

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

**CHRIST is the faithful KEEPER of HIS sheep**, ONE who will never desert them at any time or for any reason. The LORD JESUS said, *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

**CHRIST is the powerful KEEPER of HIS sheep.** Time and time again we are reminded in the scriptures of the power of GOD who orders all things according to HIS own purpose. It is also quite clear in the scriptures that it is the purpose of GOD to “keep” those who HE calls HIS own, *“He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.”*

**CHRIST is the invincible KEEPER of HIS sheep.** *“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, ----- Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. None can stand against HIM who has determined to deliver HIS people from the death and destruction that waits for the wicked. “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.”*

**CHRIST is the continual KEEPER of HIS sheep.** The Psalmist said HE *“shall neither slumber nor sleep”*. HIS eyes are always fixed upon those who are the *“apple of HIS eye”*. *“The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”* This is seen in Paul’s declaration, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*

**CHRIST is the ultimate KEEPER of HIS sheep.** *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy”* Every one of GOD’s elect children shall be preserved and kept by the hand of HIM who has determined to bring *“many sons unto glory”*. The LORD will keep HIS bride in the present time and forevermore.

Some tell us that the LORD’s children must remain faithful or the LORD will cast them away. There would be no hope nor comfort in such a thought for those who are acquainted with the depravity and unfaithfulness of their own sinful flesh. Not only that but it would be futile to build one’s house upon the quicksand of man’s supposed ability or faith. *“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” “Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.*

Unless the LORD should keep that which HE has started, by preserving HIS people in the midst of all of their calamities, they should all despair of ever arriving in HIS presence. Yet Paul clearly was confident that HE not only could but would preserve that purchased possession until the final day. *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” “But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.”*

Christ is the Keeper of his saints, He guards them by his power;

Subdues their numerous complaints, In every gloomy hour.

What though they fear each dread alarm, Tried, and severely tossed;

Held by the Saviour’s mighty arm, None, none can e’er be lost.

He’ll lead them on fair Zion’s road, Though weary, weak, and faint;

For O! they ne’er shall lose their God, Or God e’er lose a saint.

How sure his great salvation shines; How full the vast reward;

How firm the promise e’er remains: How faithful is the Lord!

The LORD has designed each trial that HE is pleased to send to HIS children; both to remind them of their own weakness and to manifest HIS glory and faithfulness in their deliverance in them. *“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

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