereign grace. It is a despised message because it gives a man no place to glory nor any grounds upon which to display his exertion and devotion.

The kingdom of GOD is synonymous with HIS church. HIS church is not an organization or an institution which men can become a part of by carnal means, but rather it is that body for which HE shed HIS precious blood. HE is pleased to manifest that body in various places in the earth by gathering HIS remnant together in local assemblies where they are a mutual help one to the other. It is in the longing for these assemblies that HE is pleased to manifest those who are HIS disciples. *“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”*

The religious world views the “church” simply as a place to go and hear some religious talk or “soul stirring music.” It is a place for them to attend when it is convenient and they don’t have more important things to do. However, the solemn gathering of the saints of GOD is the most prized dwelling place this side of heaven for those who can see the beauty of this *“lodge in a garden of cucumbers”* and find it a most precious place and consider its value to be above rubies or gold. *“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.”*

*“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net)**