

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

An evangelist is a declarer of a “good message” or “good news”, which is what the gospel is to those who are hungering and thirsting in a land of famine. Philip, as an evangelist, declared to the Ethiopian Eunuch the glories of CHRIST as the REDEEMER of HIS people. That is the only message that an evangelist is sent with. He is not called upon to try to coerce men to believe, heal them, or teach them to babble or fall out on the floor, nor to collect money, but rather to declare the Kingship of CHRIST, the acceptable year of the LORD, and the justifying righteousness of CHRIST which is applied according to HIS sovereign mercy to sinners. *“This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

Unless a man is acquainted with the bad news, of his own depravity and separation from GOD, he cannot have any appreciation for the declaration of that certain salvation which is purchased by the sovereign REDEEMER. This is a work which can only be performed by the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD as HE is pleased to awaken HIS people according to HIS own time and purpose. When a man is thus made spiritually alive every thought of his mind becomes focused on his certain and deserved destruction, and his own inability to deliver himself. *“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.” “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”*

An evangelist does not minister life, but brings to a man’s awareness (by the operation of the SPIRIT), the glorious truth that JESUS CHRIST is the SAVIOR of sinners and ever lives to make intercession for those who come unto the FATHER by HIM. *“Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”* Thus the sons of GOD rejoice to hear this good message, it is unto them a saving word which goes even to their conscience as it is applied by the SPIRIT, taking away their guilt and the fear of condemnation. *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

The scripture indicates that some are indeed called evangelists and we rejoice to see this work performed in and through them by the power of GOD. Can any man hinder it; or cause that which GOD is pleased to send men to perform, to come to naught? HE is at this very moment calling HIS own unto HIMSELF and no man or devil can prevent it. *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”* The sons of GOD are manifested in this world as they are given faith, which is not of themselves but is the gift of GOD. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

- 1 The gospel is good news indeed, To sinners deep in debt;
The man who has no works to plead, Will thankful be for it.
- 2 To know that when he’s nought to pay, His debts are all discharged,
Will make him blooming look as May, And set his soul at large.
- 3 No news can be compared with this, To men oppressed with sin;
Who know what legal bondage is, And labour but in vain.
- 4 Freedom from sin and Satan’s chains, And legal toil as well,
The gospel sweetly now proclaims; Which tidings suit them well.
- 5 How gladly does the prisoner hear What gospel has to tell!
'Tis perfect love that casts out fear, And brings him from his cell.
- 6 The man that feels his guilt abound, And knows himself unclean,
Will find the gospel’s joyful sound Is welcome news to him.

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