

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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There are multitudes of people that say they believe the Bible. There seem to be few, however, who recognize the glory which is revealed in its pages and who desire to be closely acquainted with its AUTHOR. Man naturally gravitates towards religion and is quite satisfied with the religion of his choice which is in most cases the religion of his parents and/or the culture in which he was brought up. Thus, there are a great many people who are of basically moral principles which they have in great part derived from their religious heritage, both by active choice and habits which have been instilled in them which they might not recognize the Bible as the source of.

These traits are often greatly helpful to the societies in which they live and form the structural integrity upon which these societies rely for future stability even when many (in the present hour) claim not to believe the Bible's teachings. We are fortunate to live in a culture and society which has in the past been largely influenced by the moral principles which are taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of our governmental institutions and their framework was established by men who thought it good and proper to follow the moral teachings of the Scriptures. Most of our law's reflect the precepts which are set forth in what are known as the "Ten Commandments".

When a people are turned over to a reprobate mind by the LORD, their restraints are loosened and even removed and the societies in which they live are made the poorer for it. This is a sure sign of GOD's judgment upon a people. In many cases, cities which have once set upon a hill are brought down to rubble. How quickly, a nation can be turned from a source of light to that of darkness. *"For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty."* One must hide his head in the sand, like the proverbial ostrich, in order not to see this scenario being played out in the society in which we live. False preachers and politicians (its hard to tell the difference most of the time) set forth the notion that since our society is "founded upon Biblical principles" that it cannot fail, and that the basic goodness of the people of this nation will cause GOD to bless us indefinitely, especially if we do good deeds and pray.

The basis of GOD's blessing upon any people is strictly according to HIS sovereign will and purpose, and not according to any supposed "goodness" which can be discovered in the inhabitants of their nation. In fact the blessing of GOD upon any nation is what causes them to fear HIM and not vice versa. HE will manifest the wickedness of men, by displaying their disregard of HIS precepts. *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."* The awakened sons of GOD, in every "generation", are those who fear HIM, delight in HIS law, and meditate therein, not because they are "good people" but because it pleases HIM to work in them both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. While none of them can take any delight in the judgment of GOD upon their own society, yet they do recognize HIS sovereign right to do with HIS own exactly as HE pleases. So as they see the signs of HIS judgment, they are moved to cry out to HIM for mercy and to desire that HE might grant repentance to those who rush headlong to their own destruction.

The evidence of GOD's grace at work in HIS children is that they "fear HIM". The "fear" of GOD which is granted to the sons of GOD is that which causes them to revere HIS name and marvel at HIS wondrous glory in those judgments which HE is pleased to work in the Earth. They will testify that HIS way is their delight. Yet the men of this world "fear" the work of GOD because they delight in their own way and that way, which is of the LORD, they see as contrary to their own. This is demonstrated by the vitriol of the Pharisees against the LORD, as they sought to kill HIM on more than one occasion. Yet they could not touch HIM until the appointed hour. The Psalmist said, *"GOD is in the generation of the righteous"*. The people of GOD are spoken of as "righteous"; not because of some intrinsic holiness found in their character or by any morality, produced by them; but their "righteousness" is that which is bestowed upon them on the basis of their relation to the LORD JESUS CHRIST as HIS seed, or "generation". They are "righteous" because HE has imputed HIS righteousness to them as it hath pleased HIM. *"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)**