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There is nothing that GOD should ever “desire” to do that HE cannot and will not do. David said it like this, *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* Yet it is not in the character of GOD to lie. Nor could HE who is unchangeable ever deny HIMSELF. Neither would it be possible that HE should or could be tempted with evil since HE hates the wicked as well as wickedness. HE is right at all times simply because HE is GOD. Nebuchadnezzar found out this truth after eating grass as an ox and made this testimony, *“I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”*

The True and Living GOD is never prevented from doing anything that HE determines to do. All things are a part of HIS ordained purpose and nothing that HE undertakes can or shall ever fail. *“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”* Therefore, when we read that HE cannot do something, we understand that the reason that HE can not is that HE will not.

HE cannot deny HIMSELF. Upon this very truth hangs all of the foundation of our HOPE. IF HE has decreed a matter then it is certain that HIS decree must come to pass. The entire certainty of the salvation of HIS elect rests in HIM and not in anything that they can bring to HIM or fulfill. Some say that it is the faith of GOD’s people that saves them yet HE says even when our faith fails HE remains faithful and can in no wise cast us off. *“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* Over 700 years before the LORD JESUS began HIS ministry, Isaiah prophesied by the direct revelation of GOD that *“the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* *“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: -----for he shall bear their iniquities.-----because he hath poured out his soul unto death:---- he bore the sin of many.”* This had to occur, HE could not deny HIS own purpose.

HE cannot lie. HE who is the embodiment of TRUTH cannot be less than TRUE. *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”* Having thus promised HE confirmed it with an oath and since HE could swear by none greater than HIMSELF; HE (who could not lie) sealed HIS promise with HIS own blood and purchased that possession given to HIM before the foundation of the world. *“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior. I have declared, and have saved.”* HE must be true to HIS own promise.

HE cannot be tempted with evil. It is fearful even to entertain the notion of men accusing GOD of evil. HE was under no obligation to give any law, nor could any have accused HIM of wrong had HE merely decreed the righteousness of HIS elect without any atonement contrary to the law. Yet in order to demonstrate HIS own righteous character it pleased HIM to subject men to the law and then to fulfill that law rather than disregard it. Then having established this decree under which the whole human race sank in condemnation, HE demonstrated the immutability of HIS own law by causing HIS only begotten SON to bleed and die to satisfy the claims of that law which rightly condemned those elect sons which HE loved in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world.

The LORD has declared that HE would not disregard HIS own law which HE saw fit to subject men to. HE came not to destroy it but to fulfill it. This is described by Paul when he said, *“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”* Now who could call GOD “unjust” in any wise? I declare that none could. Yet GOD; (willing to make HIS righteous character known), HIMSELF declared that HE would be unjust in acquitting the wicked without a proper atonement to satisfy the law’s demands. Which atonement was made on Calvary’s hill upon that cross designed by a RIGHTEOUS GOD and raised by the hands of wicked men according to HIS determinate counsel. HE would not save HIMSELF since HE cannot be tempted with evil.

“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**