

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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One of the greatest needs that men have as they gain a proper understanding of the truth, (which is set forth in the scriptures) is to "unlearn" those things which they have obtained by their natural understanding. All men are born into this world in a state of rebellion and their natural understanding of the Word of GOD is skewed by that condition of spiritual darkness. Solomon said, "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*" This is the same sentiment expressed by the Psalmist, when he wrote; "*The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.*"

The only way that any man can ever come to a right perception of GOD's Word is by the revelation of it to them by the SPIRIT, as HE quickens them in the new birth. They are, by this birth from above, made capable of spiritual understanding and it is to them alone that LIGHT is given to dispel their darkness. The quantity of LIGHT that each is given is according to the Sovereign operation of GOD who gives to each the measure of faith which pleases HIM. But in all cases, the LIGHT is given to dispel darkness, and its application is often accompanied by many struggles as their flesh seeks to hold onto the error which they have held since their beginning. Some of these false ideas are so ingrained that their removal is quite painful to them and even those around them.

This condition is made even worse in those who have been entrenched in religious traditions, doctrines, and practices which have greater foundation in natural understanding than that which is taught by the SPIRIT of GOD. It is futile for men to attempt in their own power to correct the thinking of those who are convinced that their way and the tradition of their fathers is not contrary to the Scriptures. Until the LORD is pleased to quicken a man's understanding he will resist such correction, often even unto the shedding of blood.

We see this clearly demonstrated in the Jews rejection of CHRIST and in the actions of Saul of Tarsus, who went about to destroy the very work of the GOD whom he claimed to serve. Yet even this human darkness is ordained by HIM who would demonstrate the glory of HIS grace in delivering those whom HE loves from this Stygian night. For it is against the backdrop of this darkness that HIS LIGHT is made to shine in its glory.

Saul was, one moment, walking in the darkness of his own mind and religion, yet when the LORD was pleased to reveal HIMSELF, he was bathed in LIGHT and HE, whom he persecuted, had become his LORD. He would never again be able to take satisfaction in that darkness, but was made to be a seeker of TRUTH and LIGHT. So too does GOD give HIS children a love of the truth.

I have observed over the years that GOD's people know the truth when they hear it. This observation is in keeping with the LORD's declaration. "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*" Yet due to their ingrained "learning", they often have a continuing struggle to cast off the bonds of religion and tradition which they have long embraced. The very strongest and most enlightened of GOD's children are very imperfect in their understanding, so it is a wise course to declare what we know to be true without equivocation, but to leave the reception of that truth in the hands of HIM who is able to make men wise unto salvation according to HIS ordained purpose.

Some of the things which GOD's children must "unlearn" are:

The state of man by nature. Everyone who sees a newborn baby thinks how innocent and pure that he (or she) is. Yet the truth is that all human beings are completely corruptible and their corruption will soon be demonstrated for all to see. David said, "*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*" "*There is none righteous, no, not one.*"

The ability of men to exercise faith. It is impossible that a corrupt fountain should bring forth clean water, and so it is equally impossible that true faith could spring from the well of a man's free will. "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*" The work of CHRIST as the SAVIOR. The truth is that JESUS CHRIST is the, actual, SAVIOR of sinners. They can never perish because HE gives unto them eternal life. Their HOPE is CHRIST.

"*Thy free grace alone,*" #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)**