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When the LORD spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and said to him, *“the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.”*; HE did not have reference to the particular spot where the bush was located, but rather to the fact that the ONE who spoke to Moses from this bush, was inapproachable by sinful flesh and completely separate from sinners. This is the exact ONE of whom Paul speaks when he described HIM to Timothy, *“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.”* *“Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 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 honour and power everlasting.”* It is impossible for a man, in his own power and will, to approach unto HIM who is high, holy, and hidden from the gaze of the potsherd of the earth.

Many modern day “preachers” indicate that GOD has changed HIS “personality” from the days of the “Old Testament”. They tell us that HE has been transformed from a GOD of wrath and judgment, and is now a cuddly friend who so desires the fellowship of men that HE can be summoned whenever a man takes the notion to call upon HIM and that HE will come running just like a faithful hound whose ears perk up at his master’s whistle. Yet we read HIS own declaration, *“For I am the LORD, I change not.”* The Psalmist says, *“But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.”* The writer of Hebrews reiterates this same fact when he describes the LORD in this fashion, *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”*

Thus we are convinced that the same GOD who created Adam is the same ONE who is seated on the throne of HIS majesty in the heavens throughout the ages to come. This understanding is that which causes us to fall upon our faces in adoring wonder when we consider that HE has taken on HIMSELF the likeness of sinful flesh and did suffer and die to redeem this race of unthankful and disobedient men. Is there any wonder greater than this?

It is indeed marvelous to consider HIS conception in the womb of the Virgin, and the circumstances surrounding HIS subsequent birth, childhood, and growth into a young MAN approved by GOD. Yet our most profound amazement is manifested as we ponder the fact that HE who is *“separate from sinners”*, actually *“became sin”*, and suffered under the guilt and consequences of that sin. HE bore that sin in the exact measure of wrath which was due to those guilty of the very crimes which HE came to expiate and cancel.

The LORD declared that HE would *“by no means clear the guilty; nor would HE “at all acquit the wicked. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die----the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”* If one should ever doubt the determination and purpose of GOD to pour out HIS wrath upon those who have transgressed HIS commandments, he need look no further than that Judean hillside called Mt. Calvary to see its absolute proof.

Just about every religious “carnival barker” will declare that “Jesus died on the cross,” but it is relatively rare to hear a faithful declaration of the extent and purpose of what this MAN JESUS accomplished as the sin bearing SUBSTITUTE of HIS elect people. HIS intercession, suffering, and ultimate death was not some generic sin offering which was done in order to try and persuade the world to permit the LORD to save them. Rather HE entered into that Holy Place having “obtained” eternal redemption for that people HE came to save.

HE accomplished that redemption, when HE *“condemned sin in the flesh”*. *“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree”*. CHRIST came to remove the disease of sin and eradicate its power to destroy those for whom HE died. HE did this, by taking the actual sin of HIS people upon HIMSELF and bearing it before HIS FATHER’s face as a condemned sinner. The wrath of GOD was poured out on HIM, who having no sin at all in HIS flesh, made the sin of HIS elect bride HIS own and drank every dreg from the cup of GOD’s judgment which was due to them. When HE sweat, as it were, great drops of blood, HE was both condemned and condemning sin. When the lashes of a Roman whip cut and mutilated HIS flesh, HE bore it as a man suffering under the lash of a broken law. When the crown of thorns was pressed into HIS bleeding brow HE was in the very anteroom of hell because of sin.

Indeed HE *“condemned sin in the flesh”* by becoming the OBJECT of condemnation for those which were given to HIM before the foundation of the world. HE became an outcast, that those for whom HE stood as a SUBSTITUTE might be given an entrance into the presence of GOD as those who are completely sanctified and fit for the MASTER’s use. *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net)**