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David begins the nineteenth Psalm with a declaration of the incontrovertible and unmistakable record of the creation which continually and faithfully testifies with absolute certainty; the glory of HIM who formed it all out of nothing, when he says *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”* Paul records the same truth to the Romans saying, *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”* Men cannot escape from this testimony and witness regardless of the darkness which is in their hearts by nature. It is this very darkness which causes them to rebel against the ONE who has done all things according to the good pleasure of HIS will. It is this shameless insurgence which moves them to desire to rob GOD of HIS glory (which is a futile and self-destructive quest) as they would exalt the creature (or creation) above the CREATOR.

So It comes as no surprise that men in their rebellion against the sovereign right of the LORD to do with that (which HE has made) as HE wills, that they would turn even the redemptive work which HE has conceived and performed into a cooperative effort which would exalt the free will of men as they opine that men can overturn HIS eternal purpose by their own choice. Such men maintain that they can gain the favor of GOD by bringing gifts to HIM rather than as the scripture reveals, HE brings HIS favor to them by giving them gifts. It is in this very juxtaposition of the order which comes from GOD that men would seek their own glory and make (in their feeble minds), GOD to wait upon men rather than as the scriptures indicate, men must wait upon GOD. Men would characterize the mercy of GOD as being bestowed based upon what men would bring to HIM, rather than bowing before HIS sovereign purpose, *“For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.”* Where is the will of man in that decree?

Men cannot deny what is so plainly revealed in the creation, choosing rather to worship the things of their own desire. While they will not see that which is plainly revealed due to their rebellion, they most certainly cannot see those things which are hidden from them (due to their hardness of heart and blindness to things SPIRITUAL). Thus David segues, in Psalm 19, from the display of creation, which men cannot deny, to the beauties of the law of GOD which they cannot behold. There is not one of those who are born again by HIS SPIRIT who does not find his greatest delight in the WORD of GOD. This WORD is used by the LORD in *“converting the soul”*. This word “converting” literally means “turning back”. It is therefore much akin to that which is spoken of in the scripture as “repentance”. The evidence of this birth from above is a change of the mind and heart. Repentance is not an activity which men bring to GOD, but rather the action of GOD upon men wherein they are humbled before HIM, confessing their sin and worshipping CHRIST. To be without “repentance” (or conversion) is to surely perish.

Some often depict GOD as doing right because HE meets their criteria of what is right and good. The truth is that whatever GOD does is right because HE does it, not because men judge it to be so. There is no standard by which puny man can measure the rightness of GOD’s *statutes* much less of GOD HIMSELF. HE answers to none. The *“commandment”* of the LORD is *“pure”*. This word literally means “beloved, without defect or blemish”. Thus are the sons of GOD seen by HIM who pronounces them as clean and without sin in JESUS CHRIST. HE remembers their sin no more and if HE is for them who can be against them. Where is your righteousness found?

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