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It is quite impossible to, scripturally, consider that any man could gain a relationship with GOD, by the efforts and desires of his flesh, since the thoughts and intents of the heart of man is only evil continually. It would be easier for a man to add one cubit to his height than that HE could gain the privilege of calling GOD, his FATHER through any action or thought in his flesh. Thus, we are left with only two possibilities. One is that all men have HIM as their FATHER by virtue of HIS creation of them. The other is that some are created as the sons of GOD and chosen in CHRIST to enjoy that relationship by HIS free and sovereign election before the foundation of the world. CHRIST destroys the first option as HE plainly tells the Pharisees that they are of *“their father, the devil”*. This is the plain truth spoken by the PROPHET of GOD.

Now HE could have meant that they alone were of this parentage. Yet the abundance of the scriptures would indicate that HE had reference to the fact that they were among a greater multitude of those known as the “reprobate” in contrast to those who are the “elect” of GOD. *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”* *“As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”* *“Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.”* If anyone can read these words and not tremble, then that man has no fear of GOD, nor any evidence of actually being one of those who have the privilege bestowed upon them of being a child of GOD. Those who have been given a desire to be the children of GOD, by faith in JESUS CHRIST, can but cast themselves upon HIS mercy, and wait as a leper before HIM desiring to be healed. They desire to be identified with HIM to the exclusion of all others. Such is the disposition of those who are the awakened sons of GOD.

The Pharisees became angry when HE properly identified their family tree, and they proved their parentage by their rejection of HIM. HE plainly said that if they were the sons of GOD then they would recognize HIM as being from GOD. Peter declared this confession of everyone of those who have GOD for their FATHER when HE said, *“Lord, --- thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”* This is the very proof of sonship and the evidence of that standing. Can anyone doubt the sonship of that Ethiopian eunuch who confessed, *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”*

The Pharisees on the other hand could not and would not hear HIM. Thus, HE identified them for what they are. *“Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 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. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one.”*

This is a doctrine that is dogmatically clear in the scriptures. Both the cause and effect of true faith and the cause and effect of unbelief are set forth in plain language. The only argument that men can bring forth against this humbling truth, is that of a rejection of HIM who spoke it. *“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”* *“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”* When a man is taught this doctrine by the guiding hand of the SPIRIT of GOD and has it applied to his heart and soul by the SAME, he cannot be lifted up with pride. Rather he, who knows himself to be a sinner, is humbled in the dust at a consideration that he could possibly be called a child of GOD, having GOD as HIS FATHER.

GOD is the FATHER of those whom HE has created and chosen in CHRIST and not those who simply think that HE is their father because of some action they have taken. Ungodly men will rail against this TRUTH because they have not received a love of the TRUTH. Those who have GOD for their FATHER will tremble before HIM who is a CONSUMING FIRE. Those who have GOD for their FATHER will believe that CHRIST is the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD, apart from which they shall perish. Those who have GOD for their FATHER will take delight in HIS law and meditate therein and will love HIM, whom HE hath sent. Is HE who ruleth in the Heavens, and calleth HIS own sheep by name, your FATHER?

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