

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

The sparing of the sons of Korah provide a perfect illustration of the LORD’s declaration of HIS good pleasure. *“And he said, I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”* The conditionalists and prophets of free will, wish that this scripture would disappear along with Paul’s commentary on this very truth to the Corinthians. *“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”* The demonstration of HIS sovereignty in the dispensing of mercy, is but a demonstration of HIS goodness, and is in no wise predicated upon anything foreseen or observed in the recipients. When men recognize the total worthiness of all men to be destroyed, then the fact that HE would be pleased to show mercy to some, can, then, be seen not as withholding mercy from some, but rather the pouring out of mercy upon those who do not deserve it.

So, while the households of Dathan and Abiram perished, the sons of Korah were spared. It is further noted that great blessing was poured out upon Korah’s offspring as they were given the privilege of singing praises unto HIM whose grace was magnified in them, even as HIS judgment was magnified in their father. 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 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.”*

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 him 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 GOD, 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 believe that 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? Sinners know themselves to be lame in both feet. CHRIST draws sinners unto HIMSELF to obtain that SALVATION which HE has provided according to HIS purpose to save those HE has loved with an everlasting love. Their confession is, *“Thou hast put gladness in my heart, --. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.”* *“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. *“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!

Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at fortheppoor@windstream.net**