

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

Every characteristic which the LORD intends to perfect in HIS elect children, HE demonstrated when HE walked upon the earth. From a fervent prayer life to an unwavering faith, HE left us an example that we should follow in HIS steps. HE said love your enemies and pray for those who spitefully use you and then we see HIM hanging on the cross asking forgiveness for those who crucified HIM. HE said, *“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”* Then HE demonstrated that meekness, *“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter.”* HE said, *“Blessed are the pure in heart.”* and then HE was *“in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* HE told HIS disciples, if a man would be great, he must become the servant of all. Then HE girded himself and washed their feet. Our LORD never expects more from us than HE has given us nor does HE require more than HE has already done in our behalf. HE has accomplished our sanctification before almighty GOD as well as our justification. HE has called us by HIS grace and is presently fitting us for our eternal abode with HIM in the heavens. We are indeed a blessed people. *“Happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.”*

Of all the glorious characteristics of the sons of GOD which the LORD demonstrated, none is any more important than that of HIS commitment to HIS people. Our text says, *“HE loved them to the end.”* Partial commitment is no commitment at all. Marriage, as it is given in the scripture is an illustration of the LORD’s love for and dedication to HIS bride. As we survey the state of marriage in our society, we almost have to wonder if such can really be the case. The concept of commitment is by and large lost on a society that considers divorce as an escape clause even while the marriage vows are being spoken. It has become a very viable option which one almost expects to use, as is witnessed by pre-nuptial agreements which are a matter of course for those with property. The greatest hypocrisy which is spoken in most weddings is *“til death do us part”*. One almost anticipates the congregation bursting out in raucous laughter when these words are spoken. Is it any wonder the concept of true commitment has been watered down in the minds of most?

Most modern day preaching urges men to “believe” in order to be “saved” and offers an upgrade to first class accommodations by “making HIM lord of their lives”. In addition to having no scriptural foundation, this sort of doctrine makes a mockery of true commitment to CHRIST. The LORD said, *“No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”* HE told the rich young ruler to sell all that HE had and come and follow HIM. HE told the woman taken in adultery *“Go and sin no more.”* HE said to the multitude, who followed HIM temporarily, *“whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”* The way of CHRIST is a radical path which in reality is not appealing to any but those who have been awakened to their desperate need of HIM. It is impossible that any man could convince another to go in that way.

Paul gives us a description of CHRIST’s commitment to HIS elect: *“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* It is unusual, but not unheard of, that a man would give his life for someone who was his true friend or loved one, but it is totally absurd (in the reason of men) for a man to do so for HIS enemies. Paul said that we *“were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”* Yet *“for the joy that was set before him (HE) endured the cross, despising the shame,”*

Some try to produce obedience in those who profess faith in CHRIST by conditional promises and threats of judgment. The true impetus for commitment for the sons of GOD is plain and simply, HIS example. *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”* CHRIST gave himself for us gladly when we deserved to die. Can we do any less than give ourselves to HIM as we consider what HE has done for us? Can the prospect of service and devotion to HIM be greeted with anything less than joy by the true sons of GOD? *“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:”* Are you committed to CHRIST?

*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)**