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The phrase “divine intervention” is an oxymoron. The GOD who has revealed HIMSELF to us in the person of JESUS CHRIST, and who has given us the Bible wherein HE has described HIS own power and purpose, can never be said to “intervene” in any of the events which occur in the creation which HE has wrought by HIS own hand. GOD does not “intervene” in these events, because HE is the ONE who determines, directs, and predestines all actions to occur exactly according to HIS DIVINE purpose. *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* It is sheer folly for men to consider that any event can occur which is outside of HIS ordained purpose.

One of the greatest comforts to the children of GOD, recorded in the scriptures, is found in Romans 8:28, which says, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”* This verse could not possibly be true except that GOD orders all events to occur exactly as HE ordains. It is an abomination for any who name the name of CHRIST as their sole hope of eternal life, to speak of “luck” or “chance”. GOD determines both the blessings of HIS children and the destruction of the wicked according to HIS own will, and does not bestow either primarily as a result of their actions. Rather, HE determines their actions to occur for HIS own glory in the manifestation of the redemption of the sons of GOD and the reprobation of the wicked. *“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”*

Now indeed these are hard sayings for the natural man, who fancies himself as possessing some intrinsic worth in the sight of HIS CREATOR and imagines that he can approach HIM on his own terms and according to his supposed free will. Yet the man who is acquainted with the true and living GOD of heaven and earth can but put his hand over his mouth and cast his eyes to the ground saying *“even so FATHER for so it seemed good in thy sight.”* *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?”*

GOD has done all things well. HE has had no second thoughts nor has HE ever changed HIS mind or altered HIS course or needed to “intervene” in the affairs of the world. *“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”* *“We spend our years as a tale that is told.”* It is the blessing of GOD that causes a man to cry out, *“But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand.”* The mercy of GOD is visited upon the heads of those who are taught by HIS SPIRIT that they have no other hope than that which is bestowed by HIS mercy. *“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”*

It is in this display of divine and sovereign mercy that the LORD JESUS CHRIST came into the world; made in the likeness of sinful flesh and condemned sin in the flesh, being made an offering and an atonement for the sins of those whom HE has determined to save. HE has left nothing concerning their salvation to “chance” nor does HE merely “hope” that they will be saved. HE has designed the salvation of HIS elect and HE will bring them to that place which HE has already prepared for them. If it were not so, HE would have told them.

Those who “believe” are one and the same with those HE has determined to save because HE has determined to give them faith. *“And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”* HE did not “intervene” and give them salvation because they believed, but rather they believed because HE ordained them to eternal life.

“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Thanks be unto GOD that HE is that ONE whose purpose must be fulfilled in every jot and tittle and cannot be said to “intervene” in that which HE ordains according to HIS good pleasure. May HE be ever praised. Do you worship HIM?

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