

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

Religious and self-righteous men will always prefer the husk of the grain to the pure meat of the kernel. They will always find their greatest delight in religious duties which can be seen by the multitudes and deemed to be satisfying to their darkened minds. They are generally not content with simply fulfilling those duties themselves, but feel compelled to lay these burdens upon those who are GOD’s freeborn children, often making them the standard of conduct by which, they say, the true children of GOD can be identified. It has been my observation that the litmus test of those who would lay these commandments on the backs of GOD’s children is most often a magnification of the fourth commandment, *“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy”* because compliance with this commandment can be easily scrutinized by them. (as it was by the Pharisees)

The word *“Sabbath”* literally means to cease or rest. The LORD first illustrated the principle of the Sabbath when HE rested on the seventh day. HIS work in creation was finished and therefore HE “rested” (or ceased) from HIS labors since there was nothing left to be done. HE gave the “law” to Moses which demanded the observance of the seventh day as holy unto the LORD. No work at all was to be done, it was to be a day of total rest, when all labors ceased and human endeavor was forbidden. The LORD’s anger was often stirred against the Israelites for polluting or profaning the Sabbath by performing their own religious observances and other fleshly endeavors on that day which HE said was to be set apart unto HIM, *“they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.”* *“Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.”*

The Pharisees had turned this day into an idol, counting their religious observance of it to be of more value than the ONE who is the TRUE OBJECT of it. The LORD taught them, the “truth” of the Sabbath when HE said, *“The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”* The writer of Hebrews says *“There remaineth therefore a rest (literally a Sabbath keeping) to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.”*

CHRIST JESUS is the SABBATH or REST of the sons of GOD. HE has finished the work which HE came to do and is now seated at the right hand of HIS FATHER. The salvation of the sons of GOD is that which is purchased by CHRIST and freely bestowed without any labor on their part. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

There can be no mixture of man’s endeavor included in that which is pure. *“For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.”* When HE said *“It is finished”* HE spoke of the finality of that which HE determined to perform from the beginning. True faith is that which has found a resting place not in device, creed, or religious observance.

**CHRIST JESUS, our LORD is the only SABBATH we desire or recognize.** The only fashion in which the Seventh day (which was but a type and foreshadow of the true SABBATH) could be kept without polluting it, was to cease all endeavor and effort. May we be those who are found to be “keepers of this rest” and not those who seem to come short of it by their insistence on their own deeds of righteousness and duty works. *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”*

We have no doubt as to the holy nature of this commandment, as HE gave it to Moses for the children of Israel, yet we reject the notion (as did the LORD JESUS) that the GOD of heaven and earth has any regard to days and religious times and seasons. It is vitally necessary for the sons of GOD to view the “keeping of the SABBATH” in the same light in which the LORD has revealed it. If a man misses the purpose of this commandment he cannot have a clear understanding of salvation by grace alone, but will continue to mix in the works of the flesh as if there was some sort of compatibility between the two. Have you ceased from your own religious endeavors and fled to CHRIST as your REST? “On CHRIST the SOLID ROCK I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. Is HE the SABBATH that you desire to keep or are you satisfied with an empty husk?

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