

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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It would be difficult to find more than a few folks who would confess that they have never sinned or committed transgressions either against GOD or their fellow man. Yet it is equally as difficult to find any who understand the depths of the depravity of every human being by nature and choice. Usually when most Bible teachers and scholars look at the condition of men in the days preceding the flood they immediately consider that these whom the LORD determined to destroy in the flood were great sinners above what men are today. Yet the reality is that the wickedness of men is not any different in those men than in every son of Adam in every age.

GOD sees all men in the same condition in all ages and none are more acceptable in HIS sight by the deeds (or non-deeds) of their flesh than any of those who perished when those waters covered the earth. The scripture knows of no relative righteousness when it says. *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

The man who imagines that this scripture is not speaking of himself is indeed blind and full of self-righteousness. The truth is that every man born of woman is worthy of destruction. There is not one shred of righteousness in any one of us and apart from the grace and mercy of GOD we should every one be utterly destroyed. Many will try to tell us that the LORD saw Noah as righteous (see 7:1) because of "righteous deeds" which he performed. The reality is that the "RIGHTEOUSNESS" which the LORD saw when HE looked at Noah or Lot, was not theirs at all but rather the righteousness of the only ONE who is accepted in HIS sight, even JESUS CHRIST the RIGHTEOUS. For we read of the SOURCE of Noah's righteousness in *Gen .6:8; "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."*

The only difference between Noah and the other men of his generation was GOD's sovereign grace. The LORD would demonstrate HIS love for HIS elect bride, in the salvation of Noah, while the world perished to demonstrate HIS judgment upon all flesh.

Unfortunately many who claim to believe in salvation by grace, nonetheless try to compare the deeds of sinful flesh in a relative fashion in order to make a case for receiving blessings from the hand of GOD. In this error they judge some to be "relatively" good compared to others and thereby form a basis upon which they believe the mercies of GOD are visited upon sinful men. This sinful flesh will never change nor improve in this present world but shall continually prove the necessity of grace for the blessings of salvation. *"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?"* The men of this world will continually seek to judge their own righteousness relative to others and take comfort that they have not committed mass murder, robbed banks, cut off people's heads, or molested children. Yet relative to the only STANDARD of RIGHTEOUSNESS which is accepted in the courts of heaven, even the very best and most moral individual is false and full of corruption.

GOD does not judge men according to some relative comparison with the supposed merits or obvious faults of other men. Neither is a man considered a law keeper because he has been "faithful" to adhere to a portion of it. GOD judgeth righteous judgment and no one can be said to be righteous who is not found righteous by the only STANDARD which is accepted in the heavens and demonstrated in the earth. This is speaking of the LORD JESUS CHRIST the SALVATION of GOD; and any one not found hidden in HIM by the grace of a sovereign GOD shall indeed be swept away regardless of their supposed safety in their refuge of lies which would cause them to think more highly of themselves compared to others.

The self righteous man assumes that his "faith" or good deeds relative to the dregs of society will benefit him in some fashion in the day of judgment, and he fully expects to plead his case before GOD. While the man who is convinced of his own sinful state puts his hand upon his mouth and recognizes that he has no hope apart from the grace of GOD which imputes the righteousness of CHRIST to his account. Do you stand in the righteousness of CHRIST alone?

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