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No greater mystery exists for men, than how the LORD JESUS CHRIST can be perfectly and completely GOD, and yet perfectly and completely a man, born of a fleshly mother. All of the errors concerning the PERSON of CHRIST, stem from a faulty view of this most compelling mystery. These errors lead to a faulty view of the purpose of GOD in the creation of the world as well as the purpose for which CHRIST came into the world that HE created. This is demonstrated most clearly as HE went about doing good, all the while being hated by the very ones who were the recipients of HIS earthly benevolence. *“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”*

In our perusal of the Psalms it becomes quite evident, to us, that, though, David was the penman of most of these wondrous words, yet CHRIST is the SUBJECT of them and they comprise both the testimony and the prayers of the LORD JESUS as HE walked among men and communed with HIS Heavenly FATHER. HE was indeed tempted (i.e.; tried and exercised) in all points like as we are, and HE learned (i.e.; experienced) obedience by the things which HE suffered. HE was heard in that HE feared and thus became the SURETY of HIS people.

Since HE is a perfect man, exercised in every trial, and acquainted with every sorrow, which befalls the sons of men, HE is sympathetic unto HIS fellow men. HE demonstrated HIS human kindness every day as HE walked among the sons of men. HE saw the infirmities of those around HIM and HE ministered to their needs, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and giving sight to the blind. HE manifested the perfect keeping of the law. Not only did HE (as a perfect MAN) give all that HE had, but HE did so with great joy, demanding nothing in return.

Psalm 35 serves to demonstrate both the perfect HUMANITY and the absolute DEITY of JESUS CHRIST. In the very first verse we see the prayer of a righteous MAN crying out to HIS FATHER for help. HE has none other upon which HE will call and HE feels HIMSELF overwhelmed with the onslaughts of HIS enemies which certainly threaten to destroy HIM. Yet we see HIM pray a prayer that no sinful man can rightly pray as HE asks that the LORD destroy HIS enemies. *“Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.”*

In these words we see HIM demonstrate HIS righteous indignation against all who will seek to harm HIM. HE instructed us to never pray such a prayer. *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”* *“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.”* HE, alone, who walked in human flesh as TRUE GOD could breathe out these righteous judgments. Mere mortals, sharing a sinful nature, have no grounds upon which to pass such condemnation upon one another. Yet HE who is eternal must desire such in order to fulfill the purpose of the FATHER whose will HE came to perform.

But then we see HIM demonstrate a characteristic which cannot not at all be found in a mere human being by nature. HE says, of those who hated HIM, despised HIS way, and even bore false witness against him, *“They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.”* Yet HE sought not their destruction for HE says *“when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.”*

In this passage I am reminded of Paul's words, *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* Oh who is sufficient for these things? Who can comprehend the depths of HIS mercy and the wideness of HIS love to undeserving sinners who have not only despised HIS word but hated HIS person. Surely the Psalmist is right when he wrote, *“If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.”* Do you have a hope in JESUS CHRIST or are you simply relying upon something which you have done? CHRIST receiveth sinful men. Have you come unto HIM?

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