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Hannah’s request for a son was heard and she returned to the tabernacle when the child was weaned in order to pay her vow to give him to the LORD. One can only imagine the anguish that gripped her heart as she gave her only son up to Eli for service in the tabernacle. Only by grace was she able to carry this out. The LORD will equip HIS people to perform those things which HE has ordained for them to do. Thus we see her rejoicing in the LORD in another prayer, *“And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.”* While prayer is often given to us to make our requests known unto GOD, its primary function is to express worship unto HIM who rules in the heavens and the earth. Even as the LORD gave the opening line of HIS model prayer for HIS disciples, *“Our FATHER which art in heaven, hallowed be THY NAME.”*

GOD will convince HIS children of HIS holiness and justice as HE manifests the giving of HIS only begotten SON as a SATISFACTION of the law which men have despised and presently disregard apart from HIS grace. By this revelation, HE humbles the hearts of those sinners for which HE shed HIS blood? *“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”* A man cannot truly rejoice in the goodness of GOD to make men to live, until he first understands that HE has the power to destroy both soul and body in hell. *“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.”*

We see Hannah rejoice in HIM who does indeed deliver men from death and destruction. *“Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.”* HE delivers HIS elect from the “*dunghill*”. A “*dunghill*” is literally a pile of rubbish and filth. Men by nature like to think of themselves as very special unto the LORD as they entertain the notion that they can do many things to please HIM and earn HIS favor, by their morality, obedience, and devotion. Yet the LORD has no regard unto men and their supposed righteousness. HE even likens their “*righteousnesses*” to a menstruous cloth. *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

Yet we read that HE has seen HIS people in their dire condition and has had mercy upon them according to HIS purpose. *“And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live. --- Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, thou becamest mine. Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.”* HE has, truly, lifted up the “*beggar from the dunghill*”.

Apart from HIS sovereign grace, we would perish, for we had nothing wherewith to buy the gold of HIS Kingdom. HE has raised up “*the poor out of the dust.”* The LORD told Adam that he would surely die in the day that he ate the fruit of the tree which HE forbade him to eat. When Adam had fulfilled this prophecy, acting according to his nature, the LORD cursed the ground and told him, *“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”*

The outlook for mortal man is quite bleak. He has no “*life*” within himself (as the LORD told Adam he would surely die), and can look forward to nothing but utter destruction in the lake of fire apart from the gift of LIFE from HIM who has the power to make men live. *“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.”* *“As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”* *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* Surely, HE “*raiseth the poor out of the dust*”, now by the “*new birth*”, and later in the day of the resurrection when the dead in CHRIST shall awaken from their sleep. The sons of GOD, may despair of their own life in this world, but they are comforted in knowledge that HE who loved HIS people to the end, is HE who is the giver of LIFE. Are you alive in HIM?

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