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All of the ways of men, whether in pursuit of their lusts or their religion, are entered into by them with the desire to escape or turn a blind eye to this inescapable truth, *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* Though they will not acknowledge it, the scriptures are full of proof that the LORD **will** demonstrate the certainty of HIS purpose. The word **“must”** in the NT is translated from a Greek word which means, “it is necessary or binding; that which shall occur.” There is no equivocation where we find this word, nothing can prevent that which **“must”** happen. When we speak of certainty, we must recognize the supreme AUTHORITY of HIM who alone does cause those things which **“must”** occur. If all things occur randomly, no occurrence could be described in this fashion. Thus, GOD reveals HIS SOVEREIGNTY by the simple concept of this noble word. We are blessed as we see HIS hand uncovered and HIS arm made bare in bringing many sons unto glory.

*“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he **must** go unto Jerusalem,---and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”* The unfolding purpose of GOD in the redemption of HIS elect bride is seen as HE ordained the very place where the REDEEMER would be condemned and put to death for HIS people. Not only the place, but the means whereby this would happen. *“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”* *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*

In John’s gospel we read, *“And he **must** needs go through Samaria.”* Every step of HIS sojourn among the sons of men was ordered in such a fashion that HE would seek and save HIS sheep that were lost. There were a multitude of people along HIS pathway, and HE could go anywhere HE desired to go, yet we see HIM fulfilling HIS purpose to bring salvation to this Samaritan woman at this well on this particular day. She could have been nowhere else and HE would be exactly where she was with the exact message which she must hear.

In like fashion we see HIM bring salvation to the house of Zaccheus. *“And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I **must** abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.”* The Pharisees said, in disgust, that HE went to be a guest at the house of a sinner. They were right because HE came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. *“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I **must** bring, and they **shall** hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”*

The LORD described the operation of HIS SPIRIT which is a necessity for a man to see the Kingdom of GOD. *“Ye **must** be born again.”* Vain is the man who thinks that he can somehow exercise “faith” or come to the LORD apart from this supernatural work which precedes all of a man’s inclinations towards seeking the way of GOD. *“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”* Men can pursue all sorts of religion and even adopt a level of morality by the operation of their will, but it is only by this “birth from above” that a man is brought to fall upon his face in repentance towards HIM whose glory HE is awakened to behold.

The LORD has sent HIS messengers into the Earth with the *“Gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD,”* and nothing can prevent them in *“bringing LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light”* for those to whom HE has appointed to hear it. *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so **must** the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*

The FATHER has given HIM a NAME which is above every name, both in the heavens and in the Earth. With the same certainty with which HE rules in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the Earth, so too has HE ordained both the number of those HE will save as well as the means whereby their sins are forever taken away. Those for whom HE has shed HIS precious blood as a LAMB without spot or blemish **must** be saved. *“There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we **must** be saved.”* Has HE taken away your sins, and made you willing to call upon HIM, in the day of HIS power?

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