

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

The Psalmist said that *“it is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD”*. We are reminded that *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* A man, by nature, could and would, sooner, howl at the moon than give true thanks and praise unto the MOST HIGH GOD. There is none that doeth good, there is none that seeketh after GOD, they have all gone aside in pursuit of their own way. There is a natural religion that man gravitates towards, which promotes the worship of a god or gods which suit their own imagination. David describes these men and their gods, *“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.”* These are “wheel chair gods”.

Men *“imagine a vain thing.”* For they will worship gods which have respect unto their desires and free will and who act only according to what they will allow them to do. These gods are their servants and are much like the genie in a lamp which only has to be rubbed the right way and their wishes are granted. The “god” of present day (so called) Christianity has no power to save anyone unless they let him into their hearts, pray the right prayer, or obey his commands.

David said, *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* The natural man is in total rebellion against HIM, saying; *“Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”* Religious men often think themselves to be in service to HIM, (and often consider it to be a most useful and proper service) even as Paul did when he was on the road to Damascus. Yet apart from the “gift” of GOD, they will never be able to praise HIM alone and will continue on their chosen path, quite content with the traditions and doctrines of their fathers, *“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* They will continue to despise HIM who needs nothing and waits upon no one. HE is *“mighty to save”* but they believe they can thwart HIS will by the exercise of their own.

Yet the true and living GOD, who is worthy of all praise, will do according to HIS will at all times. This very fact will elicit praise from those whom HE is pleased to enlighten to understand that their only hope of deliverance rests in HIS willingness to show mercy to those whom HE will. How can a ruined sinner find any help at all in a supposed god who only shows mercy to those who take the first step towards him? The scriptures are abundantly clear that it is HE who draws sinners unto HIMSELF to obtain that SALVATION which HE has provided according to HIS purpose to save that people which HE has loved with an everlasting love. This is indeed the grounds for rejoicing, praise, and thanksgiving for those so called.

“There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.” David knew the answer to the question which he posed. He also knew the response which would come forth from those who have been the recipients of the manifestation of HIS goodness. *“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.”*

The loving kindness of the inapproachable and invisible GOD has been manifested in JESUS CHRIST, our glorious REDEEMER. Can the tongues of the redeemed be silent? Must we not break forth in doxologies of praise and thanksgiving unto HIM who has shed HIS precious blood for such unworthy sinners as ourselves? It is a *“good thing”* to magnify HIS glorious NAME. *“Praise GOD from WHOM all blessings flow. Praise HIM, all creatures here below, praise HIM above ye heavenly host, Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST. Amen.”* *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.”* May HE ever be praised! *“Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand.”* Is HE the sole object of your praise?

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