

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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The conventional wisdom of the religious establishment is that the LORD has created the world as a grand experiment and proving ground into which HE placed mankind just to see what might happen. Then contrary to HIS original desire, Satan came along and introduced man to sin and really messed up a perfect plan. They tell us that HE happened upon another plan that HE hoped would result in the complete restoration of this mess that had now occurred. If HE could not bless mankind with HIS original intent for the world, HE would go to plan B and devise a scheme of redemption wherein HE would agree to pardon the sin of all who would recognize HIS intention and accept the remedy which HE graciously provided.

These religious leaders tell us that they believe GOD is "sovereign" but they continue to picture HIM as one who reacts to what men do, telling us that HIS remedy is ineffectual apart from man's participation and ratification. They tell us that GOD can only bless men who perform in a certain manner and who walk in obedience to HIS precepts. In reality they really believe that man is the sovereign who ultimately decides if he will be rescued or fry forever like a French fry in hot grease.

Now this is a completely contrary picture to the manner in which the LORD is pleased to reveal HIMSELF. HE makes no apologies for doing exactly what HE determines to do, without any input advice, or aid from men. HIS creation of the world was not a failed experiment, but a design.

The LORD spoke to Job from a whirlwind; posing to him a vast array of withering questions, beginning with, "*Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?*" HE continued HIS declarations throughout the next three chapters which ultimately stripped Job of all pretence of knowledge of the ways or supposed limitations of GOD.

There is nothing that man can know about GOD or HIS purpose except that which HE is pleased to reveal by HIS SPIRIT through HIS WORD. Every philosophy and theory which men may adhere to is nothing but dung apart from that revelation. The LORD has made it abundantly clear that which David declared, "*Our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*"

Everything that transpires in the earth is exactly according to HIS will and purpose and HE waits upon none nor depends upon any other power but HIS own. It is sheer folly when men would propose that they have some standing upon which to judge the actions of GOD and determine if HE would be right if HE did one thing or wrong if HE did something else. The LORD says in no uncertain terms that HE does exactly as HE pleases and dares men to say anything about it.

It is this GOD who says that HE has created both the "smith" (i.e.; blacksmith or toolmaker) and the "waster" (i.e.; destroyer). HE has appointed the building of HIS creation as well as its demise according to HIS own will and purpose which can in no wise be overturned. HE uses the children of evil to perform his will as much as HE appoints the righteous to manifest the glory of HIS grace. "*The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.*"

We can but place our hands upon our mouths and worship HIM who made the heavens and the earth and has in HIS rich mercy revealed HIMSELF to the sons of men, in the LORD JESUS CHRIST who has a NAME which is above all names. HE alone is able to declare the truth of GOD to a sin darkened creation as John saw in his vision on Patmos, CHRIST has declared the end from the beginning since HE is the ALPHA and the OMEGA. This world exists solely for the display of the glory of JESUS CHRIST as the REDEEMER of that blessed people which HE loved from before its creation. "*And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*"

JESUS CHRIST has come into the world clothed in the likeness of sinful flesh to procure the redemption of that Bride which is HIS. In this HE would demonstrate to creation the glory of HIS grace, the magnitude of HIS mercy, and the greatness of HIS faithfulness. May we ever praise HIM.

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