

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

The time comes in every age and in every church when sound doctrine is rejected in favor of a more palatable message which allows men to bask in their knowledge, morality, and good deeds. Paul exhorts Timothy concerning the necessity of preaching sound doctrine to build up the saints in the present tense, for days of darkness are not far removed from any ministry which declares the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. Much seed is sowed upon the stony and thorny ground, and it is difficult to discern such from that which falls upon the good and fertile soil until some time has passed. Indeed, Satan has planted tares among the wheat which grow until the time of harvest, but they shall then be identified even as Paul says, *“because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* Paul wrote to the Galatians of this same matter; *“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

He tells Timothy to **“preach”** the word. To “preach” is to declare loudly, with purpose, even as one who is a herald or announcer. He tells Timothy to preach **“THE WORD”**. To “preach the WORD” is to preach CHRIST. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “That is, the word of faith, which we preach.”* It is impossible to preach THE WORD with the mixture of any other doctrine. CHRIST is ALL. As Paul said, *“I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”* He describes the manner in which he is to preach the WORD, as being **“instant”**. This word is literally defined as “to stand upon presently”. There is to be no equivocation in the preaching of CHRIST and HIM crucified. Nothing is to be added. CHRIST and CHRIST alone is the message upon which we stand and it is here that GOD’s people are edified, encouraged, and comforted.

He tells Timothy to preach **“in season”** and **“out of season”**. This literally means when it is “convenient” and also when it is “not convenient”. The circumstances of time and place, must not dictate the preaching of the WORD. This is the same message that Paul gave Timothy, when he said, *“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”* Singleness of purpose in the proclamation of the gospel is that which encourages the sons of GOD to stand fast. Then he describes the application of the TRUTH as being, **“reprove, rebuke, and exhort”**. The gospel is a message which by its very nature “corrects”, “admonishes” and “encourages” the sons of GOD. This activity is the result of preaching when the LORD is pleased to empower HIS truth to the heart of those whom HE is pleased to give ears to hear it. The fashion and attitude of those preachers who are sent by CHRIST, is to be with, **“longsuffering”**. This is synonymous with patience and forbearance, remembering that we know nothing as we ought to know. *“Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.”*

Proper or sound doctrine is the whole basis upon which the true message of the Gospel rests and without which there can be no true Gospel preaching and the saints cannot be edified and built up in the most holy faith. The message of the Gospel can only be heard by those who have been given LIFE. The giving of this LIFE comes as a man is born again by the SPIRIT of GOD. Apart from that “new birth”, he will remain dead in trespasses and sins. When Paul speaks of HIM who will judge the “quick” and the “dead”; he speaks of those who are alive and those who are lifeless. All men, whether living or dead shall stand before ALMIGHTY GOD in the day of judgment. Those who are alive in CHRIST shall stand in HIM who has borne their sins and they are judged as righteous because of HIM. Those on the other hand who come into that great assize as dead men shall indeed experience the “second death” for they have not the LIFE of CHRIST. *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Do you have LIFE in CHRIST?*

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