

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #5

singing : "Majesty, worship HIS Majesty"

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

Someone has wisely said, "Familiarity breeds contempt". We see this illustrated in the present day as we hear not just the openly profane but many who call themselves believers in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, repeatedly saying "O my GOD" as an expression of amazement. It is extremely common to hear professing Christians, refer to the LORD as "JESUS", "my JESUS" or just repeating HIS name over and over as though it is a good luck charm that works better than a rabbits foot. Nowhere in the scriptures can we find an example of any of the LORD's disciples ever addressing the LORD JESUS CHRIST simply by HIS name JESUS. They always referred to HIM as MASTER or LORD.

The scriptures tell us that HE has been highly exalted and given *"a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth"*. If HE occupies such a place of excellent glory then it seems woefully out of place for the potsherd of the earth to address HIM as though HE was just a common man. While it is true that HE is indeed a MAN, and as a MAN has accomplished the redemption of HIS people, yet HE is a MAN who is above all men, and due the utmost respect and reverence by those who claim to be HIS followers. HE is not only a MAN but HE is also the ETERNAL GOD whose name is not to be taken in vain.

If any had the right to be closely familiar with the LORD JESUS, it would be the apostle John, who was very close to HIM during the LORD's ministry on the earth, even describing himself, as the "disciple whom the LORD loveth". Yet we see John fall upon his face as a dead man when HE was brought face to face with HIM according to his account in the first chapter of Revelation.

The Mighty SAVIOR is not the "buddy" of HIS people, nor a possession which they own, rather HE is their DELIVERER and a very present help in time of trouble. HE is ONE who sticketh closer than a brother yet HE is worthy to be praised as the KING of Glory, who has triumphed over all of HIS enemies and wrought salvation for sinners who would surely have perished without HIS deliverance.

In John's vision; he said that he saw innumerable men and angels, *"Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."* This is the place where HE is presently seated. If this is so, how can it be that HIS name should be used as a familiar and common expression?

HE said *"If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me"*. The preaching of the gospel is the exaltation of CHRIST alone as the hope of helpless and undone sinners. HE was lifted up as a sacrifice for the sins of HIS elect bride and we seek to lift HIM up in the declaration of the absolute victory which HE accomplished in the giving of HIMSELF as an offering for their sin. *"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."*(Eph 1:20-23)

singing "So exalt lift up on high the name of JESUS"

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