

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

The true and living GOD does not dwell in temples made with hands, but it pleased HIM to condescend to man’s weakness and to have him establish a “place” where HE would be worshipped and would make HIS presence known unto men. So the LORD gave detailed instructions to Moses about how this tabernacle was to be built even down to the number of rings that held up each curtain. No detail is insignificant in any of GOD’s design even as we see in HIS creation. HE is an absolute GOD who leaves nothing to chance or outside of HIS ordained purpose.

David was a man after GOD’s own heart and how truly did he yearn for the presence of GOD in the dry and thirsty land that he found himself in, as he was pursued by Saul and then his own son Absalom. He longed for the “tabernacle of the LORD.” The New Testament church is where GOD has promised to meet with HIS people. Yet I dare say that the vast majority of those who profess to be the sons of GOD and who claim to gather with HIS church have little if any knowledge of the beauty of HIS presence. Even those who have no printed liturgy are content to go through their “rituals”,. They sing their songs, pray their prayers, and listen to the preaching of the Bible but they have no consideration of whether or not HE is truly dwelling in their midst. They are as content to go home when the time for the meeting is over as they were to attend in the first place.

Yet those sons of GOD who have been given eyes to see cannot help but cry out to the LIVING GOD and long for HIS presence. They cannot be content with religion however fine it may appear or well defined by scriptural example and order it may be. The fervor or solemnity of its practice can never fill the void that they feel, as they have a constant need to hear HIS voice and enter HIS courts. How beautiful are HIS dwelling places!

Nothing is more precious to the sons of GOD. *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand (elsewhere)”* Some have thought that ecstatic utterances and odd gyrations are the result of this desire, yet this is no momentary quest which is easily fulfilled by some charismatic excess or the touch of some “prophet’s” hand. When they wake or when they sleep this desire ever burns within them and religion of any type is but a hindrance to them in finding a fulfillment.

They seek no glory but HIS. *“I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* Even the lowest of stations in this life is acceptable as long as they can commune with HIM. They need no recognition or approval of others nor can they be satisfied by a mutual admiration society or the assurances of men.

They feel that they must perish without HIS presence. *“My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”* This is the very impetus to prayer and is the evidence of the SPIRIT at work in their lives, for how can a man have such desire except that HE gives it?

This is not a temporary mindset nor the product of a fickle spirit. *“Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.”* Notice that this blessedness is to those who “dwell” in HIS house and not just those who “visit” from time to time. The fleshly religionist is satisfied to come and go as he pleases, not so the son who really sees, he cannot depart for this is his “home”.

Regardless of the circumstances, they will be found clinging to HIM. *“Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.”* Whether it be through tears of sadness or tears of joy, to whom else can they turn and upon whom can they rely.

All of their strength is found in HIM. *“They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.”* HE is their ROCK, their SWORD, and their SHIELD. They cannot fear anything but their own deceitful heart and HE is greater than their heart. Oh Lord, open our eyes and stir our cold hearts that we may behold THEE in thy beauty. We languish and die without a glimpse of THEE. *“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.”* *“O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.”*

Do you long for HIS presence or are you satisfied with an emotional religious experience which is orchestrated by others claiming to have the power to cause you to be blessed. The LORD alone can meet the needs of HIS people and HE is ever faithful to meet with them when they gather in HIS name. HE alone can bring this to pass.

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