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There are many momentous events which transpired in the Old Testament. None is any more startling and notable than the LORD’s deliverance of Noah and his family, from the flood which destroyed the inhabitants of the Earth. Yet there is probably no single event recorded in the historical record found in the Bible which is anymore doubted and ridiculed than this. Yet if one disregards this event as not being true, then one must doubt the redemptive work of CHRIST which is illustrated in that flood. *“The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”*

The LORD would surely teach us of HIS hatred of sin as HE poured out rain from the heavens and water from the fountains of the deep to completely cover the Earth and in HIS judgment, destroy all living creatures which dwelt upon the land. Yet HE would demonstrate the wonders of HIS grace in this same cataclysm as HE shut Noah and his family and that animal creation, which he would preserve, in the ARK which was CHRIST. The Earth was changed by that deluge and what men see as destruction; GOD meant for good to those who are the called according to HIS purpose. The LORD would demonstrate throughout the pages of the Bible, HIS determined purpose to make a differentiation between that which HE would make acceptable to HIMSELF, and that which HE would cast away. All of this is according to HIS sovereign will and purpose and all of creation is at HIS mercy. But oh, how great that mercy is, as we see HIM subject the whole creation unto vanity that HE might show the wonders of HIS grace and mercy to those who are vessels of mercy which deserve obliteration as much as those vessels which HE has appointed unto destruction. Who is sufficient for such things?

The Psalmist speaks of changes in the Earth wrought by that flood, which he describes, *“Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.”* Just as surely as these waters arose, according to HIS command, they did quickly subside according to, the same. *“At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.”* Yet HE would reveal that HE had a merciful use for even those flood waters which HE brought upon the creation. *“Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.”*

HE gave Noah a promise, that HE would not again destroy the Earth and its inhabitants with water. Yet to remind men that the flood belongs unto HIM, HE appointed a place for these waters to abide, setting their bounds that they cannot pass over. We hear much from the wise men of the world that rising sea levels are going to ruin the Earth as we know it. I don’t know exactly where the bounds of this water are, that HE has set, but I am sure that this water can go no farther than HE has appointed, and I am equally sure that nothing that men shall do can prevent it from occupying those “bounds” which HE has ordained. These waters which the LORD brought forth from the deeps and the clouds have now been “repurposed” for the benefit of the beasts of the field, including even the “wild asses”. We learn in the gospel that it pleases the LORD to reveal HIS truth to babes while hiding it from the wise and prudent. He upbraided the Pharisees as they strutted about in their supposed righteousness, pointing out that the *“publicans and harlots”* go into the Kingdom before them.

How could the beasts and wild asses find water if it was not that the LORD caused it to flow down from the mountains into the valleys below? So too it is true that men by nature cannot find out the place of HIS dwelling nor enter therein by their own power and thought. *“He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.”*

In like fashion HE has sent HIS WORD into the earth and prepared a people to hear and rejoice in that WORD according to HIS purpose. None who hear it shall go lacking. *“These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.”* *“That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”* Is your thirst quenched by this LIVING WATER?

*“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)**