

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

We There are various years that stand out in the past as we look back at the unfolding of GOD’s purpose in the history of mankind. In our country the year 1776 is a very important one because it is from that time that we begin to consider ourselves as a sovereign nation. Then the year 1812 comes to mind as our independence was again tested. Neither can we forget the years from 1861-1865 as Civil War decimated our land. Some would have us believe that the year 1948 is such a year. They point to this year as the one in which the earthly nation of Israel was formed by the United Nations. We have no problem in recognizing the historical significance of such an occurrence. However we do find ourselves a bit confused with those who claim to be the followers of CHRIST and claiming to have an understanding of the nature of the kingdom which HE came to establish in the earth, placing any spiritual significance in the transfer of real estate in this time world. Did not our LORD say, *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”* The Kingdom of GOD is not concerned with natural soil anymore than it can be inhabited by those whose only birth is that of a woman. Those who are a part of this kingdom are born *“not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

There are numerous references to Zion in the scripture as an exact location yet most of the time that reference is made to it; the context leads us to see it used more as a metaphor for the place where GOD is pleased to dwell with HIS people. When the LORD says, *“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”* HE does not have reference to a “place” but to the fact that HE has a kingdom which is an everlasting kingdom.

**Zion is a place with an unshakeable foundation.** *“Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation”* The LORD JESUS CHRIST is that CORNERSTONE which the builders of earthly kingdoms have rejected. Yet *“other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* HIS righteousness alone is the hope of those who dwell there.

**Zion is a place of great joy.** *“And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”* The word of reconciliation is sent out to all those who have been purchased by JESUS CHRIST. *“The year of my redeemed is come.”* The gospel is sent by HIM to publish glad tidings and comfort those that mourn.

**Zion is a city built to be inhabited by a particular people.** *“Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.”* Those that are its inhabitants are not those circumcised in the flesh but the heart. Those who are born Jews are not those who are the Israel of GOD. *“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.”*

**Zion is an everlasting city.** *“And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.”* That true Zion is not built upon a conditional covenant nor with a people who can trace their lineage in the flesh, but upon the promises made to the KING of ZION.

**Zion is a glorious city.** For it is the place where the LORD JESUS CHRIST is pleased to dwell with HIS people whose redemption HE has purchased with HIS own blood. It is that “heavenly Jerusalem which John saw. “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

SAVIOR, if of Zion’s City, I through grace a member am,

Let the world deride or pity I will glory in THY name.

Fading is the worldling’s pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show.

Solid joys and lasting treasure, None but Zion’s children know.

*“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)**