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GOD will have glory in all things. *“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”* Can any man rail against the ALMIGHTY because HE chooses to create some men as vessels of wrath; and some as vessels of mercy? The answer is no according to Paul in Rom. 9:20. Yet this fact does not stop wicked men from gnashing their teeth against the truth and railing against those who proclaim a Sovereign and unaccusable GOD. Our LORD rejoiced in this very truth as HE exclaimed, *“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that 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.”*

The Psalmist says that HE is *“holy in all HIS works”*. That which is “holy” is set apart from all else. This is illustrated in the vision of Isaiah in the year of king Uzziah’s death, *“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”* Holiness is not merely an “attribute” of GOD but is the very essence of GOD’s existence wherein HE is completely set apart from man or any of HIS creation. Paul declared exactly the same thing when he said of HIM, *“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.”* GOD is completely inapproachable by men and HE alone is *“immortal and invisible”* HE alone had no beginning. All of HIS creation comes from HIM and exists only because of HIS good pleasure.

In writing to the Colossians Paul stated this of CHRIST, *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”* Being before all things there is nothing that could “co-exist” with HIM except HIMSELF. All else was brought forth to fulfill HIS purpose. The revelation of that purpose is a most glorious one which is set forth to manifest HIS redemption of a people upon whom HE has set HIS love from everlasting. HE has caused this redemption to be declared from one end of the earth to the other. *“And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.”*

This declaration is no less than the very gospel of JESUS CHRIST which is sent forth into the earth to manifest HIS glory. The LORD has loved HIS own from before the foundation of the world and will bring them out of the darkness and into the light of HIS glorious presence through no work of their own, but by HIS own power and outstretched arm. *“And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.”*

Though HE did, according to HIS purpose, make HIS people *“subject unto vanity”* and *“by nature the children of wrath even as others”* and *“under the curse of the law”*, HE did so that HE might manifest their redemption by CHRIST. *“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* *“The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The LORD shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.”* Do you rejoice in this gospel?

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