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Most religious men believe that the LORD can heal men of their carnal diseases. They have no problem believing that the healing miracles which the LORD JESUS performed, did indeed take place. They rejoice as they read about HIM restoring sight to the blind, opening the mouths of those who could not speak, and the ears of those who could not hear. They marvel at HIS work in strengthening the legs of those who were crippled and casting out devils from those who were beset by the powers of darkness. They would confess that HE acted completely without the aid of men in bringing these miracles to pass. Nor do they surmise that HE ever asked anyone’s permission to bring this healing to those who were without strength. Yet when they come to the matter of HIM healing the greatest disease that has ever invaded the houses of clay in which the sons of Adam dwell, they immediately affirm that HE is unable to do so apart from their cooperation with HIM. They picture HIM who cast out legions of devils and brought sight to eyes which were blind from birth, as wringing HIS hands in despair as HE awaits the decision of men to be healed from the plague of sin. How foolish is such thought.

When the man who was sick with palsy was brought to HIM, HE said, “*Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*” The Pharisees immediately found fault with HIM, and HE replied, “*Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*” It is quite clear that HIS ability and power to heal are one and the same with HIS power to deliver men from sin, forgiving them of their transgressions and granting them eternal life. If HE can heal the body, HE can (and does) most assuredly, by the same power and in the same fashion, heal all of the diseases which beset the sons of Adam.

Few would argue (and none successfully) that the sickness and death of Lazarus was not ordained by the LORD to fulfill a greater purpose. Yet many of those who readily recognize HIS sovereign prerogative and power to bring this to pass, will cavil and rail against the notion that this same sovereign GOD has ordained all things, even the sin of mankind in order to demonstrate the glory of HIS grace in redeeming HIS people from it.

Yet just as surely as Lazarus died a physical death in order that the LORD might demonstrate HIS power over that death, so too has death by sin entered into the race of Adam’s generation, that HE might manifest HIS mercy in the redemption of that people which HE gave to CHRIST before the foundation of the world, before any had done any good or evil. This death which has come upon the sons of GOD is a real death from which they could never extricate themselves or triumph over it. The only means whereby they are delivered from it is in the hands of the LORD, “*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,*” Thus we see the power of GOD not only to raise the dead from the slumber of natural death, but to grant true LIFE to HIS children. How hopeless is the condition that men find themselves in, dead in trespasses and sins and yet having the curse of a broken law hanging over their heads. We see this illustrated in the raising of Jairus’ daughter, the LORD commanded Jairus to believe and compelled him thusly. This matter was completely out of the hands of Jairus, only ONE was in total control of the situation from the beginning of the damsel’s illness, even to her death as she breathed the last breath that was allotted to her. The LORD hides the truth from the wise and prudent and reveals it unto babes, thus HE puts out all of those who do not believe. HE will not cast pearls before swine. But in HIS tender mercy HE is pleased to demonstrate HIS power to those HE gives faith to believe. HE brought HIS disciples and the damsel’s mother and father into the room with HIM, in order that they might rejoice in the abundance of HIS kindness which HE would display in an unmistakable demonstration of HIS glory. HE took the hand of the sleeping damsel (shrouded in the death common to Adam’s nature) and said, “*Talitha, cumi.*”, which literally means “*damsel, I say unto thee, arise.*” HE made no request nor sought any response but gave her life in an instant, even as HE said to Nicodemus, “*So is every one that is born of the Spirit.*” (John 3:8)

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