

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

The wicked and blind nature of men is demonstrated in their treatment of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as HE walked among the men of this world, *“that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.”* *“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”* The most peaceful man who ever lived was despised by men.

While HE walked among men as a MAN of peace, yet HE set forth one reason for the impossibility of peace in this world, *“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me”*

There is an outward form of peace and harmony which does exist in the world. It is seen when men join hands in their concerted efforts to disregard the truth of GOD and to go about establishing their own righteousness. This activity was seen just a few generations after the flood, as they came together to build the tower at Babel. *“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”* The LORD, there, confused their language and brought forth division among them that HE might demonstrate their innate wickedness and uncover their wicked devices.

There will never be true peace and harmony in any land upon the earth as long as the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified is preached by men sent by GOD. The natural man will never embrace this message, even as Paul taught. *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”* This is an everlasting division which cannot be healed, though men join hand in hand in many endeavors. *“As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”* Those who are born again shall believe in HIM, worshipping at HIS footstool, while those who are the “children of wrath”, will manifest their disdain for the simplicity of salvation, preferring a system wherein they can add their own works of righteousness and promote philosophies which appeal to their flesh. Thus, they are “offended by CHRIST”, while those, who believe, cling to HIM as their only SOURCE of LIGHT and LIFE.

The man who is awakened by the HOLY SPIRIT, is first made to understand his wickedness and to see clearly that GOD is just and right in condemning him for that wickedness. When those Jews which had gathered on the day of Pentecost, *“heard”* the declaration of a “crucified CHRIST”, they were smitten in their hearts and cried out, *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* The Philippian jailer came in trembling and afraid, before Paul and Silas, because the SPIRIT of GOD convinced him of sin, righteousness, and judgment in the twinkling of an eye, thus causing him to cry out, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* Never has a man asked that question in such earnest, who has not first been convinced, of his sin and worthiness of destruction, by the SPIRIT of GOD. Such men are not seeking an excuse for their sin, but rather a remedy for their dilemma. They also cannot find relief for this dilemma, in anyone but CHRIST. They certainly despair of finding help in their own strength.

When they hear HIM call they gladly follow and will wait upon HIS mercy alone. As they learn of HIM, they rejoice in HIS advocacy in their behalf, and desire no other intercessor, but HIM. Though it is HIS mercy that they hope to be the recipients of, it is HIS justice that gives them ground to expect a full salvation. *“HE is faithful and just, to forgive us for our sins.”* The song of the “redeemed” in every age is set forth in the Revelation of CHRIST, which was given to John, *“And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”*

Job expressed the “LIVING HOPE” of those who are caused to believe when he said, *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.”* A man cannot gain such a “HOPE” through the endeavors of his flesh, nor can he attain it by involvement in any religion of men. This is the gift of grace which is bestowed upon those who otherwise have no hope. *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”* Do you have a hope in CHRIST? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**