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Balaam desired to curse the LORD’s people with his whole heart and did everything in his power to do so, yet the LORD caused him to speak forth a truth which he despised. *“Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!”* He recognized the folly of men in trying to overturn the blessing of GOD upon that people which HE chose.

Down through the ages of time, mankind has demonstrated, their hatred of GOD’s way and HIS people as we read in the book of Hebrews. *“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”* In spite of all of these manifestations of man’s malice toward GOD; the LORD has preserved HIS people and caused them to grow stronger by these same afflictions, meant by their enemies to destroy them. Who can observe this history (in honesty) and not be compelled with Balaam to exclaim with wonder at what GOD hath wrought? Whether or not you love the LORD and the unfolding of HIS purpose, you cannot deny the faithfulness of the LORD to watch over those that are HIS. They shall never perish nor can any man pluck them out of the LORD’s HAND. *“Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.”*

Paul says, *“we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”* He speaks of that dwellingplace which the saints shall occupy in the “ages to come”, in which there will be no groaning or longing, as we now experience. *“For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.”* This “tabernacle” in which this “groaning” takes place is clearly, referring to these houses of clay in which we presently dwell (i.e.; our bodies of corruptible flesh and blood.) These bodies are those which are susceptible and subservient to the law of sin and death according to the curse of Adam.

That which causes this “grief” (in the sons of GOD) is the sin which doth so easily beset them and its results which cannot be escaped. *“the wages of sin is death.”* It is against this “flesh” that the SPIRIT does ever war, and this flesh does resist the SPIRIT. This causes great grief to those who are exercised by it and a desire to be rid of the body of this death. While the man who is not made a new creature in CHRIST may groan because of the natural decaying of this flesh yet he does not long to be rid of that which is the root cause of his maladies, only its symptoms. Thus, is manifested the difference between the natural and the heavenly birth.

GOD, who is the FIRST CAUSE of all events has created HIS people to be the dwelling place of HIS SPIRIT through the ages to come. Thus, HE has ordained a new tabernacle (i.e. an incorruptible body) for our future habitation. In this present “tabernacle” (in which we presently groan), HE has blessed us with the “EARNEST” (i.e., a pledge or security deposit) of our inheritance. This ministers to HIS children, in the midst of their “groaning”; a very present HELP in time of trouble. *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”*

What wondrous things the LORD “hath wrought” in becoming the “FIRST FRUITS” of them that sleep (i.e.; die in these mortal bodies). “Christians, dismiss your fear; Let hope and joy succeed; The great good news with gladness hear, The Lord is risen indeed. The promise is fulfilled; Salvation’s work is done; Justice with mercy’s reconciled, And God has raised his Son. His death procured thy peace, His resurrection’s thine; Believe; receive the full release; ’Tis signed with blood divine.” Is CHRIST your HOPE?

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