

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

During the coming holiday season one often sees the phrase, “Wise men still seek HIM” on Church marquees and Holiday greeting cards. We know that this is a play on words which has an obvious reference to the biblical account of the Wise Men who, having seen the Star of the LORD, traveled from the East to worship the ONE who was born a KING. The implication of the phrase is that since these men discovered this star in their wisdom, and decided to seek out the LORD, that, accordingly, men of the present time can and should do the same if they are truly wise.

Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians, “*the world by wisdom knew not God*”. He said to the Romans, “*there is none that seeketh after God.*” The fact is that these ancient “wisemen” did not seek HIM because they were “wise-men”, nor did they make any “discovery” by the power of their own understanding, but rather were given this knowledge of the birth of the KING by divine revelation.

The scriptures clearly state that those who are “wise” consider the gospel to be foolishness and cannot believe it nor will they seek to know HIM who is the SOURCE of all knowledge and wisdom. In fact the LORD said that HE had “*hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes.*” In the same fashion, we read in the scriptures that those among men who are considered to be “wise” are the exact ones whom the LORD says do not seek him.

The preaching of the cross is foolishness to natural men. The simple declaration of the work which CHRIST has performed on Calvary does not seem complex enough to satisfy the thinking of natural men. They desire to bring their own works and duties of obedience into the mix. Surely man must play a part in his salvation. Therefore, wise religious men set out to improve that message of a completed salvation in CHRIST, by employing every trick and gimmick of reason they can imagine to try to persuade men to believe the “gospel”. The prevailing thought is that men can be caused to decide to follow CHRIST if we can appeal to their carnal understanding and reason. It is thought that men with great skill of oratory and persuasion can thus convince men to become believers by an act of their own free will. So the gospel is “offered” by them (as if it was on sale at Kmart) to the masses with the hope that some will be convinced to embrace it and make a decision.

Yet the Apostle Paul plainly said that by “the foolishness of preaching” the LORD would save them that believe. The LORD uses the preaching of the cross of CHRIST, to bring to light the life and immortality which HE is pleased to bestow upon dead sinners by the work of the HOLY GHOST. This is none other than that salvation which the LORD JESUS purchased for HIS elect which HE does make manifest by causing them to believe it. He said, “*Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of GOD.*” The need of dead sinners is not the persuasive words of the most skillful of those who are called “soul winners”, but rather the life giving power of the HOLY GHOST to awaken them from the spiritual death which they are in by nature. Unless a man is quickened by the LORD he cannot hear the truth nor will he ever embrace it. But when the LORD is pleased to give a man ears to hear it, he is then compelled to believe it, because the words which the LORD speaks to him are life itself. “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*”

Without this work of the SPIRIT of GOD, men will continue down the pathway of destruction completely oblivious and unconcerned with approaching judgment even though they might adopt a religious affiliation. Yet those who are awakened by the HOLY SPIRIT confess themselves to be sinners, and cry out for mercy from the hand of a sovereign GOD. They cast themselves at HIS feet and say “*LORD I believe, help thou mine unbelief.*” Wise men will not seek HIM, but those who are caused to see themselves as beggars by the SPIRIT will indeed hunger and thirst for a morsel from HIS table. “*LORD evermore give us this bread*” is their sincere desire. True salvation is:

1. Completely purchased by the work of JESUS CHRIST. “*Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*”
2. Wrought in the behalf of a people given to HIM before the foundation of the world. “*GOD hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.*”
3. Dispensed by Sovereign grace alone. “*So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*”
4. Gives glory to none but HIM whose righteousness alone is accepted in the heavens. “*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.*” Have you known this SALVATION?

“*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)**