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Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

All prophecy throughout the scriptures is given for the purpose of revealing CHRIST to those whom the LORD is pleased to give eyes to see. "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for <u>he shall not speak of himself</u>; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me.

If CHRIST confessed that HIS hope was in the "WORD" of the LORD, how much more are we constrained to cast ourselves down at HIS feet who is the "WORD" of the LIVING GOD, revealed in flesh and blood. We despair of bringing one iota of our own effort before HIM and can only cling to that which CHRIST has done for us, and does presently work in us according to HIS purpose. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Can any man improve upon that which CHRIST has wrought and can we look anywhere else for HELP except in HIM who is the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD?

The strength and triumph of the sons of GOD is found in CHRIST. The expectation of acceptance before the throne of GOD is found there as well. Who makes us to differ from another and what do we have that we have not received? Whereas once there was a satisfaction in having performed various good deeds and supposed obedience, now there is an awareness of the weakness of such attempts and a desire to flee from such and be found in CHRIST "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

When a newborn babe is brought into the world, he has no thought to anything but seeking that which will satisfy his own desires. If he is uncomfortable, he will fret and cry until someone comforts him. If he is hungry, he does not make a request to be fed, but rather he demands it. As time goes on, he develops a bond of affection with his mother who nurtures and cares for him, but still he is primarily concerned in having his own needs met. His mother is most important to his survival, but he has no understanding of that fact. But the day comes as he matures and is weaned from his mothers' breast that his contentment is found in the tender care of his mother more so than the immediate need of being fed from her breast.

CHRIST speaks of being "quieted" as ONE who is weaned of HIS mother. We read of this very situation, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered". "The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smitters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

As a WEANED CHILD HE delighted to do HIS FATHER's will rather than HIS own. HIS joy was found in performing that which HE was sent to do. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Left to ourselves we are all as the unweaned child, who seeks his own comfort and rests in having his own desires met. We would soon complain about the difficulties and trials of life. Yet we are exhorted to consider HIM as HE is our COMFORTER. "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." CHRIST alone is our HOPE, our HELP, and our PERFORMER. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Is CHRIST the SUM of your RIGHTEOUSNESS? Are you satisfied with HIM or do you fret and seek to add to that which HE has completed?

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