

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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There is probably no greater hurt and disappointment than that which a man experiences when he is betrayed by one who is a trusted associate and companion. The LORD JESUS can be touched with the feelings of such infirmities for HE experienced this and more firsthand. Zechariah prophesied of HIS great trial when he said, *"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."*

John describes the summation of HIS sojourn here upon the Earth. *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not."* Isaiah further clarifies HIS reception among those whom HE came to help, yea even to those whom HE loved. *"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."* (

The bitterness of rejection and disdain lingers in the heart of a man and has no remedy. Yet all of this and more did our LORD endure in order to accomplish the redemption of that people which HE loved with an everlasting love even though they had no esteem for HIM, nor did they in any wise seek to aid HIM in HIS hour of greatest need.

For even HIS own disciples, HIS most trusted and loyal confidants, slept as HE wept in agony in Gethsemane's garden. None eye, among men, did pity HIM nor did any rise in HIS defense when HE stood in the judgment hall. HE was born a Jew, and to the Jews HE came as the MESSIAH. Yet HIS own kindred did reject HIM and sought HIS hurt.

The true enemies of the people of GOD do manifest themselves in battle array each and every day, and they are not clothed in the robes of societal ills and injustice. There is nothing which Satan and his minions of darkness delight in anymore than getting the disciples of CHRIST sidetracked and fighting battles which are not the battle which the sons of GOD must fight. The true enemies of GOD's people will make themselves known in three ways as they rise in opposition to the finished redemptive work of CHRIST.

First of all there are those who will oppose the clear proclamation of the gospel which declares that JESUS CHRIST has obtained eternal redemption for HIS elect Bride. These are enemies who may through ignorance or design set themselves in opposition to the preaching of CHRIST as an absolutely triumphant SAVIOR who has accomplished in full exactly what HE set out to do, completely apart from any activity of men. They usually consider themselves as friends of the Gospel, but their message declares a false savior who merely attempts to save men. In so doing they bring no comfort to sinners burdened under the weight of their sin and who despair of deliverance by any action of their own.

Then there are those enemies which seek to sow seeds of doubt in the minds of GOD's people as to the truth of HIS word and the faithfulness of HIS promise. They would include all of those who seek to bring the sons of GOD back into the bondage from which CHRIST has made them free, by demanding adherence to external codes and rules of conduct which they deem as necessary tests of ones faithfulness and standing with the LORD. They bring harm to the sons of GOD by persuading them to compare themselves among themselves rather than to CHRIST alone, and thus encourage them to go about to establish their own righteousness.

The greatest of all of the enemies of GOD's people, however, is that one who whispers in their ear night and day, that one who never sleeps, and whose ardor to destroy the sons of GOD is never abated. Though Satan, is indeed an arch enemy of the sons of GOD, the one to whom I refer is this sinful flesh in which we presently dwell, which is currently in a pitched battle for the souls of the sons of GOD as it wars constantly against the SPIRIT that inhabits those who have been born from above. The one purpose from which the flesh never swerves is to seek to turn the eyes of GOD's children from the finished work of CHRIST and to encourage the sons of GOD to rely upon something else, whether it be doctrine, morality, or their own endeavors.

*"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) ,**