

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

Religious men feel most satisfied when they can look at the labors of their hands and get a certain feeling of accomplishment in this or that “good deed”. They feel certain that GOD will be pleased with their efforts and are amply encouraged in such endeavors by their teachers who assure them that to be “busy” is the most sublime activity of the children of GOD. These “busy bees” look down their noses at those who do not think that men can “help GOD”. Tithing is often one of these endeavors which is pressed upon believers. The LORD gave instruction concerning true giving which is completely ignored by these religious “tax collectors.” *“But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret:”* (Matt 6:3-4) This seems no hindrance at all to those who will parade what they are doing before the eyes of others and speak of giving as if it was an investment in a heavenly stock market, sure to pay big dividends one day.

How foolish of men to consider that corruptible flesh could “work the works of GOD”. There is only ONE who can work this work. Rather than exhorting men to perform such work the Psalmist says. *“Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.”* The LORD said *“This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”* HE gave them no hope that they could perform anything that might be pleasing in HIS sight. Rather HE told them in no uncertain terms that only GOD could perform HIS work which is to cause HIS own to believe in HIM.

Isaiah plainly says *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”* If the very best works we have (i.e. our righteousnesses) are as a menstuous cloth, how could it be possible that any of us could ever perform any work that might be acceptable to HIM?

The preachers of righteousness which the LORD has sent into the earth are declaring the “work of GOD”, and the people of GOD are rejoicing in HIS work. *“And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.”* This is the work of GOD:

To choose and create a people in CHRIST unto salvation before the world began. *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”*

To predestinate them unto good works. *“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*

To perform those good works in them. *“LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.”* *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*

To make them acceptable in CHRIST. *“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.”*

To give them the gift of faith. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

To give them eternal life. *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*

To call them at the appointed time. *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”*

To keep them safe and secure until the end. *“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”*

To raise them from the dead. *“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”*

To prepare for them an eternal dwelling and to personally return to gather them to HIMSELF. *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”* *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

May we ever be given grace to be thankful for the work of GOD.

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