

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #16

singing : "Ye tempted and tried, to Jesus draw nigh," #1000

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When the LORD spoke to Moses from the burning bush, HE told him, "*Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.*" (Exo 3:5) HE did not have reference specifically to the particular spot where the bush was located, but rather to the fact that the ONE who spoke to Moses from this bush, was inapproachable by sinful flesh and completely separate from sinners.

This is the exact ONE of whom Paul speaks when he said, "*Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 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.*" It is impossible for a man, in his own power and will, to approach unto HIM who is holy, and hidden from the gaze of the potsherd of the earth.

Many modern day "preachers" indicate that GOD has changed HIS "personality" from the days of the "Old Testament". They tell us that HE has been transformed from a GOD of wrath and judgment, and is now a cuddly friend who so desires the fellowship of men that HE can be summoned whenever a man takes the notion to call upon HIM and that HE will come running just like a faithful hound whose ears perk up at his master's whistle. Yet we read HIS own declaration, "*For I am the LORD, I change not.*" This same fact is reiterated in the book of Hebrews in these words, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" (Heb 13:8)

Thus we are convinced that the same GOD who created Adam and walked with him in Eden and then drove him from that garden, destroyed the inhabitants of the world in the flood, called Abraham, and gave the law to Moses from the burning of Mt Sinai, is the same ONE who is seated on the throne of HIS majesty in the heavens in the present time and throughout the ages to come.

Our most profound amazement is manifested as we ponder the fact that HE who is "*separate from sinners*", actually "*became sin*", and suffered under the guilt and consequences of that sin. HE bore that sin in the exact measure of wrath which was due to those guilty of the very crimes which HE came to expiate and cancel.

The LORD declared that HE would "*by no means clear the guilty*" nor would HE "*at all acquit the wicked.*" If one should ever doubt the determination and purpose of GOD to pour out HIS wrath upon those who have transgressed HIS commandments, he need look no further than that Judean hillside called Mt. Calvary to see its absolute proof.

Just about every religious "carnival barker" will declare that "Jesus died on the cross," but it is relatively rare to hear a faithful declaration of the extent and purpose of what this MAN JESUS accomplished as the sin bearing SUBSTITUTE of HIS elect people. HIS intercession, suffering, and ultimate death was not some generic sin offering which was done in order to try and persuade the world in general to permit the LORD to save them by believing it. Rather HE entered into that Holy Place having "obtained" eternal redemption for that people HE came to save.

HE accomplished that redemption, when HE "*condemned sin in the flesh*". HE did this, not by decree, nor by example, but by taking the actual sin of HIS elect children upon HIMSELF and bearing it before HIS FATHER's face as a condemned sinner. Thus was the wrath of GOD poured out on HIM, who having no sin at all in HIS flesh, made the sin of HIS elect bride HIS own and drank every dreg from the cup of GOD's judgment which was due to them.

Indeed HE "*condemned sin in the flesh*" by becoming the OBJECT of condemnation for those which were given to HIM before the foundation of the world. HE became an outcast, that those for whom HE stood as a SUBSTITUTE might be given an entrance into the presence of GOD as those who are completely sanctified and fit for the MASTER's use. HE says to them "*I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*" (Isa 43:1)

Singing "Though Satan will seek the sheep to annoy,"

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