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Those who glory in the free-will of men, suppose that GOD has many contingencies and multiple plans as HE waits upon men to decide what they will or will not do. They would have us believe that HE is constantly changing course based upon the outcome of various scenarios which HE will not (or perhaps cannot) control due to the myriad of decisions which are yet to be made by men, which would, of necessity, alter the course of history. Not to mention the multitude of prayers that might yet be prayed which would require HIM to act in various fashions in order to fulfill those which are of sufficient fervency and “faith”.

If we have learned anything at all, we are quite certain that the GOD of Heaven and Earth is truly GOD. HE does not simply know the end from the beginning due to HIS prescience (or foreknowledge as many would define it) but rather because HE has determined the end and the beginning as well as all events in between. HE is not ashamed to declare that this is exactly what HE does and makes no apology for doing precisely as “HE wills in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth.” HE says that none can “*stay HIS hand*” or even question HIS doing, let alone change any of the words which have gone out of HIS mouth.

The idols of men are seldom carved out of wood and stone in the present day. Rather they most often consist of false ideas and notions of a limited god whom they would gladly bow their knees to, while rejecting the absolute GOD, who describes HIMSELF in the pages of scripture. Just like the Philistines had Dagon and the Moabites had Baal, so too do the modern confusion mongers present a supposed deity which has neither feet, hands, nor a mouth that speaks. Rather he is the servant of men who waits upon them to determine what actions he will take and can only determine the number of occupants of his kingdom by hoping that some of them will avail themselves of the “opportunity” which he has provided for them to be included therein.

The LORD who forms the light and creates the darkness, does also make peace and create evil, so that all things are done in accordance with HIS purpose which cannot be changed. HE does bring HIS will to pass through every activity and action of men, angels, and Satan, as well as the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field, the winds, and the waves of the ocean. While most men would concur that HE controls the “forces of nature”, they will not acknowledge that HE also determines the wills and destinies of all men, having set the bounds of their habitation that they cannot pass. Only as a man is humbled before this SOVEREIGN CREATOR and REDEEMER can he truly rejoice and find rest in desiring HIS will to be done in the Earth as it is in Heaven. Only then can he find a place of true repentance for his ignorance and will worship, even as Job expressed at the end of his saga, of discovery. *“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”*

When we examine the book of Job and how the trials of Job came to occur, we see a perfect illustration of the LORD’s use of the “wicked” to perform HIS will and to accomplish HIS purpose. We must ever keep in mind that Satan, just as all of creation, was formed in order to fulfill that purpose for which he was created. He is the father of lies and demonstrated his nature when it pleased GOD to manifest him as such. In the case of Job, we see the LORD bringing Job to Satan’s attention and issuing a challenge to him which he gladly undertook.

The LORD determined the scenario and set the bounds of Satan’s ability in order that the LORD might prove HIS own power to keep that which is HIS from the “snare of the fowler”, causing all things to work together for the good of Job, whom HE desired to bring to a place of repentance which we see occurring in the last chapter. *“So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.”* The carnal mind of men only allows them to focus on the trials and troubles of Job, but the theme of the book of Job is a commentary upon the purpose of GOD to show mercy to whom HE will show mercy. HE does ordain the actions of “wicked men”, to fulfill HIS purpose as well as HE does the actions of the “righteous”. We see this most clearly manifested as HE ordained the wicked actions of men to crucify HIM who is the SALVATION of HIS people.

*“Thy free grace alone,” #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)**