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Most of the time when people hear the word “prophecy”, they immediately think of a message or declaration having to do with events that shall occur in the future. It is true that prophecy can literally mean “foretelling or forecasting future events”; but it also means “telling forth the DIVINE counsels”, or “announcing the truth of GOD,” The purpose of GOD in the world’s creation was to manifest HIS glory in the redemption of a people which HE has loved with an everlasting love. To this end HE gave prophecies to men in times past describing the various details of the manner in which HE would accomplish that purpose at a future time.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist declared that the birth of his son was the precursor to the actual unfolding of this blessed event which was foretold by these prophets of old, and the announcer of the very HOPE of all of those who waited for the REDEMPTION of Israel. Simeon also prophesied of this same CHRIST, when Mary and Joseph brought the child JESUS to the temple, *“Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”*

While Zacharias “prophesied” of the imminence of this redemption, Simeon prophesied of the actual REDEMPTION itself as he held the REDEEMER in his hands. Can any wonder exceed that moment when one whose chief desire in life is to see the deliverance of Israel, holds that DELIVERER and CHAMPION in his own hands and gazes upon HIM with his eyes. CHRIST is the SALVATION of which all of the prophets in every age had declared.

*“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,”* In the appointed time HE has relieved HIS people. The Greek word which is translated “people” means a particular people. *“And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.”* A “horn” in the scriptures is indicative of a “seat of power or authority”. Indeed CHRIST JESUS the LORD has come in such power. *“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.* HE came to occupy the *“throne of David”* as the KING of kings and LORD of lords. This is an everlasting kingdom over which HE presently and forever reigns.

*“As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.”* There has never been an age in which HIS redemption has been untold. Even from the beginning, as the LORD told Satan, the woman’s SEED *“shall bruise thy head”*. *“That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.”* HIS purpose is to completely deliver HIS people from all condemnation and to render useless all accusations brought against them.

*“To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham.”* This was a covenant of promise which is established by HIS mercy and not the works of the flesh of Abraham who could never have inherited any blessing at all, had such depended upon his own power. This “covenant” was not made to Abraham’s carnal children in their multitude but rather to HIS SEED. *“That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.”* The LORD has made perfect provision for HIS people, not simply in the deliverance of them from all enemies but by imputing HIS righteousness to them and indwelling them by HIS SPIRIT. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* They serve HIM without “fear” of rejection, rather than in a slavish manner.

John the Baptizer, was ordained to be the greatest of all of the Old Testament prophets Yet John died without having seen the total work of CHRIST as the REDEEMER, though he surely went before HIM and declared who HE was to his own generation. The preaching of the gospel is designed to give the knowledge of salvation unto HIS people by declaring to them in no uncertain terms that CHRIST JESUS is the only REDEEMER of sinners. *“Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”* GOD’s mercy is sovereignly dispensed but it is dispensed with immeasurable kindness and great compassion to those who are its objects. It has neither bounds nor limits. It is this “tender mercy” that has caused HIS people to behold this *“DAYSPRING from on high”* who is *“LIGHT of the world”* which dispels our darkness.

*“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)**