

## RADIO TRANSCRIPT #40

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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There are actually very few things which men can know about the purpose of GOD. HE has plainly said, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."* Paul has captured this very point when he said, *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?"*

HIS ways are indeed *"past finding out"*. It is sheer folly and ignorance of HIS glory that would cause men to think that they have any means or grounds upon which they might describe HIS "limitations" or to express what HE could or could not do and still be just, right, and good. While we do not have the means or the right to speculate on the things which GOD might do or has done we can rejoice in HIS purpose which HE has been pleased to reveal unto men. This purpose is singular and shows itself throughout the word of GOD from beginning to end *"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."*

Some of the great philosophers and Bible scholars postulate that GOD created the world as a grand experiment, placing man in a moral utopia and hoping that all would continue in this fashion. But they tell us that Adam was given a free will that GOD had no control over and alas, he messed up the whole thing by sinning, thus causing GOD to have to come up with some other plan for a now tainted earth. Thus HE concluded that HE would redeem that fallen creation, (in spite of the failed original experiment) by sending HIS SON into the world in hopes that some folks would agree to be saved by using the same free will that brought about their downfall in the beginning.

This all sounds reasonable enough to the natural man and certainly fits with human reasoning. The only problem is that such a scenario requires a GOD who is at the mercy of men to fulfill HIS will rather than man being at the mercy of GOD. Contrary to modern philosophy, the Psalmist understood that man has no "intrinsic value", but is rather made and blessed according to the good pleasure of GOD. A man cannot gain any blessing which GOD is pleased to withhold from him, nor can he forfeit any blessing which GOD is determined to bestow upon him.

The glorious message of the gospel of CHRIST is that GOD who is rich in mercy has created a world in order to manifest the glory of HIS grace in the giving of HIS SON as a "perfect" SAVIOR for those whom HE has loved with an everlasting love and appointed as the heirs of salvation. HE has purposed to bring these sons, (whom HE has subjected unto vanity as it pleased HIM), into the glory of HIS presence, through the redemptive work of that "perfect" SAVIOR. HE was under no obligation of any type to redeem any but determined to magnify the glory of HIS grace in the manifestation of this "perfect" redemption and the application of this salvation, wherein it might be shown that HE is both just and the JUSTIFIER of those which believe in HIM.

Thus we believe that redemption is not the result of a response on the part of GOD to a dilemma which man found himself in, but is rather the purpose for which HE created the world. It is in this redemption that GOD would manifest the glory of HIS grace and exalt HIS only begotten SON as the central figure of this display of mercy. In order to have a "perfect" redemption it must, of necessity, be carried out by a perfect REDEEMER. CHRIST is that perfect REDEEMER both by suffering and personal holiness, fulfilling the law in every jot and tittle. HE accomplished the salvation of HIS people by standing in their room and place as a perfect OFFERING and spotless SUBSTITUTE. Thus HE bore their sins and carried their sorrows.

HE is the *"CAPTAIN of their salvation"*. A good leader does not do so by simply giving orders but rather by example. Thus our CAPTAIN has not merely decreed our salvation but has purchased it with HIS own blood. HE has finished the work which HE came to do. We see HIM as the rightful *"HEIR of all things"*, who made HIMSELF a little lower than the angels to destroy him that had the power of death. *"Thy free grace alone," #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net) ,**