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Though the Prince of the power of the air goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour and opposes the establishment of the kingdom of GOD at every opportunity, yet even his machinations and spiteful activities are ordered by the KING of Kings to occur in such a way as to bring about the very end which the KING desires. Even as he was used in the trial of Job to accomplish the LORD’s purpose to bring a benefit to Job. In the same fashion the LORD uses the sinful ways of men to accomplish HIS purpose in the establishment and furtherance of this kingdom. We see the persecutions which were brought upon the church being used as a means to disperse HIS messengers and send them out as bearers of the good news of this kingdom to the highways and hedges. *“As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”* HE also used the sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas to cause them to go their separate ways, multiplying the message which HE would send by their hands. So regardless of the supposed “hindrances” (which men see) GOD causes these things to work together for good to those who are the called according to HIS purpose.

I met a man many years ago by the name of Prem Pradhan. The LORD had opened his heart to believe the gospel shortly after WWII while he was stationed in India. He soon left India where he had first heard the gospel and returned to his native land of Nepal. The LORD had given him a burden for his people and he began to preach the gospel there. Nepal was a country which has several dialects and Prem related how the LORD had revealed to him that he would be used to bring the gospel of the kingdom to them all. He had no idea how he would ever get to them all and often was vexed in his soul with that burden. It was illegal there to change one’s religion or to influence others to do so. As you might suspect he was soon arrested and imprisoned for six years. During that time in prison he came into contact with men from each one of those tribes who the LORD was pleased to bring to a knowledge of CHRIST while in that prison and to sit under his teaching. For many years in Nepal practically every church there was established by those men whom the LORD was pleased to raise up, even though many of them had to meet in secret. This illustrates the LORD’s unshakeable purpose to establish HIS Kingdom against which the gates of hell cannot prevail

Paul goes on to say that his own imprisonment was used by the LORD to enable some to boldly proclaim the gospel who would perhaps not have been so bold had Paul still been in their midst. *“And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”* Paul was used mightily of the LORD to teach many, but that same strong teaching was to some extent intimidating to some who were fearful of trying to measure up to him. The LORD took him out of the way. No man is indispensable to the increase of this kingdom. HE raises men up and puts them down according to HIS own will. The LORD had a reason for removing Paul from the churches he ministered to and HE had a purpose in sending Paul to Rome, because HE had sheep there as well. Our LORD does not overcome circumstances, rather HE is the GOD of all circumstances, bringing to pass HIS desired result according to HIS sovereign purpose.

Some had evidently begun to preach boldly to establish their own “pecking order” and strut their stuff since they felt that Paul was now out of the picture. *“Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife.”* But it mattered little to Paul what the personal intent of these men was as long as the gospel was preached. He was not endorsing their error nor sanctioning their little “preacher games” but recognizing that CHRIST is glorified in a true proclamation of the gospel regardless of a man’s intent. The ministry of all men will one day be shown to be of such insignificance that the only glory seen will be that of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. This will no doubt be a great shock to those “gospel preachers” who love the chief seats and to be given great deference and titles of respect.

The “furtherance” of the gospel is the work of GOD who calls men from a far country and ravenous birds from the east according to HIS purpose. HE shall not fail to establish HIS kingdom in the earth. Except a man be brought into this kingdom by the grace of GOD he can in no wise enter into it nor can he have any understanding of the working of it apart from the revelation of HIM who holds the keys to that kingdom and gives them to whomsoever HE will. *“I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”* Have you seen HIS Kingdom?

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