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The moralists, conditionalists, and the teachers of progressive sanctification would have us believe that morality and obedience is that which causes the blessings of GOD to be given to a man. They see man’s obedience as a necessary part of his receiving the blessings of GOD and cannot comprehend the fact that obedience to GOD’s precepts is that which is wrought in the heart by the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD and is itself the blessing of GOD. The work of the LORD in HIS people is not simply bringing them to an outwardly demonstrated morality but rather is a much deeper work wherein HE is pleased to acquaint them with the depths of their wickedness and causes them to cry out to be delivered from their daily pollutions. Rather than seeing themselves as becoming increasingly righteous they see themselves ever more wicked and convinced of their worthiness of destruction apart from HIS mercy. This is exactly what David experienced as he prayed, *“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.”*

The moralists would tell us that the LORD blessed David as a result of this prayer, but the fact is that the LORD blessed David to be able to pray such a prayer. It is an evident token of the LORD’s grace for a man to be brought to repentance and the LORD does design the many manifold trials with which HE is pleased to exercise HIS people unto that very end. Those who are the LORD’s can take great comfort in Paul’s declaration to the Corinthians, *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”* The blessings of the LORD did not ever depart from the house of David anymore than they ever shall from those upon whom HIS everlasting love is set and for whom CHRIST did come into the world to deliver and secure the very gifts of GOD for them, by the shedding of HIS precious blood.

There is another man in the scriptures who is not quite as well known as David but who illustrates for us the wideness of GOD’s mercy and the certainty that wherever the LORD is there is great blessing to those so favored. After David’s debacle of bringing the Ark of GOD from the house of Aminidab according to his own design, he learned a very painful lesson, as young Uzzah was struck dead, that there is but one proper way to worship the true and living GOD. During this three month period of contemplation the Ark was left in the house of Obededom, the Gittite.

This Obededom appears to be a descendant of Levi who had so long dwelt among the Philistines in Gath, (the same region Goliath was from) that he is called a Gittite. Probably because he was indistinguishable from the heathen among whom he dwelt. Yet it is to this man’s house that the Ark of GOD was brought. Is this not exactly what Paul means when he says, *“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 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, by (grace ye are saved;)”* (Eph 2:2-5)

Obededom did nothing to deserve this great blessing but it was brought to him on the account of the death of another man. In like fashion so do all of the sons of GOD receive the manifold mercies of GOD because another MAN died in their place and purchased their redemption. In fact it is this MAN’s death that is the greatest display of that mercy. The sin of David which precipitated Uzzah’s death was the catalyst of this great blessing coming to the house of Obededom, and though David’s disobedience precipitated that course of events yet the LORD intended it for good to the house of Obededom. Is this not a demonstration of Romans 8:28, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*

I can think of no greater crime committed against humanity by humans than the betrayal and ultimate crucifixion of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, yet the LORD intended even this for good to those upon whom HIS love was set before the foundation of the world. *“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up ”* *“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”*

*“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)**