

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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When the LORD created Adam from the dust of the ground, HE breathed into HIM and Adam became a living soul. The LORD then planted a Garden in Eden and put the man therein to dress and keep it. He was surrounded with the bounty of GOD's creation and was privileged to enjoy the beauty of that Garden and to commune with the LORD in his mortal state. At this point, he had no knowledge of death and as yet had not tasted of the bitterness of death's curse. He was created to fulfill the exact purpose for which the LORD made him and he would in no wise do anything other than act according to the nature which was given him.

He was neither the master of his fate nor the captain of his soul. His times were in the hands of his CREATOR. The LORD forbade him to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil and decreed his demise, when HE said, "*in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*" True to his corruptible nature he did knowingly eat of that fruit which the Serpent had beguiled Eve into partaking of and presenting to him. Thus in the eating of that fruit, in direct disobedience to GOD's commandment, he did plunge himself and all of his future posterity, under the curse of death..

Though it was Eve, who in her ignorance offered it to him, he was in the transgression as he gladly partook of it and could blame no one but himself, as he fulfilled the decree which GOD had made. Man in this state of fallen nature has always sought out an excuse for his sin, and it is impossible for him to recognize his own utter corruption before GOD apart from the enlightenment of the SPIRIT of GOD. In this natural state, man is convinced that he can approach unto GOD and even find favor with HIM by either abstaining from acts of sin or by some activity which he has designed to demonstrate his "righteousness" unto the LORD. He does not comprehend the utter contempt which the LORD has for all of the deeds which are performed in the power of human flesh. Nor can he grasp the fact that "death" does reign in his mortal body because of sin. It is this reigning power of sin which forever separates him from the presence of a HOLY GOD, who is of purer eyes than to behold sin. Man surmises that sin is what he does, rather than understanding that sin is what he is.

Because of this blindness, he is often mired in various schemes and varieties of religions, superstitions, "*vain babblings*," and "*science, falsely so-called*," which hold out hope to him that he might yet improve himself and escape the curse of death. This is the exact same reason that many pursue the lusts of the flesh, blindly thinking that such will offer them a reprieve from their own mortality and open up vistas of pleasure and satisfaction which will fulfill this quest.

Yet all of these pursuits are completely vain and ultimately leave these "pursuers", in the exact same condition that they were in from the beginning; under the inescapable curse of "*death by sin*". One cannot paint a bleaker picture than the reality of this condition, it cannot be exaggerated. Thus arise those who would tell men that they just need to think positively and dwell upon happy thoughts and not listen to the "naysayers", which is how they would characterize those who declare the truth as it is set forth in the Bible. These same "blind guides" would also seek to inform men that the "faith" with which GOD is pleased is that which they are able to produce by a decision of their own free will. While it is clear that every man who is buried is dead, it is also true that every man is dead in trespasses and sins as soon as he comes forth from his mother's womb. Even as natural death does incapacitate the natural man, so too does this "death by sin" incapacitate him spiritually, as well. He will not cease from sin, because he cannot, and he cannot because he is already dead therein. The final outcome of "*death by sin*" is the everlasting destruction of body and soul in hell by HIM who holds the keys thereof and man is powerless to prevent that conclusion. The only hope that exists for those who are captives to "*death by sin*" is the sovereign grace of GOD who delights to show mercy to those who mourn for their sin. The recipients of HIS mercy are given life and the gift of faith, causing them to embrace the judgment of GOD upon themselves, owning their corruption and crying out to HIM for mercy. Thus we see sinners saved and CHRIST glorified. CHRIST is the ANTIDOTE of death. "*Thy free grace alone*," #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net) ,**