

**Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”**

The LORD of Glory has revealed HIMSELF as the first cause of all things. *“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”* It never ceases to amaze me that there are some who are reluctant to declare this very basic truth about the LIVING GOD who, HIMSELF, delights in recounting HIS design and predestination of all events. *“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”*

HE has revealed HIMSELF to be a “jealous GOD” HE delights in HIS own glory saying, *“I will not give my glory unto another.”* So, if HE, who made the world out of nothing, declares, *“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.”* Why should the potsherd of the earth not fall upon their faces and gladly proclaim HIS glorious character in the ordination and execution of all that comes to pass?

There is no “logical” reason that men should not with one accord fall on their faces and declare HIS absolute glory. Nothing can transpire in this world except it be according to HIM who *“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?”* Yet because of the hardness of their hearts they despise this ONE who is the GOD of all gods and prefer a more manageable “quasi-god” that they can manipulate and direct according to their own desires and supposed “free will”, one who loves everybody but can only do a limited amount to help them and really wouldn’t hurt a flea if he could avoid it.

This “quasi-god” has power to do just about anything except to invade the space of man’s sovereign “free-will”. He can change events but he cannot ordain their outcome except in the most extreme cases, and then only in a limited fashion. Need I say that this is no god at all but is one like Baal, Dagon, and all the other impostors which men embrace rather than the ONE true and living GOD who needs none nor asks permission to do as HE pleases. Who can stand before HIM? *“our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”*

The “wise” of this world mistakenly and confusedly say that men cannot be held accountable by GOD for something which they are predisposed to do. Yet they will in most cases freely admit that men in general are predisposed to sin by their own nature and believe that each man is nonetheless accountable for his actions. Else why would we have laws, jails, and police departments. The real issue is that men would rather submit to their own “predestination” (the operation of their free will) than to the ONE who alone ordains all things according to HIS own will. They say, *“We will not have this man to reign over us.”* but they will gladly submit themselves to their own flesh even though they be led to destruction by it. The truth is that apart from the predestined purpose of the GOD of all mercy to save HIS elect from these deceptions none would be able to deliver himself and all would likewise perish. None would ever be saved apart from this predestined purpose of GOD.

GOD does indeed ordain and predetermine all things that come to pass, yet HE does not do so haphazardly, since HE is a GOD of order. *“For God is not the author of confusion”* Therefore we see that HE ordains both the cause and effect. As Paul expressed, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* This principle cannot be overturned anymore than the orbits of the planets around the sun. It is not overturned even in the case of the elect children of GOD. Apart from CHRIST becoming their SUBSTITUTE, even they must of necessity according to the principle of GOD’s decree reap the reward of their iniquity. Yet HE is the JUSTIFIER of HIS own.

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* *“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”* *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”* *“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.”*

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