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It is utterly amazing that HE who lacked nothing and stood in need of no one, should condescend to dwell with men of low estate who, by nature, are rebels against HIM; those who regularly disregard HIS precepts. For it has pleased HIM not to leave those whom HE has chosen in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world, in this continual state of warfare against HIM. They are “precious” in HIS sight because they belong to HIM and HE has determined to dwell with them. Though they are **by nature** the children of wrath even as others, yet HE has sent HIS SON into the world to satisfy the claims of a broken law and to reconcile them unto HIMSELF, causing them to throw down their arms of rebellion and submit to HIS overtures of love. Thus, they are described by the Psalmist as the righteous, *“The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*

How is it, then, that those who have delighted in unrighteousness can now be called righteous? Only because HE has imputed HIS righteousness to them. They are “righteous” because HE has deemed them so, hiding them in the bosom of HIS SON who has become their RIGHTEOUSNESS, dying upon Golgotha’s hill and swallowing up their sin and destroying their accusers. *“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.”* *“Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? ---. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.”*

HE has demonstrated HIS everlasting love for HIS elect bride by expressing HIS desire to dwell with her. *“HE hath desired it for a habitation”*. The “it” is ZION, which is synonymous with HIS Kingdom, throughout the scripture. As a RIGHTEOUS KING, HE does rule over HIS Kingdom, and though HE will not share HIS glory with any, HE does nonetheless, take up HIS abode with the sheep of HIS pasture. *“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”* When the LORD had finished HIS creation, HE rested from it on the seventh day. JESUS CHRIST has now rested from HIS work of redemption, having completed that work which HE came to perform and does inhabit Zion forever with those for whom HE bled and died. *“This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.”* Those who are HIS sons are ever *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* As Hosea of old loved the harlot, Gomer, and made continual provision for her, in like fashion has the LORD set HIS love upon an unworthy people and given them everything they could desire or need.

The LORD ordained the “sons of Aaron” to a temporary priesthood, while the LORD has made the inhabitants of Zion, *“kings and priests forever”*. *“I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.”* *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”*

The LORD had promised David, that his “SEED” would occupy his throne forever. David assumed this promise was manifested in Solomon, but Solomon proved himself to be but mere corruptible flesh, quite incapable of such rule. Yet ONE greater than Solomon is here, *“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”* The triumph of the LORD over all of HIS enemies is absolute. *“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* The finished redemptive work of CHRIST manifests HIS glory and HE is satisfied with that which HE has performed. It is here in Zion that HE is pleased to dwell with those HE calls by name. *“And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.”* Is HE your SHEPHERD?

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