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The average person who would call himself a “Christian” in today’s society, has little if any regard to the concept of GOD as an absolute terror in judgment and power. He would find these words in Hebrews, *“For our God is a consuming fire.”* to be a complete aberration to his notion of the kingdom of GOD and the ONE who is the revealed RULER thereof. For the last century and a half there has been a concerted effort from the kingdom of darkness to further blind men, to the true nature of GOD by picturing HIM as some doting old grandfatherly type who dodders about hoping that someone will aid HIM in HIS quest to rescue men from their problems and anxieties. HE is pictured as ONE who is trying HIS best to get men to listen to HIM and HE is yet wringing HIS hands in despair as they turn a deaf ear to HIS overtures. This is the culture of “Smile, God loves you”.

Most “preachers” emphasize the “love of GOD” without properly declaring the “GOD who loves”. In doing so they present a caricature of HIM and leave men with the impression that HE loves everyone in the same fashion and is basically powerless to make this love known unto them without human aid and their willingness to receive it. Now to be sure, HE is indeed a GOD whose love is from everlasting. HIS love is pure and steadfast. HIS love exceeds the human capacity to understand. But HIS love is particular in nature and HE is pleased to declare HIS particular love and mercy to HIS elect against the backdrop of HIS absolute Sovereignty and Holiness.

The Glory of GOD is discovered in HIS complete separation from men in their natural state. As Paul said, He *“only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting.”* HE is HOLY and set apart from men and will not even look upon sin, which all men are found enslaved to by nature. *“God is angry with the wicked every day.”* *“HE will not at all acquit the wicked”* HE *“will by no means clear the guilty”*. This understanding of who the True and Living GOD is; is in stark contrast to the maudlin familiarity that is manifested in the conversation of most who claim to be the followers of CHRIST, who think nothing of addressing HIM as if he was their buddy.

The “goodness of GOD” is displayed as we are brought to understand HIS holiness and hatred of every evil way. The Psalmist said, *“If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”* If the modern “soothsayers” are correct this passage of scripture would make no sense. On the other hand, that man who has been brought to know *“the terror of the LORD”* is made to tremble in HIS presence knowing what a great mercy is displayed to those who deserve destruction. Rather than the expectation of HIS favor dispensed in a general way, that man who is convinced of his own sin and the absolute justice of GOD in condemning HIM forever, is made to marvel in fear and reverence before HIM when HIS kindness and mercy appears in the revelation of the Gospel

We often hear some of the modern “mud daubers” say that GOD has a sense of humor and then they go on to regale us with entertaining stories and anecdotes, purporting that the LORD is ready to yuk it up with men. Or at the very least to be a good sport about allowing them to engage in all sorts of foolishness which they might call “worship”. The scriptures do speak of the LORD’s laughter, at the plight of the wicked, *“The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.”* *“But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.”* *“I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh.”* This “laughter” which is spoken of in the Bible, has nothing at all to do with any light hearted merriment but rather is an expression of derision or contempt which is visited upon the stiff necked rebel as well as the proud religionists who go about to establish their own righteousness. When the LORD JESUS CHRIST walked upon this earth, HE did so with a heavy heart. He was *“a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.”* HE was grieved by the unbelief of HIS own disciples. *“Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?”* HE was grieved by the sin which was laid upon HIM, even unto death. *“And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”* HE was grieved by the rejection of that nation into which HE was born. *“He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”* HE has trod the winepress alone and is now enthroned as a CONQUEROR who shall laugh at the calamity that befalls those who do not worship HIM in SPIRIT and TRUTH. Imagine the terror that shall grip the heart of those who have disregarded HIS law and disrespected HIS only begotten SON, when HE comes to judge the quick and the dead. The only laughter that shall be heard in that day is HIS.

*“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)**