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One truth that is seldom if ever heard preached by modern day mud daubers is the fact that the LORD is pleased to, actively, hide the truth from some while, just as actively, revealing it to others. The LORD HIMSELF, was not ashamed to declare this truth and even to thank HIS FATHER for doing so. *“Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”* HIS disciples asked HIM why HE taught in parables, *“And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.”*

Isaiah was given this very prophecy which was particularly applicable to the nation of Israel as the LORD would demonstrate that they are not all Israel who are of Israel. *“Tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.”* These verses cause the free will mongers to tremble and scratch their heads in dismay, as the scriptures plainly indicate that an understanding of the truth of GOD is sovereignly dispensed by HIM who said *“I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy.”* The only folks who have a problem with this doctrine are those who believe they possess some measure of righteousness in their persons which they believe they can bring to the LORD in order to influence HIM to bless them. The man who is convinced by the SPIRIT of GOD that he has no shred of worthiness before GOD, will rejoice when he discovers that the LORD is the ONE who provides all that a sinner needs to be justified before HIM.

Those that believe not are blinded in four ways. (1) They are blinded by sovereign decree. The LORD alone reserves the right to cause men to see. There is no remedy for this condition, for they that are such will not come to HIM and will not believe, even though ONE be risen from the dead. (2) They are blinded by their very fleshly nature, being conceived in sin and spiritually dead. (3) They are judicially blinded. The LORD does pass judgment on those who will not believe. *“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”* (4) They are blinded because HE withholds the TRUTH from them according to HIS sovereign purpose which we mentioned in our first point.

The natural religious man will grow angry when such a doctrine is preached. We see this illustrated when the LORD HIMSELF taught this doctrine in the synagogue mentioning the widow of Sarepta and Naaman the Syrian. *“And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.”* These Jews recognized that HE was sweeping away their righteousness and fleshly endeavors and showing them that apart from the sovereign grace of GOD they could not be saved. They would have killed HIM then, but the time was not yet right, and HE passed through their midst as they stood there powerless even as all men are before the sovereign decrees of GOD.

One of the best illustrations of the hiding of truth in plain sight from those to whom it is not given and the revelation of it to those who are; is seen in the very first recorded miracle which the LORD JESUS CHRIST performed at the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee as HE turned water into wine. The whole gathering of people were greatly benefited by the LORD’s provision of this wine but they were given no understanding of how it was provided. The humble servants received a greater blessing than any of these whom they served, for they saw the creation of this wine by the hand of HIM who formed the light and created the darkness. The wonder of this wine was not in its taste or clarity but rather in HIM who spoke it into existence, which none of the guests even knew. *“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”*

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