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As we read through the book of Jeremiah; we see the prophecies which the LORD gave to him, coming to pass, one by one, at the precise time and in the exact manner, in which he said. Multitudes of people from various parts of the world, had to be in the exact place which they needed to be, at those precise moments in order for these things to occur exactly as the prophet declares. Thus it astonishes us that some would opine that such events occur in a random order, according to the whims of men. If there is an order to the universe which we can observe, then we can be certain that the same ONE who put the planets in their respective orbits and established the bounds of the sea that it cannot pass, most surely has ordained that these events must occur according to the good pleasure of HIS will.

The greatest basis of comfort to the sons of GOD is found in HIS immutability. That is a big word which men use to describe what the LORD said quite simply. *“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”* The writer of Hebrews said it like this, *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”* The unchanging nature of the LORD insures that all of HIS promises must forever stand sure and that the objects of HIS everlasting love can never perish. In keeping with HIS “immutability”, all things in Heaven and Earth must occur according to HIS sovereign purpose. This fact is never left in doubt in the Scriptures. *“That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”* This is the GOD whom the natural man rails against and will not worship.

The crowning glory of the LORD’s predestination of all events is HIS revelation of HIS purpose to bring glory to HIS NAME in the redemption of a people which HE has chosen in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. HE did not choose them out of the whole fallen race of Adam but rather, loved them before they were ever born in Adam. They were in CHRIST before they were in Adam even as the covenant of promise preceded the covenant of Law. The promise came by and through JESUS CHRIST to all who were in HIM from the beginning of the world. As surely as the LORD is unchanging so is HIS love towards HIS SON and those who are found “in HIM”. This is the whole basis upon which any of them has a HOPE that cannot fail.

The LORD told Jeremiah that HE would surely destroy Jerusalem and enslave those whose life was to be spared by Nebuchadnezzar. HE also said that HE would bring destruction upon the nations surrounding them, and that ultimately HE would completely destroy Babylon. None of this failed to occur precisely according to HIS ordained purpose. All of these events occurred, in order that HE might demonstrate that *“Salvation belongeth unto the LORD.”* HE would manifest the truth that: no one can deliver himself from HIS hand and that no one could find deliverance except according to HIS mercy. It is HIS sovereign prerogative to destroy the very one which HE ordained to be the destroyer. Who can speak against HIM who made all things for HIMSELF. *“Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?”*

In the demonstration of HIS judgment and subsequent destruction of the wicked, HE would set the stage in order to magnify the glory of HIS grace in the redemption and salvation of that people which HE reserved for HIMSELF, which were chosen in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. There are many who claim that those who are redeemed shall yet have to answer for their sins, and give an accounting for each one. If that be the case then CHRIST did not *“obtain eternal redemption”* but merely hoped to mollify the anger of GOD. The LORD told Jeremiah that even a search for the iniquities of HIS elect, would not enable any to be discovered. HE has become sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of GOD in HIM. The salvation of the sons of GOD is not a mere commutation of the sentence of death, but rather a full and free pardon from the crimes they have committed, so much so that they are seen by HIM as those who have never sinned. The scripture speaks of this as *“justification.”* Those whom HE has “reserved” are a people who are predestined to believe in HIM. *“Do you believe in the JUSTIFIER? “Thy free grace alone,”*

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