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There are several certainties which are set forth in the scriptures, but none is more greatly assured than the judgment of GOD upon the sin of this world. HE may show mercy, but HE will indeed cause HIS justice to be manifested to men and angels. We need look no further than Calvary’s cross to see that demonstrated. If HE would spare not HIS own SON, but deliver HIM up to die, in order that HIS justice be satisfied, then how foolish would a man be who would assume that HE will overlook any transgression, whether it be in the heavens or in the earth. HE would not even disregard the sin of HIS own elect, that people which HE loved with an everlasting love, then how much less shall HE spare the reprobate who have despised HIS counsels and spurned HIS overtures of kindness. Those who will not worship at HIS footstool, who will not magnify HIS NAME, and who will not repent of the evil deeds and wickedness of their own nature, shall surely be destroyed by the lash of HIS Holy LAW and the sword of HIS everlasting destruction.

Men, acting and thinking according to their carnal reason, believe that they can perform some good deeds which will be acceptable in GOD’s sight, and that these “good” actions will negate the sins which they freely admit that they have committed. Most would declare their understanding that GOD helps those that help themselves and assume that as long as they live according to a moral code of some sort, while avoiding the grossest of sins, that this shall be taken into account and considered sufficient for their acceptance into the kingdom of Heaven. One only has to attend the average funeral to see this philosophy on full display.

Others rest in their actions undertaken by their supposed “free will”, as they rely upon the religion of whatever type they have chosen. This is no where more clearly demonstrated as the rank and file of those who claim to be the followers of CHRIST, profess that they have brought their faith to HIM, and that HE has recognized it, approved of it, and granted to them justification and salvation, based upon it. This is but a refuge of lies which will be swept away in the last day by the besom of destruction as surely as those who consider that their morality shall gain them that same place of favor. That man who will trust in his own faith, shall surely be disappointed, for the faith of men is not the FAITH of CHRIST, upon which a man, alone, could possibly find a true RESTING PLACE.

The Psalmist describes the man who shall be able to dwell in the presence of GOD as, *“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully”* There is only one MAN who fits this description and who upon HIS own merits is able to *“ascend into the hill of the LORD”*. For HE alone has performed according to this standard.

The only place of standing in the “holy place”, is that which belongs to CHRIST. If any among the sons of men hope to be found here, then they must be found “in HIM”. The glorious message of the gospel is that HE has fulfilled all righteousness, and kept every jot and tittle of the law; not simply for HIMSELF; but for that people which HE has loved from before the foundation of the world. They alone have a standing before GOD, not because of their merits nor even their faith, but because HE is their SUBSTITUTE, PERFORMER, and ADVOCATE before the throne of GOD. They are manifested in the earth as those who confess their irreparable wickedness while calling upon HIS NAME and clinging to no other HOPE of righteousness than that which is found in HIM and applied to them through HIM.

Modern “Christianity” (in contrast) would give hope to men based upon the actions which they take. Those who persuade men to make a “decision” to “be saved” in order to escape hell, preach a message which is totally centered in men rather than in a desire to magnify the glory of GOD’s grace in the salvation of sinners. They would opine that men can escape coming judgment by a simple act of their own free will rather than being dependent on the Sovereign mercy of GOD.

The LORD will thoroughly purge HIS floor as HE has now come to separate the wheat from the chaff. This purging and burning takes place in the proclamation of the gospel of GOD’s glory. Those for whom it is prepared receive it with gladness, bowing down before HIM who is the KING of Kings and LORD of Lords. HIS sheep hear HIS voice and they follow HIM. Have you heard HIM today? *“Thy free grace alone,” #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net**