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The LORD cursed the serpent to show HIS rejection of Satan, the father of lies. The SEED of the woman is CHRIST, and the seed of Satan are those who are “*of their father, the devil*” even as the LORD described those who would not (i.e.; could not) hear HIM. “*Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*”

The LORD later, said “*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.*” This is further explained as HE taught Nicodemus of the necessity of the new birth, using the wind as an illustration, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*” All of these things occur according to the good pleasure of GOD and not according to the will of the creature, who is dead in trespasses and sin.

The word “*enmity*” appears eight times in the KJV Bible. Three times in the Old Testament and five times in the New. The meaning of the word in the Hebrew and the Greek is the same: “*hostility or hatred; by implication a reason for opposition*”. It is interesting to consider that this enmity which exists between the SEED of the woman and the seed of Satan, did not just happen or occur randomly, but the LORD “*put*” this “*enmity*” between them according to HIS design. This “*enmity*” is the reason given for the desire of Satan to destroy CHRIST and is certainly demonstrated in the purpose of the LORD JESUS to crush the head of Satan, and make a show of defeating him openly. Though Satan was used to bruise the heel of CHRIST, yet this bruising was without power and only fulfilled the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of GOD; and we see CHRIST, thereby, completely triumphing over all of the principalities of darkness and the inhabitants therein.

While we see GOD’s purpose unfolded as HE “*put enmity*” between the serpent and the woman, along with her SEED and his, we see an even greater demonstration of HIS power as CHRIST came to take away that enmity for those who are the objects of HIS redemption.

Pilate and Herod were at “*enmity*” with one another, yet they became friends as they bonded about the matter of condemning the spotless LAMB of GOD, as Luke reports in the book of Acts, “*The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.*” In this we see the concerted effort of the whole world to destroy HIM who is the HEIR of all things, even as the LORD taught in the parable of the wicked tenants. “*they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.*”

“*The carnal mind is enmity with GOD*”. Yet CHRIST has come to cast down the wicked imaginations of HIS elect, calling them out of darkness and bringing them into subjection to HIM according to HIS mercy. “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*” “*For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*” “*Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.*” Our arms of rebellion are cast down at HIS feet and we gladly serve HIM whom we formerly despised. This is the reconciliation which HE came to accomplish.

The Law of Moses created a division between those who were of Abraham’s lineage and those who were not. Yet just as the Law could not continue by reason of the weakness of the flesh so too has this division been forever taken away. “*And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.*” Jew and Gentile alike are made one in CHRIST who is the SAVIOR of the world. “*We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*” Do you love the people of GOD?

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