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There is some merit to speaking of things that occur in the human realm as by “chance”, for such appears to be the case to the weakness of human flesh. Solomon addresses this very matter in describing the seeming lack of order in the rising and falling of men. Rich men lose their riches, healthy men get sick, weak men grow strong, uncommon occurrences happen without warning or explanation. Time and chance happeneth to all. Nations come and nations go. Few things are predictable by men. Yet the LORD GOD of Heaven and Earth leaves nothing to chance and is not ashamed to declare the same to men. *“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: --yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”* *“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known 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.”*

It may appear unto men that events unfold in the Earth in a random fashion, yet the LORD plainly declares that such is not the case. How foolish of men then to have any consideration of the salvation of sinners to be according to chance and opportunity. To believe such one can have no consideration of the total depravity of men nor of their inability in their flesh to approach unto HIM *“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”*

How much more wicked is it then to consider that men have the power to “give GOD a chance”, as if HE is waiting idly by; just hoping that someone would give HIM permission to save them. I cannot even describe the complete absurdity of such consideration. Nothing about the salvation of sinners is according to “chance”. Most assuredly not in any wise that men would be the ones dictating the terms of such and “letting GOD” do anything. The LORD’s salvation of sinners is always on purpose and according to HIS purpose and certainly not theirs.

HE sent HIS SON into the world for this very purpose, *“HE shall save HIS people from their sins.”* HE said that HE came *“to seek and to save that which was lost.”* Nowhere does HE even imply that HE is waiting for the “chance” to save them. Rather HE declares, *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”* HE sets the stage upon which HE brings salvation unto men and not vice versa. We see HIM going through Samaria to save the woman at the well. We see HIM going to Zaccheus’ house after calling him down from the Sycamore tree. We see HIM passing by the very spot where blind Bartimaeus sat or the woman with the issue of blood. We see HIM meeting Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus. Did any of them give HIM a “chance” to save them, or did HE not cause all things to work together for their good and HIS glory in bringing salvation to them?

It is common thing to hear some say that CHRIST JESUS died to give men the opportunity to be saved. They tell us that HIS death makes salvation a possibility for all men if they will but take advantage of it. This is a corrupt consideration of the shedding of HIS precious blood. HE has not shed one drop of that blood in vain. HE has not made the salvation of those HE died for a possibility but rather a certainty. *“by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”* Opportunities and circumstances are dictated by HIM who knows the end from the beginning and who shows mercy to whom HE wills and hardens those HE has appointed unto wrath. *“Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”* Does not such knowledge humble the heart of a proud man and cause him to fall upon his face before HIM? The sweet and comforting words of the gospel assures that man, who feels his need of CHRIST that CHRIST has died for sinners and bids them come unto HIM. *“A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.”* HE is not waiting for the opportunity to save them, but rather HE has determined to save them from before the foundation of the world. HE will lose none of those for whom HE shed HIS blood. *“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.”* Do you hear HIM calling? *Thy free grace alone,”#11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**