

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

Taking care of our environment is a very popular topic today. We are besieged with facts and figures concerning the sad state that our physical world is in. Melting polar ice caps, high mercury levels in fish, declining air quality in our larger cities, and toxic wastes seeping into our water supply are just a few of the concerns that are voiced daily by many so called scientists and activists who warn us of impending doom if we continue to neglect their advice.

Now while we must have a certain level of concern for our physical environment and should take definite precautions against unnecessarily polluting it, there is another aspect of our lives wherein a different kind of pollution should be of even greater concern to us. One of the ongoing failures of Israel as a nation was that they did not utterly destroy the inhabitants of the lands into which the LORD brought them. As a result they mingled with these pagan cultures and inevitably their own culture was polluted. This pollution did not even seem dangerous to them initially, but it ultimately caused great weakness among a people who were a great nation and eventually brought about their subjugation to foreign rulers. The mighty Israel who once conquered every nation in its path and caused great trembling among the inhabitants of those lands, became the slaves and bondmen to those who mocked their GOD.

The people of GOD are called to battle. *"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 strong holds;) 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."* This is a much more serious warfare than the nation of Israel was called to. Whereas they were called upon to preserve a culture of flesh and blood. The sons of GOD are called to battle against those enemies who would destroy their very soul through the corruption and pollution of this wicked world. The customs and mindset of this world would seek to turn their hearts away from total submission and devotion to the way of CHRIST.

The sons of GOD have been given the charge to keep HIS commandments and to keep themselves "unspotted" from the world. Satan's chief desire is to destroy GOD's creation. Since the LORD has determined to redeem HIS people out of his place of dominion, he increases his efforts against them and seeks with great deception and appeal to their flesh to bring them back into the bondage from which they have already been set free.

It is a total waste of time to try to persuade the unregenerate to honor the way of the LORD by pressing them to walk in holiness. But the awakened children of GOD must be admonished and provoked unto good works, mortifying the deeds of the flesh for the glory of their SAVIOR. Satan would seek to entrap them by capturing their minds with the design of capturing their hearts. His greatest delight is to pollute their intellect so that they think like the world. He is very patient and subtle as he plies his craft, but nonetheless deadly.

Consider these things: The use of the LORD's name is an acceptable expression rather than blasphemy. What was once considered public nudity is now the latest style. Underwear is no longer a hidden garment. Fashion is dictated by sex appeal rather than a consideration of modesty. Mothers encourage daughters to pursue boys rather than chastity. Sexual activity outside of the bonds of marriage is called normal rather than fornication. Living together is an arrangement instead of shacking up. Virginity in the young has become quaint rather than expected. Homosexuality has become a lifestyle rather than an abomination. Divorce is a convenience rather than a shame. A sexual liaison with someone other than a spouse is an affair rather than adultery. Child-rearing is replaced by careers and daycare. Worship is an entertainment event rather than a soul experience. Sermons, seminars, and counseling have replaced repentance and seeking. Prayer is something men are led in rather than something they participate in. Giving is measured by percentages rather than a cheerful heart. *"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty."* "O LORD revive thy work in the midst of the years!

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