

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

It was in the reign of David that the ark was brought back to Jerusalem and glory restored to the kingdom as it was ruled by a “*man after GOD’s own heart.*” The promise was made by GOD that there would never cease to be a MAN of David’s house whose kingdom and government would have no end. Now we see the LORD JESUS CHRIST as just such a man to whom this KINGDOM was promised from the foundation of the world and who has not only been appointed to sit upon that throne but has purchased that kingdom and its citizens with HIS own blood and now reigneth forever. *“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”* We see David as a picture of CHRIST in many ways. Even though we see him in stark contrast to HIM in others. For CHRIST was tempted in all points as we are yet without sin, but David was tempted and proved himself but an earthen vessel in need of a SAVIOR as much as any subject of the LORD’s kingdom is. David’s wickedness serves as a demonstration of the chastening hand of the LORD upon HIS own children. HE will not allow any of HIS elect to be destroyed even though Satan may desire to have them and sift them as wheat. HE must ever increase but we must decrease, and we are often brought low that HIS grace and glory might be exalted. *“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”* The LORD is always able to accomplish HIS will in the earth through any fashion which HE so designs. It has pleased HIM according to scripture to cause the gospel to be proclaimed in the earth through the instrumentality of men. David chose five smooth stones when he went to battle Goliath. We see CHRIST illustrated in this action of David.

**HE chose** five smooth stones. CHRIST is the ONE who selects those HE will send with the gospel message just as surely as HE chose those whom HE would have to hear it. *“And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”* HE chose **five** smooth stones. CHRIST does all things according HIS purpose and nothing occurs by chance. Those whom CHRIST appoints unto this task are sent with a specific message for a specific people even though each is sent to openly proclaim the truth of GOD. HE has a multitude which HE has appointed and is dependent upon no single one.

HE chose five **smooth** stones. The LORD equips and prepares those whom HE sends. Stones are not naturally smooth. However when the LORD places them in a brook where they are tumbled and abraded against one another the passing of time wears off the rough edges. Some would dare to go into battle with unproven armor or that which is supplied by the learning of the flesh but GOD is pleased to prepare HIS stones and in the furnace of trial and affliction to teach them that all of their righteousness is HIS alone. GOD does not choose men based on their suitability for a task but rather HE’s the ONE who makes them suitable. Those who are made suitable for this task are not the most eloquent nor the most learned as judged by men but those who are taught that all of their strength comes from HIM. HE chose five smooth **stones**. Stones are of little to no value. They have no power nor skill of their own let alone the ability to carry out any task. All of their usefulness is brought forth by the ONE who is pleased to use them as instruments of HIS glory. They can add nothing to the task at hand to which they are sent but are simply objects in the hand of HIM who slays giants and destroys principalities according to HIS own design. Not even a giant can stand when HE who chooses a stone and puts it in HIS sling lets it go with unfailing aim. It always finds its mark due to the skill of the SLINGER. *“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* Well did Paul remark *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”*

*“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”* Are you a stone in the LORD’s hand?

*“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)**