

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

Godly men, in every generation, have lamented the wickedness of the earthly societies in which they have been placed. The reason for this is that those men who have been awakened by the SPIRIT of GOD to behold the righteousness of CHRIST can find no resting place in this world as they have been given consciences which are tender and offended by the rejection of the standards of GOD. We speak not simply, of those standards which are in the letter of the law but rather those things which are a matter of the heart and mind.

We sometimes hear men speak of days in the past which they would presume were the epitome of holiness and an adherence to the way of the LORD by those who are now long dead. Those who are content to compare “righteousness” from one age and society, to another, especially to that of the present day, can build a case for a “godly past” in the foundations of our own society. Many would mistakenly believe that if we could just get back to our “roots”, then the ills of society would lessen and maybe even vanish.

This is a foolish notion which rests on a denial of the total depravity of men and fails to recognize that all men will be as wicked as they can be, apart from the restraining grace of GOD. Men are by nature self serving and self destructive apart from the mercy of GOD to keep them from this path which ultimately spells their doom. Religious and self-righteous men believe that such is surely not the case as they opine that men can of their own free-will escape from the morass of sin which envelops every society upon the face of the earth.

These men can readily identify the besetting sins of our day, such as abortion, sodomy, drug abuse, and internet porn. Yet they cannot see that, these things are not the “problem”, but are rather the symptoms of the true problem which can in no wise be solved by legislation, activism, or any activity which begins with the “free will of men” nor can society be healed if everyone were to avoid these outward manifestations of wickedness.

We sometimes hear men say that judgment is going to fall on our society because of the rise and acceptance of “sodomy”. Yet the reality is that rampant sodomy is the manifestation of GOD’s judgment upon a people who will not worship HIM, rather than its cause. Sodomy is, in itself, no worse sin than any other, yet it is singled out as a particular judgment which is visited upon those nations who forget GOD. Who can tell us of a nation where this is not the case?. Where on earth would one find any nation or society that falls upon its collective face in worship of the ONE TRUE and LIVING GOD who rules in the army of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, giving glory to the NAME of JESUS CHRIST as both the SAVIOR of sinners and the ETERNAL GOD? There are none.

I hope to be thankful for being given the privilege to live in the greatest nation upon the earth, but I hope also not to be lulled into thinking that any nation in the earth is walking in godliness. We see Jeremiah lamenting the wickedness of the nation of Israel, even though Israel was given every advantage and favor. There have been periods of time when there was more outward civility, respect of authority, and general morality in our nation than we can perhaps see in the present age. Yet this was not due to the free choice of men (or some supposed “spark of divinity” in them) but rather the blessing of GOD who has from time to time seen fit to more greatly restrain the inward corruption of men. When HE is pleased to remove this restraint, men quickly turn “*like a sow that was washed to its wallowing in the mire.*” It is in these times that we can clearly see what man is by nature and to view his natural rebellion against the way of GOD, which is sometimes hidden to the view of those who suppose man to be basically good.

The LORD identified the error of Israel, as HE said they had “*forsaken the FOUNTAIN of LIVING WATERS.*” By nature men will not come to this FOUNTAIN which is a WELL springing up into everlasting life. This is a FOUNTAIN which is open to all who will drink from it, yet not one will drink even a drop of it unless the LORD gives it to them. Thus this is a FOUNTAIN of mercy and not merit, men cannot boast of availing themselves of its supply, but can merely give thanks that HE has caused them to drink. Have you drunk of this WATER? “*Thy free grace alone,*” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**