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The scriptures declare an Absolute GOD who predestines all events as well as the destinies of all men, devils, and angels. There are those (actually the vast majority) who cavil against this truth on the grounds that unless a man has a sovereign free will, then he cannot be held accountable for his actions. Such a notion is disproven time and again in the pages of the Bible even as the LORD declares through the prophet, *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”* GOD has not only created all things according to the good pleasure of HIS will, but HE has also decreed that men would be accountable for their every action, and unable to bring any accusation against HIM who declares *“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.”* By nature, men love their sin and take delight in it at every opportunity, and are unable to blame their sinful actions upon anyone but themselves. GOD alone keeps men from total destruction to which they gladly run apart from HIS restraint. *“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.”* Yet every sinful action and activity which occurs in the earth, cannot take place apart from the ordained purpose of GOD who will have glory in HIS creation and the order which it follows. The LORD could have created a present world wherein there was no sin, had it pleased HIM to do so. But in order that HE might magnify the glory of HIS grace and exalt the wonders of HIS mercy, HE has directed all things to occur in the Earth to that end, whether it be Light, Darkness, Peace, or Evil. Only the wicked impudence of men would cause them to balk at the revelation of this truth.

Paul understood the natural inclination of men to accuse GOD of unrighteousness as he says, *“Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”* Thus we see the LORD ordaining the sinfulness of men, in order to accomplish HIS purpose of the redemption of HIS elect bride through the suffering, death, and resurrection of HIS only BEGOTTEN SON. The clearest example of HIS right to predestine the wickedness, greed, and malice of men to accomplish HIS purpose while holding them completely accountable for their despicable actions is seen in Judas Iscariot, whose betrayal of the LORD JESUS, set the stage for HIS subsequent crucifixion and death as the SIN OFFERING of those whom HE loved yet HE said, Judas would have been better off never to have been born.

We see HIM direct Hosea to take the whore, Gomer, for a wife and to name his firstborn son of that union, Jezreel. The name, Jezreel, literally means, *“GOD will sow”*. The LORD would make it known that HE is the SOWER of all things. Nothing can be planted much less come to fruition apart from HIS purpose. HE will hold no man guiltless, nor can any of the obedience of man, atone or mitigate his sin.

The LORD is pleased to demonstrate HIS sovereign prerogative to do HIS will without hindrance through the activity and actions of imperfect and sinful men who by nature seek their own benefit. Yet quite in contrast to that scenario, we see HIM manifest HIS grandest purpose in the earth through the actions and activity of ONE who *“knew no sin neither was guile found in HIS mouth.”* The LORD JESUS CHRIST is that perfect MAN who came to do HIS FATHER’s will, not only fulfilling HIS law in every jot and tittle, but doing so with a perfect motive and joyful heart. *“Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* Men cannot resist the will of GOD. Yet not one sin which they commit shall go unpunished or escape the gaze of HIS justice. This is demonstrated most clearly as the only perfect and upright MAN to ever live upon the earth is made a SIN OFFERING for those to whom the LORD would show mercy. How just and true are HIS ways and how wide is HIS mercy, to all who call upon HIM, confessing their sins and bowing before HIS sovereign rule.

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**