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BEYOND THE FUNDAMENTALS

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2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

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1 Timothy 2:4 (KJV)

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Calvinist redux:

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- 2. I need a verse that supports this belief.
- 3. So they yank this passage up for their own doctrinal purposes with no regard whatsoever for the meaning of these texts in the context in which they appear.

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Hebrews 9:15-18 (KJV)

- And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
 - 16 For where a testament *is,* there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- ¹⁷ For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
 - Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood.

(Law of First Mention)

Isaiah 3, 5

- sins for which these consequences are executed.

Isaiah 6:9-13 (KJV)

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- ¹¹ Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,
- ¹² And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.
- But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves: so* the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

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- 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.
- ¹⁵ But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;
- ¹⁶ And charged them that they should not make him known:
- ¹⁷ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
- ¹⁸ Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.
- ¹⁹ He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.
- ²⁰ A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.
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Matthew 12:38-39 (KJV)

- of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.
- ³⁹ But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

- And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- ¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- ¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- ¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
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- ¹⁶ But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
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Matthew 13:34-37 (KJV)

- All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
- That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.
- Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

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Psalm 78:2 (KJV)

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Mark 4:10-13 (KJV)

- ¹⁰ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.
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Luke 8:9-11 (KJV)

- ⁹ And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?
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John 7:39 (KJV)

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 28:20-28 (KJV)

- ²⁰ For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.
- ²¹ And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.
- ²² But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.
- ²³ And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.
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Acts 13:46 (KJV)

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

Acts 18:6 (KJV)

⁶ And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

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Ezekiel 12:1-6 (KJV)

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- ³ Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.
- ⁴ Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.
- ⁵ Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.
- ⁶ In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

Ezekiel 12:15-16 (KJV)

- ¹⁵ And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.
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²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:33 (KJV)

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Romans 9:11 (KJV)

¹¹ (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Romans 10:2-5 (KJV)

- ² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
- ⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 11:5-6 (KJV)

- ⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

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- ⁶ And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

righteousness which is of faith.

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Romans 11:25 (KJV)

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16 (KJV)

- ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ.
- ¹⁵ But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
- ¹⁶ Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

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Romans 11:20 (KJV)

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Romans 11:23 (KJV)

²³ And they also, <u>if</u> they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.

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Acts 13:6-12 (KJV)

- ⁶ And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus:
- ⁷ Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. (totally depraved, was he?)
- ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.
- ⁹ Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,
- ¹⁰ And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?
- ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.
- ¹² Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

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Luke 18:31-34 (KJV)

- Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.
- ³² For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:
- And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. (Cf 1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- ³⁴ And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

Jesus opens their understanding in Luke 24:45, but as we are reminded just 4 verses later, the apostles still did not have the Holy Spirit.

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1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 (KJV)

- 14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:
 15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:
- ¹⁶ Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them [not Gentiles] to the uttermost.

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Romans 9:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

Romans 9:27-32 (KJV)

- ²⁷ Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:
- ²⁸ For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.
- ²⁹ And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.
- What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.
- ³¹ But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
- Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

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The gospel is not a parable. It is a clear, plain, strait forward narrative and explanation just like the disciples received concerning the parables, and just like the Jews en masse would have responded to in conversion and healing if Jesus had not veiled his teaching in parables.

The disciples didn't have magical gnostic power. They required an explanation.

For Calvinist to use this passage as a proof text of "Total Depravity," is to profess that they believe the Gospel is a parable rather than a strait forward proclamation and declaration.

These are all Jews, making them all the "his people/his own" Matt. 1:21 and of John 1:11.

In what way were they "his" if they weren't elect?

The Calvinists try to point out a contradiction in Bible believers by using this to show that God does not desire to save "all" as stated in 1 Tim. 2. However, even the specific statement of "his people" from Matt. 1:21 do not wind up getting saved, even though Calvinists argue that Christ only died for them.

Romans 11:26 (KJV)

²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

John 1:11 (KJV)

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Matthew 1:21 (KJV)

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Jesus doesn't want the bad guys/wrong establishment to take up the correct teachings as their own and create confusion – Acts 16:16-18.

Want to distinguish between the corrupt current establishment and Jesus' regime of truth.

When Israel turns to God, it needs to occur from the official national leadership. It cannot be a grass roots coup.

Review:

- 1. Every time this sentiment is expressed, it is expressed toward Israel.
 - See Matt. 10:5-6; 15:24.
- 2. This sentiment is never expressed toward Gentiles whether elect, non-elect, or otherwise.
- 3. The harsh treatment is punishment, recompense or consequence for iniquity. It is not arbitrary or unconditional.
- 4. The judgment has a set ending point, which occurred historically in 70 A. D.
- 5. Not being able to believe (Jn. 12) is not the natural state of the people. This specifically due to specific hardening and blinding.
- 6. The fact that Jesus had to veil his teachings in parables so that the people wouldn't understand proves that they would have been able to understand plain speech. It disproves Total Depravity, in which case parables would not be needed since those not chosen would not or COULD not understand anyway.
- 7. Good guys (prophets Matt. 13:17) from the past could not understand these things either. The inability to understand has nothing to do with reprobation, but has everything to do with timing and consequence.
- 8. The concealed matter was "to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven," not Salvation. Nobody was being regenerated when this is quoted in the gospels (John 7:39). Acts 28 would be a better choice for a Calvinist, but the Jew/Gentile context is clearer in that passage, making it more difficult to twist.
- 9. The disciples needed to have it explained.
- 10. Even though understanding and conversion was denied to certain people at certain times, there is nothing in the text that suggests this was permanent. Many pharisees later did believe (Acts 15).
- 11. Jesus' Kingdom or Church initialization had to establish a validity structure that was distinct from the contemporary Jewish establishment.

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