

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

Everything about the kingdom of GOD is quite contrary to the natural thinking of men. It makes perfect sense to men that they should seek revenge for those who have wronged them. Yet the LORD said, *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”* *“But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.”*

It is not surprising that we hear many “churchgoers” say, I just don’t understand the Bible. Unless the LORD is pleased to give a man understanding he will never “get it.” *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”* We live in a highly religious society and the religion of choice in our society is “Christianity”. Its basic precepts have been taught quite openly and continually for many years. Vast numbers of fine folk have “learned” what the Bible says and are able to defend their particular “brand” of Christianity (as they would call it) against the other brands. One looks at all of these “brands” and is made to wonder if the apostle was right when he said, *“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”* Of course each “brand” is quick to step up and say “ours is the one”. Some more vehemently than others and some even more credible than the next.

There is no shortage of prophets and their followers. There is no lack of fine facilities that have been built “in the name of the LORD” nor folks to fill them up. We see many in their zeal who are willing to give their bodies to be burnt and to sacrifice their worldly goods to the voracious appetites of those who preach about a god who needs their money to get things done or a savior who would save everybody if he can just get enough of this worlds goods to pay men to convince folks to let him; or finance the latest gimmick in that quest.

The vast majority of those who call themselves Christians are convinced that GOD is dependent on them in some way. Some of these same folks (“unbeknownst” to themselves) have *“changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”* Deceivers have been loosed in the midst. *“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Most preaching is a mixture of man’s free will with a dose of GOD’s mercy and just a dash of human endeavor. This is a fine recipe for the natural man’s thinking, who believes that GOD helps those who help themselves and that HE has made salvation a possibility if we can somehow convince men to take advantage of it by scaring them with the horrors of hell, drawing them a roadmap through Romans, or enticing them with the sheer bliss of heaven which must surely be a place filled with all sorts of carnal delights that will keep them satisfied through the ages to come.

Yet that man who is convinced of his own depravity and utterly hopeless condition, by the operation of the HOLY GHOST, can find absolutely no comfort in this contrived formula which depends on his ability to do anything. Such a man as that is convinced that such a recipe spells his doom rather than his deliverance. If he must supply faith then he will despair for all he can do is lament his lack of faith. If he must take the first step, he faints for he knows that he is lame in both feet. Hell is real enough to him without the need for someone to rub salt into his wounds. He stands in need of a PHYSICIAN and not a taskmaster. He can hardly find any enjoyment in a consideration of eternal bliss because he finds himself to have no hope of ever entering such a place.

But oh, when all hope in any human merit or endeavor is extinguished the LORD is pleased to cause him to hear the sweet sound of this message and ultimately apply its healing balm to his despairing heart, *“This MAN receiveth sinners”*. Oh could it be possible. Could such a wretch as I be made whole by HIM. He cannot help but cry out with blind Bartimaeus, *“JESUS thou SON of David, have mercy on me!”*. He must join with the publican in saying, *“O GOD be merciful to me, a sinner.”*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Do you believe in HIM?

*“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)**