

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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The unfolding of the Gospel and the centrality of CHRIST in that Gospel are part and parcel of the whole Bible, from the beginning in Genesis unto the consummation of the Ages as revealed in The Revelation. To try and decipher the Truth as it is set forth in the Scriptures, without an emphasis upon the work of CHRIST, is to strive "*about words to no profit*", subverting the hearers, thereby. Much learning does indeed make religious men "mad" as they center their thoughts upon the works and ways of men, attempting to encourage and enable men to keep the law and perform righteous deeds of one type or another, or proposing that they shall gain favor with the LORD by actions of their supposed free will, producing partial obedience at best.

Those who have eyes to behold the unsearchable riches of CHRIST, take great delight in the exaltation of HIS PERSON and rejoice in a consideration of that work which HE, alone, has performed in the behalf of those whom HE loves and does presently perform as HE works in them both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. They can find no comfort nor take any rest in the activity of their sinful flesh, but gladly confess that unless the LORD builds the house they labor in vain who build it.

One truth which seems incontrovertible to us, and upon which all expectation of our future existence and/or blessing rests, is that of a GOD who is in absolute control of all events and persons, past, present and future. The Bible describes the ONE true and LIVING GOD as just such an ONE. HE does not exist because we believe HE does, nor because the Bible says HE does, but rather because HE is the BEGINNING and the END; the great I AM. David described HIM (in contrast to the gods of man's imagination) like this, "*But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*" We worship ONE GOD who has revealed HIMSELF to men in the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST. It is impossible for any man to know HIM apart from a knowledge of JESUS CHRIST and if any man has (by HIS grace) gained any understanding of GOD, it is through the revelation of CHRIST. The LORD JESUS clearly set forth this truth when HE told the Pharisees, "*Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.*" Thus HE thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD, because HE is GOD, beside whom there is none else.

As we consider the incontrovertible truth of an Absolutely Sovereign GOD who rules in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, then we must admit that all things (which transpire in the earth or the heavens), take place according to HIS determined purpose. The true glory of the predestination of all things by HIS hand and according to HIS purpose, is put on the most glorious display when we are given grace to behold HIS determined purpose of sending JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten SON of GOD, into this world to suffer, bleed, and die for HIS elect BRIDE who was chosen in HIM from before the foundation of the world..

It seems quite plain that the actions of the wicked men who crucified the LORD were as much ordained of GOD as was the time and place of HIS birth in a stable in Bethlehem. Even in the same fashion as the activity of Judas, whose foul deeds were predestined to occur, in order that the LORD might be delivered into the hands of HIS accusers. There can be no doubt that HE who "determined" that HIS people would be redeemed, also determined the means and process by which that purpose would be fulfilled. We are made to fall down and worship HIM, for it is by this means that HE became both JUST and the JUSTIFIER of HIS people.

If HE "determined" that HE would "*save HIS people from their sins*", then it must be true that HE did indeed have "a people" unless we are to believe that HE did not "determine" that HIS redemption would be successful. Yes indeed the SON of man "*goeth as it was determined*, and HE alone is the SALVATION of HIS people, as HE has gotten the victory for them by HIS own hand. Who can prevent HIS determined purpose or who should question HIS doing?

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