

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

The man who balks at the preaching of Sovereign Grace has never understood the desperate position that man is in as a rebellious sinner before a HOLY GOD. Apart from HIS determination to show mercy (to whom HE will show mercy), we would all justly perish in our sins, and none could bring any accusation against HIM nor even question HIS doing, should we all be destroyed. It is with this in mind that we rejoice as we read of the faithfulness of the LORD to deliver and preserve that unworthy rabble of those whom HE chose in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. We marvel as we read that this remnant was as worthy of that destruction as those HE has ordained unto this very end. *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”*

The Psalmist describes the faithfulness of the LORD to those whom HE calls “HIS children”, by using the illustration of the “mountains” which surround the city of Jerusalem. This Jerusalem of which he speaks in his illustration is that which is located in the Mideast. Yet that “Jerusalem” which is surrounded by the mountains of HIS mercy cannot be found on any map drawn by men. Rather it is that “holy city” which is one and the same with that which John saw coming down out of heaven. These “mountains” cannot be moved and stand as a testimony of enduring strength and power of the ONE who neither slumbers nor sleeps but ever watches over that city in which HE delights. *“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”* This is HIS vineyard of “red wine” which HE will keep. *“I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.”* *“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, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.*

The prophet Isaiah declared, *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.”* Those “last days” have now come as John testified, *“it is the last time”*. The writer of Hebrews sets forth that which has now come to pass, *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”* This is the “day of SALVATION.” HE who was prophesied from the beginning has now come to redeem HIS bride and is presently calling her out of every tribe and tongue upon the Earth. Surely, *“all nations shall flow unto it.”* This HOUSE which the LORD built and not man, is fitted exactly for those whom HE would save.

There is a high mountain surrounding Jerusalem, where the LORD took Peter, James, and John and was “transfigured” before them. The FATHER spoke to them saying, *“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”* The glory of the “law” (i.e.; Moses) and the “prophets” (i.e.; Elijah), faded in the presence of HIM who is ALL in all. Another mountain which surrounds Jerusalem is the Mount of Olives. It was here that the LORD JESUS poured out HIS soul unto death, as HE sweat great drops of blood because of the anguish which overwhelmed HIM as HE became a sin offering for HIS people. It was here that HE was betrayed by Judas. It was here that HE submitted HIMSELF into the custody of those who were ordained by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of GOD to crucify HIM. Yet there is another “mountain” which ever stands as a silent testimony to the wickedness of men and the justice of a holy GOD. We speak of Mount Calvary where our LORD was crucified between two thieves. No mercy was found there that day as the spotless LAMB of GOD was put to death for sin. The JUST died for the unjust. Yet three days later not far from where HE bled, mercy blossomed at an empty tomb as HE arose from that death in triumph over the sin which put HIM there. O glorious MOUNTAIN of the LORD’s House! *“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net***