

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

The utter unrestrained propensity for wickedness, in men, has been fully demonstrated in the earth, when men, with cruel and wicked hands crucified the spotless LAMB of GOD according to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of GOD. None eye did pity HIM. Men schemed to put HIM to death even as the LORD related in the parable of the man who planted a vineyard. They who were supposed men of integrity hired liars to defame HIM and testify against HIM, even as they did later against HIS apostles. They conspired to destroy HIM because they knew that HE was the antithesis of their treasured religion and they desired their own righteousness above the true worship of GOD.

Paul clearly states that when men *“knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”* *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”*

There are some today who try to tell us that the reason that many men perish in their sins is simply because they haven’t been told about HIM. As if it is true that we could save them all if we could just somehow preach the gospel to all of them. They usually use this line of thought as a premise to gather funds in order to be able to “send” men into the earth in order to dispense the sufficient knowlege which would surely rescue them.

The fact is that the problem that men have with embracing CHRIST as LORD, has nothing at all to do with what they know. According to Paul all men know HIM but they do not glorify HIM as GOD. Sunday schools and bible colleges spew out thousands who can tell you in no uncertain terms who HE is, some even in great detail. They know HIM but they do not necessarily love HIM nor follow HIM. Religious leaders of all stripes know HIM, they generally (whatever their religion is) speak about how great a prophet and example that HE was. Even the Hindu holyman, Ghandi, praised HIM for HIS peaceable nature and excellent example of non-violence. That which CHRIST came to do in the earth was not hidden from the eyes of men. HE displayed HIMSELF for all to see. Even those in regions of darkness who have never even heard HIS name spoken, yet know HIM according to Paul. Yet the truth is that even though men may know HIM yet they do not fall down and worship HIM in SPIRIT and TRUTH because their problem is not one of a lack of knowlege.

The need of sinful men is not anything that can be supplied by any other man, nor applied through the intellect they may possess. The LORD said to Nicodemus, *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* This is not an operation that can be brought about by man in any fashion but is the work of GOD alone. Men take great pride in what they know. There have probably been more arguments and fights over the years over what men claim to know than any other thing. You can get a group of religious men together and before long they will be railing against one another over what they know. Is it any wonder that Paul spoke to the early Christians saying, *“Knowledge puffeth up.”* and *“if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.”*

So no man can boast in what he knows nor can any man ever say that HE did not know that JESUS CHRIST is sent from GOD. They may rebel against that knowledge, they may ignore it at their own peril, or they may even confuse their “knowledge” of HIM with being one of HIS followers. Religious men are convinced that their own understanding of HIM will be sufficient when HE comes to claim HIS own. Yet HE was quite clear that those who are HIS sheep not only know HIM but hear HIS voice and come when HE calls and not according to their own whim. HE said that a man is not HIS follower who does not do what HE says. *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”* Upon what foundation is your hope resting?

Behold the sure foundation stone Which God in Zion lays,

To build our heavenly hopes upon, And his eternal praise. CHRIST is that FOUNDATION.

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