



## 2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

4th July 2010

### *Readings from the English Bible*

- Deuteronomy 32
- Matthew 3
- Romans 8
- Psalm 73

### *Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection*

July 4

#### THE WORD, NECESSARY FOOD

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." #Mat 4:4

If God so willed it we could live without bread, even as Jesus did for forty days; but we could not live without His Word. By that Word we were created, and by it alone can we be kept in being, for he sustaineth all things by the Word of His power. Bread is a second cause; the Lord Himself is the first source of our sustenance. He can work without the second cause as well as with it; and we must not tie Him down to one mode of operation. Let us not be too eager after the visible, but let us look to the invisible God.

We have heard believers say that in deep poverty, when bread ran short, their appetites became short too; and to others, when common supplies failed, the Lord has sent in unexpected help. But we must have the Word of the Lord. With this alone we can withstand the devil. Take this from us, and our enemy will have us in his power, for we shall soon faint. Our souls need food, and there is none for them outside of the Word of the Lord. All the books and all the preachers in the world cannot furnish us a single meal: it is only the Word from the mouth of God that can fill the mouth of a believer. Lord, evermore give us this bread. We prize it above royal dainties.

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***

*Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time*

**"Sons of peace, redeemed by blood"**

John Kent  
(1766 - 1843)

*Eph.2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

*14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

Sons of peace, redeemed by blood,  
Raise your songs to Zion's God;  
Made from condemnation free,  
Grace triumphant sing with me.

Calvary's summit let us trace,  
View the heights and depths of grace;  
Look by faith on Christ, and say,  
"Thus my sins were borne away."

Sunk, as in a shoreless flood,  
Lost, as in a Saviour's blood,  
Zion, oh, how bless'd art thou!  
Justified from all things now.

Once, in vain, this peace we sought  
From the law, but found it not:  
Filled with sorrow, guilt, and shame,  
We at length to Calvary came.

Here we stood at peace with heaven,  
Found the sweets of sins forgiven;  
Wept as pardoned sinners do,  
Felt the blood of sprinkling too.

Will our God this peace reveal  
When our hearts and flesh shall fail?  
Then we'll sing in Jordan's flood,  
Sweet's the peace that's sealed by  
blood.

**"'Twas by an order from the Lord"**

Isaac Watts  
(1674-1748 )

*Jer. 35: 13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.*

'Twas by an order from the Lord,  
The ancient prophets spoke His word;  
His Spirit did their tongues inspire,  
And warmed their hearts with  
heavenly fire.

The works and wonders which they  
wrought,  
Confirmed the messages they brought;  
The prophet's pen succeeds his breath  
To save the holy words from death.

Great God, mine eyes with pleasure  
look  
On the dear volume of Thy Book;  
There my Redeemer's face I see,  
And read His name who died for me.

His kindest thoughts are here ex-  
press'd,  
Able to make us wise, and bless'd,  
The doctrines are Divinely true,  
Fit for reproof and comfort too.

Let the false raptures of the mind  
Be lost, and vanish in the wind;  
Here I can fix my hope secure,  
This is Thy Word, and must endure.