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The LORD would surely teach us of HIS hatred of sin as HE poured out rain from the heavens and water from the fountains of the deep to completely cover the Earth and in HIS judgment, destroy all living creatures which dwelt upon the land. Yet HE would demonstrate the wonders of HIS grace in this same cataclysm as HE shut Noah and his family and that animal creation, which he would preserve, in the ARK which was CHRIST. The Earth was changed by that deluge and what men see as destruction; GOD meant for good to those who are the called according to HIS purpose. The LORD would demonstrate throughout the pages of the Bible, HIS determined purpose to make a differentiation between that which HE would make acceptable to HIMSELF, and that which HE would cast away. All of this is according to HIS sovereign will and purpose and all of creation is at HIS mercy. But oh, how great that mercy is, as we see HIM subject the whole creation unto vanity that HE might show the wonders of HIS grace and mercy to those who are vessels of mercy which deserve obliteration as much as those vessels of wrath which HE has appointed unto destruction. *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.”* Who is sufficient for such things?

The Psalmist speaks of changes in the Earth wrought by that flood, which he describes, *“Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.”* Just as surely as these waters arose, according to HIS command, they did quickly subside according to, the same. *“At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.”* Yet HE would reveal that HE had a merciful use for even those flood waters which HE brought upon the creation. *“They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.”* HE gave Noah a promise, that HE would not again destroy the Earth and its inhabitants with water. Yet to remind men that the flood belongs unto HIM, HE appointed a place for these waters to abide, setting their bounds that they cannot pass over. We hear much from the wise men of the world that rising sea levels are going to ruin the Earth as we know it. I don’t know exactly where the bounds of this water are, that HE has set, but I am sure that this water can go no farther than HE has appointed, and I am equally sure that nothing that men shall do can prevent it from occupying those “bounds” which HE has ordained.

These waters which the LORD brought forth from the deeps and the clouds have now been “repurposed” for the benefit of the beasts of the field, including even the “wild asses”. We learn in the gospel that it pleases the LORD to reveal HIS truth to babes while hiding it from the wise and prudent. He upbraided the Pharisees as they strutted about in their supposed righteousness, pointing out that the *“publicans and harlots”* go into the Kingdom before them. How could the beasts and wild asses find water if it was not that the LORD caused it to flow down from the mountains into the valleys below? So too it is true that men by nature cannot find out the place of HIS dwelling nor enter therein by their own power and thought. *“He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.”* In like fashion HE has sent HIS WORD into the earth and prepared a people to hear and rejoice in that WORD according to HIS purpose. None who hear it shall go lacking. *“These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.”* *“That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”* Do you hear HIS call? “While all our hearts and all our songs Join to admire the feast, Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, “Lord, why was I a guest?” “Why was I made to hear thy voice, And enter while there’s room; When thousands make a wretched choice, And rather starve than come?” ‘Twas the same love that spread the feast That sweetly forced us in; Else we had still refused to taste, And perished in our sin.” *“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net***