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Psalm 110:3

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"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast t he dew of thy youth." Psalm 110:3

Any who suppose that God is sovereign in every area, except over man's will, imply that man exercises some control tha t is outside the realm of God's power and authority. Were that true, then God would not be God! All creatures live, move, and have their being in Him, Acts 17:28. It also would mean that man is not completely lost, since he would still retain th e power and possibility of believing on Christ. Such a teaching is contrary to all that the Scriptures witness of natural me n. They are spiritually dead, unable, and unwilling to come to Christ, unless God first gives them the power and authority , John 1:11,12.

Nevertheless, it is just as wrong to assume that since God does the saving, that He saves against the sinner's will. The g lorious truth of Psalm 110:3, and all of Scripture, is that no matter how strong the sinner's opposition to the Gospel of Go d's sovereign grace in Christ, God's will, purpose, and grace will conquer. Notice that the verse reads, "Thy people SHA LL be willing..."

Who are these people? They are God's by His eternal distinguishing choice. He chose a people out of all of fallen huma nity, that He might show them His mercy and unmerited favor in Christ, Eph. 1:3-5. They are God's by redemption. Whe n the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, he purchased unto God the Father, that people whom the Father chose and g ave to Him. Christ prayed for them in the garden, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast g iven me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them," John 17:9,10. They ar e God's by regeneration. In time, the Spirit of God does work upon the heart of every elect sinner. He first produces life i n them, by revealing in them Christ, who is life, 1 John 5:20! They willingly come to Him in faith, believing on Him alone, whose blood and righteousness cover them, and make them accepted in Christ, Ephesians 1:6-9.

Are you a willing sinner? Do you agreeably and uniquely trust Christ alone for your salvation, giving him all the glory for His almighty, sovereign grace? Is Christ daily in your mind and heart? Do you serve him in every ordinance of His Word ? Do you graciously receive all of His doctrine? Are you generous in your giving and service, and gracious in attitude tow ard one another? This is the power and grace of God in the heart of the Lord's people, Ezra 1:1-6.

Re: A Willing People - posted by brokenvessel, on: 2007/9/19 3:34

I posted this article because it pierces my heart that The Almighty God chose to show me such mercy... it's more than m y heart could bear.

Time and time again, this truth has driven me to cry out, 'who am I, that you have such mercy on me. Why me?' and all I can do is to worship Him, my Lord, my God, my Abba, Father

Re: A Willing People, on: 2007/9/19 11:44

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

In the End - Does He choose the un-willing?