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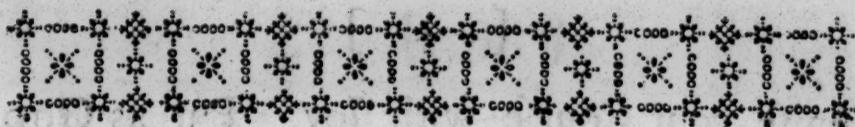
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Rev. Mr. SAMSON OCCOM, the INDIAN.

*This People have I formed for myself; they shall  
shew forth my Praise. Isaiah xliiii. 21.*



WHEN I look about me, and see such a crouded Assembly, I am ready to say within myself, what shall I observe to such a People? such a vast Number, that have been brought up under the Gospel all their Lives: You are the happiest among all Nations! happy indeed may I call you that have nothing to do but to

finish your Course with Joy. But as GOD has brought me amongst you at this Time, an obscure Stranger, from an obscure Place, I shall speak to you in few Words at this Time. Every Thing shews forth the Goodness of GOD, that we see before us and round about us; but I shall make a few Remarks upon the Words that I have now read.—  
*This People have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my Praise.*

In opening of the Words before us

1st. I shall shew how it is, that the LORD forms a People for himself.

2d. I shall then explain what it is to *shew forth GOD's Praise.*

1st. I am to shew how it is that the LORD forms a People for himself. If we look back into the Creation, we shall there see, how it was that GOD formed Man; he made him out of the Dust of the Earth; he is but Dust: And about GOD's forming a People, *First*, we read of it in the Family of ABRAHAM; it continued in his Family some Time; He

bleſſed him, and his Seed after him; He delivered his Commands unto them, that they might be formed for himſelf; he gave them all his Laws, and he bleſſed them; and you may alſo be called his People, for he hath formed *you* for himſelf. *Secondly*, Where the Goſpel is received, ſuch are formed for God: They muſt have new Hearts given them, and this is by the Operation of the *Divine Spirit*; and ſuch as theſe are God's People.

I come to explain in the 2d Place, what is meant by ſhewing forth God's Praise.—*First*, It is to receive the Goſpel with Joy, and they that do ſo, entirely give themſelves up to God, they depend upon him, they live to him, they have now nothing to do, but to ſhew forth God's Praise; and this is the right Way to Happineſs. *Secondly*, To *ſhew forth God's Praise*, is to maintain Duties, inward Duties; then they find Sweetneſs in the Diſcharge of them; they bid Farewell to the Cares of the World; they enter into their Cloſets, and pray in ſecret: If we love God, we have the Effects of that

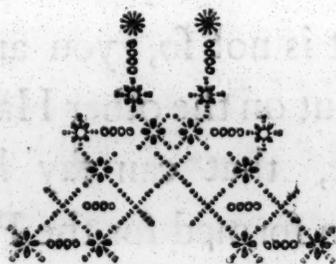
Love in our Hearts, we feel the Heart drawn forth to GOD. *Thirdly*, To *shew forth* GOD's *Praise*, is to serve him; we must be true to him, we must love him, we must serve him with all our Hearts; the Subject must be true to his King, and the Servant must be faithful to his Master; and if we do this, *we shew forth* GOD's *Praise*. Honesty, Uprightness and Truth, is what GOD desires of us, and we must value and esteem those that are appointed Rulers over us. *Fourthly*, To *shew forth* GOD's *Praise*, is to endeavour to form others to praise him; we should speak of these Things, when we rise up, and when we lie down; we ought to instruct our Relations, our Neighbours, our Friends and our Acquaintances, exhort one another daily, while it is called Day, for the Night of Death will soon come, in which no Man can work. *Fifthly*, And if we are formed ourselves, we shall find an earnest Desire to form others to praise him, as the Psalmist did, who called upon the Earth and Sea, and all around him, to praise the LORD; and so should we: But I see, we have not much Time to spare,

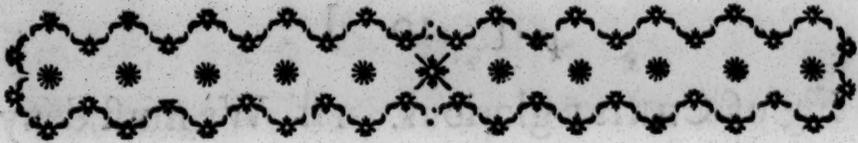
and therefore I shall make some Improvements upon what has been already said.

*First*, And is it so as we have heard, that GOD forms a People for himself? We must give the Glory to none other but GOD. *Secondly*, And is it so that you are all formed by GOD, then certainly you find a Likeness of GOD within you; but there are many of you, that instead of praising GOD, are sinning with an high Hand against him, and instead of being found on your Knees, are running in the Ways of Sin and Wickedness. And let me ask you, is this the Way, do you think, to praise the LORD, and to serve him? You have gone on contrary to the Will of GOD. Is this Book the *Bible* your Stay from Day to Day? If it is not so, you are not serving the LORD: But on the other Hand, are there not some here, that can say humbly, that they have been formed for the Praise of GOD, that do serve him from Day to Day. Without Doubt many of you have been praying for the poor *American* Heathens, that the LORD would turn their Hearts; and I am firmly persuaded, that the LORD has now

began his Work amongst them, and many  
 cry out after the Gospel; and I believe that  
 Numbers will be sent out to preach the Gos-  
 pel among their poor benighted Brethren;  
 and I doubt not but God will fulfil his Pro-  
 mise to his Son, as he said, that *he would*  
*give him the Heathen for his Inheritance, and*  
*the uttermost Parts of the Earth for his Pos-*  
*session.*

To conclude, Would you not all be glad  
 to be formed of God? Then serve him and  
 live to him Day by Day.





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S E R M O N,

Preached AUGUST 17, 1766,

At CALLOW-HILL MEETING,

By the REVEREND

Mr. NATHANIEL WHITAKER, *American.*

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*Looking for that blessed Hope, and the glorious Ap-  
pearing of the great GOD, and our Saviour JE-  
SUS CHRIST. Titus ii. 13.*

**I**N discoursing on these Words, *1<sup>st</sup>* I shall  
shew what is meant by this Hope.

*2<sup>dly</sup>*, I shall hint what looking for this  
Hope implies.

*First*, I am to shew what is meant by this  
Hope. In the 11<sup>th</sup> Verse of this Chapter,  
we have this illustrated; and it is Grace, the  
Grace of GOD; and this Grace is the free  
Gift of GOD; and we must esteem the Com-

ing of CHRIST glorious. 1st. We must deny all Ungodliness and worldly Lusts ; for unless we do, we cannot look for the Coming of CHRIST as we ought ; whatever we may pretend, our Hope is nothing, it is as a Spider's Web, and it will not stand another Day, when GOD shall judge all our Actions. I am afraid, that there are too many, that are only good in their own-Conceit ; they keep the Sabbath, pray to GOD ; they do not murder or kill ; but this, my Friends, is not sufficient ; we must act for GOD ; we must live righteously to others ; we must act honestly towards them ; we must live godly in this present World ; we must serve him with all our Hearts ; we must follow him in the Ways that he has appointed for us ; we must have a Conscience void of Offence towards GOD and towards Man ; and this is the Way we must look for the Coming of CHRIST :— However far we may go on and pretend, yet if we have not true vital Religion, it is Nothing. When the Love of GOD is shed abroad in the Christian's Heart, then he has some warm Affections towards him.

HOPE is put here in my Text for the Object of Hope, or for the Thing that is hoped for, and that is for Heaven and Felicity; Looking for that blessed Hope; it is a Thing worthy to be looked for: There will be a perfect Freedom from all Sin and Sorrow, that so much beset the People of GOD here below: It is Sin, that gives them Distress; they sorrow, they groan under it, because it hinders them from seeing the Glory of GOD. They most earnestly pant after the full Enjoyment of GOD; but Sin is not there; that is a perfect Place; there Sin and Sorrow flee away; the Afflictions of this World often make the Christian wish for Death, this leads to the Object of their Hope, for here how many Sorrows and Troubles continually beset us.

*Secondly,* They shall be filled with all possible Joy and Delight; there they shall see their GOD; there Righteousness and Truth embrace each other; the Vision of GOD and the LAMB is what makes it a State of Blessedness; as the Psalmist says, Whom have I in Heaven but Thee, and there is none upon

Earth that I desire in Comparison of Thee. The Soul that is in Love with God cannot be satisfied without he enjoys him. The Christian begins to live the Life of a Saint here below, though he feels but little of God's Love. They cannot fully enjoy him till they arrive at Heaven, and that is what every Saint longs for. The Sinner can spend many Months, nay many Years in his own Sinfulness, but thinks it hard and grievous to spend an Hour in serving God, he does not like it; and until the Sun of Righteousness shines in upon him, he will not love God and delight in him.

*Thirdly,* This Joy will spring from the Company that we shall enjoy there. We shall dwell with Angels and Archangels, and there we shall sing a Song of Praise to God, which none shall know but ourselves: We shall study to help each other.

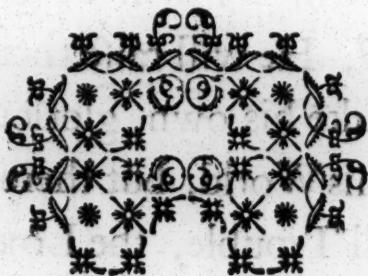
*Fourthly,* The Thing, that shall make it more glorious, will be, that the Bodies which have laid long in the Graves shall be raised, looking for that blessed Hope, a Hope that

the Christian wishes for, longs after, and wants to enjoy.

2dly, *I must hint what looking for this Hope implies.*

*First* then, We must long for it, desire it, and have a Disposition of Soul for it. Some hope for it; they think that they shall have high Honours given them there, and Riches and Titles, but this will not do; this is but a mean Hope; there must be a true Hope for it; we must long for the Coming of CHRIST, we must have an ardent Desire for it. There are many that wish to get to Heaven, and yet all the while they strive not to attain it, they are asleep all the Day as it were. The Appearance of CHRIST will be glorious to the Saints: *First*, He will raise their Bodies, and make them like his own, glorious. They are despised in this World, but there they shall be freed from all Trouble, the LORD JESUS will wipe away all Tears from their Eyes. They that despise the People of GOD *now*, will *then* hide their Heads, and wish they were in the Number of the despised People. To

conclude, He will say to them, *Come ye Blessed of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the World; for I was hungry, and ye gave me Meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me Drink; and they shall go into everlasting Blifs, there to dwell with Saints and Angels, and sing the Song of Moses and the LAMB: They shall see God, whom they longed to see; there they shall be happy, infinitely happy: And may the LORD grant, that we may all enjoy these Things, and be able to say, that We have fought the good Fight, that we have finished our Course with Joy.*





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Preached AUGUST 17, 1766,  
At TUCKER-STREET MEETING,  
B Y T H E  
Rev. Mr. SAMSON OCCOM, *Indian.*

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*And it repented the LORD, that he had made Man  
on the Earth, and it grieved him at his Heart.  
Gen. vi. 6.*

**S**UCH is the infinite Mercy and Goodness  
of GOD, that he puts his People into  
various Ways for their own Good, and he  
never gives them a Blow, unless he gives  
them timely Warning, and if you will not  
repent, you may expect, that the Blow of  
the LORD will fall on you. *And GOD saw  
that the Wickedness of Man was great in the  
Earth; whatsoever pleased them in the Ways  
of Wickedness they practised; and then fol-*

lowed the Words of my Text, *And it repented the LORD that he had made Man on the Earth, and it grieved him at his Heart.*—What solemn Words these are!—Methinks they would move the Heathens; methinks they would make them shed Tears; *it grieved him at his Heart*, and this shews us how disagreeable and odious Sin is in the Sight of GOD.

IN further discoursing on these Words,

1st. I shall shew what Sin is.

You have had the Word of GOD open to you all your Days, wherein Sin is discovered; yet I shall at this Time inform you, what Sin is. *First*, It is a Transgression of the Law of GOD, it is that which is contrary to him, it is that which would destroy every Thing that belongs to GOD. When GOD sent forth his Son, how did Sinners rise up against him, they followed him, and at last they killed him. It began first between two Brothers, I mean *Cain* and *Abel*; *and Cain rose up, and slew his Brother Abel*. It is what GOD hates, and he cannot away with it, since GOD is fo

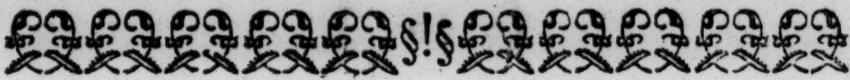
holy, so good, and so just, and Sin is so bad, so filthy; it is abominable to him, and the Spirit of GOD is grieved with the Sin of Mankind; and it grieved him, in his Passage thro' this World, when he beheld *Jerusalem*, that great City, he wept over it, because they had given themselves over to all Manner of Wickedness: And Sin grieves the People of GOD, witness the Psalmist, who says, that Fountains of Tears flowed from his Eyes; and one of the Prophets, I think, 'tis *Jeremiah*, wished to have a Place in the Wilderness, there to weep out his Life for the Sins of his People.

2dly. I come to shew what Destruction Sin has made among the Sons of Men.

AND for this we need not look far from the Bible; all the Confusion that is among Mankind, is occasioned by Sin; it is disagreeable to GOD. To conclude, He is our Benefactor, he is our GOD, he is our Redeemer; and if we allow this, how can we in our Hearts sin against him, and how comes it to pass that we go quite contrary to what

we read in the Word of God. Have not we Reason to think that the LORD is angry with us, that *he is grieved at his Heart?* And as we have occasioned this, let us be sorry for our own Sins, and repent of them: Let us live as become rational Creatures, as accountable Beings, that must answer for every Thought, Word, and Action, at the great Tribunal: Let us examine, for the Time to come, how it stands between God and our Souls, to the End that we may be received to the Fruition of God's Glory.





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# SERMON,

Preached AUGUST 24, 1766,

At BROAD-MEAD MEETING,

BY THE

Rev. Mr. SAMSON OCCOM, the INDIAN.

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*And these shall go away into everlasting Punishment:  
But the Righteous into Life eternal. Matthew  
xxv. 46.*

**W**E have abundant Reason to enquire how the Case stands between GOD and our Souls; and it grieves me to look around, and see so many that are careless in this important Point, even in this Place. In this very Chapter, we have three Parables: 1st. The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to ten Virgins, five were wise and five foolish; the Wise had Oil in their Lamps, and the Foolish had Lamps but no Oil. And what

is meant by this? Certainly you understand the Scripture; however let me say, this Oil is Grace, and we find that these wise Virgins were ready to meet the Bridegroom, but the Foolish were in great Confusion. We also read another Parable in this Chapter, That a Man was about to take a Journey into a far Country, and he called to his Servants, and delivered to them his Goods; unto one he gave five Talents, to another two, and to another one; the two first of these improved their Talents, but he that had the one Talent, digged in the Earth, and hid it. Such as these shall go away into everlasting Punishment, but the Righteous into Life eternal. In opening the Words before us,

1st. I shall shew who are those that shall be approved of at that Day, who are those that are called righteous.

2dly. I shall represent, how the Righteous shall go into everlasting Life, and what this everlasting Life is.

1st. I am to shew who are those that shall be approved of at that Day, who are those

that are called righteous: Here we need not multiply Words, for the Scripture every where manifests it. The first Mark is Holiness in their Life and Conversation; all their Health and Strength is in the LORD JESUS. *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven: Blessed are the Meek, for they shall inherit the Earth.—* And the LORD JESUS CHRIST was one of this Character. *Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after Righteousness, for they shall be filled; Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.* The LORD JESUS CHRIST was merciful, and so are all his Followers. *Blessed are the Peace-makers: Our LORD is called the Prince of Peace. Blessed are those that are persecuted for Righteousness Sake.* True Believers are persecuted for the Love they bear to GOD. As soon as our Saviour was born, his Life was sought after, and they pursued him till they apprehended and slew him.

I have remarked of late that the People of GOD are always called by some Name or

other; and there are commonly Enemies to Christianity ready to hinder the People of GOD from devoutly serving him. But then, it is great Consolation if ye are persecuted for Righteousness Sake, then ye are blessed; and at the general Assembly our Saviour will say to you, who have succoured your afflicted Brethren here, *Come ye Blessed of my Father, enter into the Joy of your LORD; for I was hungry, and ye gave me Meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me Drink; I was naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in Prison, and ye came unto me: Then the Righteous will answer, When saw we Thee in these Cases, and done these Things?* Such as act contrary to this, do not belong to the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and must expect a different Sentence.

2dly. I am to shew, how the Righteous shall go into everlasting Life, and what this everlasting Life is. They are departing from all Sin and Wickedness, they are going from all these Services that they have been doing in this World; they are departing from all

the Enemies of GOD; they are entering on the Possession of an everlasting Kingdom, that was prepared for them from the Beginning of the World; they are tending to the Enjoyment of all the Blessedness they are capable of possessing. The Wicked too must leave all the Pleasures and Delights of this World: All Sabbaths must cease to them for ever; in a little Time they are about to leave all their Relations and Friends, Neighbours and Acquaintance; in a short Time the Child must leave the Parent, and the Parent the Child; then must they bid adieu to Heaven and all its Glory; but where are they going? To the infernal Pit of Hell. *Here* they have only heard about the Devils and damned Spirits, but *there* they shall see them and hear them. Finally, we must all meet before the Judge; and what a Meeting will that be! A Meeting indeed! It will be a great Assembly! The Families of Heaven, of Earth, and of Hell, shall there meet together. There all must stand before the Bar of CHRIST. But I shall close what has been already said with a few Improvements upon the whole.

LET us see how it stands between GOD and our Souls. Are these Things true? Oh yes, they are! Then let us see, whether we belong to GOD or no? whether we are his Children? There is but one Heaven and one Hell for us all. We have Need to look in the Way which we are going. Alas! what should a poor Heathen do, if he was to come to this Country to be instructed? One would tell him he was in the right, another would tell him he was in the wrong.

BUT to conclude, let me address myself to you that do not belong to CHRIST. Now is the Time to repent; we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of CHRIST. The Scene will then be changed; every Sermon that you hear, will rise up as a swift Witness against you: But after all, the Judge will say to those on his left Hand, *Depart from me, ye Cursed, into everlasting Burnings, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.*





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Preached SEPTEMBER 7, 1766,

At the PITHAY MEETING,

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Rev. Mr. SAMSON OCCOM, *Indian.*

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*My Sheep hear my Voice, and I know them, and  
they follow me. John x. 27.*

**W**E find that the Word of God is good;  
it is represented by him many Ways:  
There must be a Number that the LORD  
owns as his Sheep, and some that do not  
belong to his Flock.

IN further discoursing on these Words:

I shall shew who are those that the LORD  
calls his Sheep; it must certainly be those  
that have repented, and are converted to him.

*My Sheep hear my Voice.* It is the Work of

the Spirit to shew Man his lost and undone State. Man is overwhelmed with Sin, but GOD openeth a Way of Salvation through JESUS CHRIST. And when they come to comply with this Voice, then it is delightful, it is charming. The whole Bible was a sealed Book to them, till the Spirit revealed it; but now they know what it is, they understand the Scriptures so as to receive them; it is sweet to their Taste: Then they see the Sinfulness of their Nature. They then wish to be in a solitary Place, there to weep out their Lives with the Prophet *Jeremiah*.

2dly. By being favour'd with GOD's Voice we may soon discover his People: Christians rejoice in each other.

3dly. How is it, that the LORD JESUS CHRIST knows his Sheep? This is no Difficulty. GOD knows all Things; he knows his Sheep by their peculiar Marks; they have that of Holiness upon them. The LORD JESUS CHRIST supports his Sheep in all their Distresses and Difficulties, that they

meet with in this World, and he will stand by them, and deliver them out of all their Troubles; and at last he will give them a Crown of Life. He hears all their Prayers, that they offer up to him. He remembers them, so as to give them at last, according to his Promise, a *great and glorious* Reward. He will be their Comforter and Guide through this Vale of Tears, and will acknowledge them in that upper World, before all his holy Angels. They have nothing to do but to keep his Statutes and Ordinances, and he will preserve them.

To conclude. 1st. Have we ever heard his Voice? are we his Sheep? have we found a Way of Salvation through JESUS CHRIST? Did we comply with it? This makes me remember a poor Indian Woman, that some Years ago was converted. As soon as she knew this Book to be the Book of God, she said, that it was as Thunder and Lightning unto her Soul, and every Word that she read was against her; but a little while after she said, it was all sweet, it was pleasant to her

Taste, and all for her Good; I want to be a true Christian, one that devotes himself up to GOD, entirely depending on him.

2dly. Do we hear the Voice of the LORD from Time to Time? Do we find him speaking to us? Do we find sweet Communion with him? If we do, happy are we! Then we have nothing to do but to follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth; and if there are any in this Assembly, that have not heard his Voice, He knows you, He is acquainted with all your secret Thoughts, and you must give an Account of them at his Bar. You, who have despised his Mercy, will then be placed on his Left Hand: And how can you stand? how can you bear to hear that Sentence pronounced on you, *Depart from me, ye Cursed, into everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.* Oh! don't be contented with the outward Forms of Religion, but endeavour to be real Christians, that we all may meet together in Heaven.

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