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The scripture clearly reveals that the LORD's mercy endureth forever, yea even to all generations but at the same time HE has quite plainly reserved the right to show mercy to whom HE will. It is quite common for men to think that GOD's mercy somehow modifies all of HIS other attributes as if HE is willing to be less than perfectly just in order to be perfectly merciful. None of GOD's attributes in any way modifies or changes anything HE is or does since HE is perfect in and of HIMSELF. There is never any conflict in HIS mind as to what HIS purpose is nor is there any shadow of turning with HIM. GOD does not "react" to anything but is the first cause of all events and as the scripture says, HE 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."*

Man is in quite a dilemma since he has no ability appease GOD or atone for his sin. Even if he could find some suitable offering or payment to satisfy the justice of a holy GOD yet he could never enter into HIS presence in order to be able to make that payment or offering. That man who has been quickened by the HOLY GHOST to see his hopeless condition, is surely overjoyed at the sound of the gospel which says, that our SAVIOR has entered into that holy place in our behalf and has once and for all made an atonement for our sin.

HE is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST. HE did not arise as a priest from the tribe of Aaron; for all of those priests had to offer atonement for their own sins as well as those of the people. They also could not continue in this office because they were mortals and the grave always brought an end to their priesthood. But our HIGH PRIEST came after the order of Melchisedek which had neither beginning of days nor end of life. The LORD JESUS had no sin of HIS own and offered HIMSELF as a LAMB without spot and without blemish. HE has entered in once into the presence of GOD, and ever liveth to make intercession for those that come unto GOD by HIM.

HE is our FORERUNNER. The term "fore-runner" literally means one who runs a race before us. Not only did the LORD JESUS satisfy the curse of the law which was against us by the offering of HIMSELF to die but HE fulfilled every jot and tittle of it in HIS perfect life as HE *"was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."* HE has gone to prepare a place for HIS people because it has pleased HIM to bring them into HIS presence for ever.

HE is our HOPE. *"For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God."* The Aaronic priests could only remind men of sin since the blood of bulls and goats could never take sin away. *"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."* What the law could not do JESUS CHRIST has done. HE has not only offered HIMSELF for sin but has now applied the hope and expectation of those benefits which HE has purchased to the very conscience of HIS elect by the witness of the SPIRIT of GOD in applying the gift of faith to them.

HE is our VEIL BREAKER. *"The breaker is come up before them" "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent."* The ONE who has the power to cause the earth to quake and the rocks to burst has prevailed to tear down the wall of separation between GOD and man. The true sons of GOD have never been the objects of GOD's wrath nor have they ever been destined to destruction. They have however been separated from HIM by their sin, estranged as it were and under the condemnation which is assigned to sin. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* They were without GOD in the world, without hope, and lost in sin and nature's night. The same veil that separated all of mankind from the FATHER was the one which separated them as well and they could in no wise enter into that holy place, nor could they see the mercy seat which HE had prepared for the ATONEMENT of their sin. But our LORD JESUS CHRIST has rent that veil asunder and has not only offered HIMSELF without spot to GOD in our behalf, but has opened a way for us into the holiest place where we might rejoice in the very presence of the FATHER. For we have seen the SON and he who has seen the SON has seen the FATHER. *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* This is a sure and steadfast hope. We look for no other and we are content to rest in HIS finished work. *"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."* Do you rest in HIM? *Thy free grace alone,* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**