

Jesus, The Mediator!

1 Tim. 2.5

Intro:

What a blessing to know we have someone like Jesus to go to God on our behalf. God provided for Himself a Lamb to do that very thing for His blessed creation and especially the church of Christ. Do we know the role of a mediator? Do we understand Jesus' role as Mediator for His people? Are we taking advantage of Jesus being our mediator to the Father? Let's consider His role as Mediator. Let's consider what the scripture teaches concerning His role. Finally, let's consider what His mediation means to us as children of God.

Discussion:

I. The Role of a Mediator.

A. Mediator defined:

1. *One who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant.*
2. *Whoever acts as mediator, does not belong to one party but to two or more. (Gal. 3.20)*
 - a) Jesus is the Word of God in the flesh (John 1.1 & 14).
 - b) Jesus is The Man Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 2.5).
3. Jesus knows and can represent or communicate both sides.

B. Why Mediation? Because...

1. God is holy (1 Pet. 1.15-16).
2. We needed someone who understood both sides (Heb. 9.24).
 - a) *to exhibit (in person) or disclose (by words):—appear, declare (plainly), inform, (will) manifest, shew, signify.*
 - b) We needed our conscience cleansed to serve God (Heb. 9.14-15).
 - c) We needed someone who God and man could truly trust to represent properly (1 Jn. 2.1-2).

C. Why do we need a mediator? Because sin brings about hostility and separation.

1. If man sins against man, someone can go to God on that person's behalf.
2. But if man sins against God, who will intercede for him (1 Sam. 2.25)?
3. Job 16.21, *“Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleads for his neighbor.”*
4. We need One to advocate for us, to go to the Holy One for us (1 Jn. 2.2).

II. The Scriptures Teaching Jesus as Mediator.

A. Jesus mediates for the N.T. (Heb. 9.11-15).

1. This was accomplished through His own blood - 12
2. He did this without sinning against God - 14

3. His work positioned us to receive life eternal with God - 15
- B. Coming to the kingdom brings us to Jesus the Mediator (Heb. 12.18-24).
 1. Obeying the gospel positioned us to be represented by Jesus.
 2. Being clothed with Christ made this a reality.
 3. We needed Jesus to go to God on our behalf.
- C. Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant (Heb. 8.6).
 1. Based upon a better ministry.
 2. The N.T. is a better covenant.
 3. Built upon better promises.
- D. Jesus, the only mediator between God and mankind (1 Tim. 2.5).

III. What His Mediation Means for Us.

- A. We become *better acquainted* and *familiar* with...
 1. The One True God and Father *through* Jesus (**Jn. 14.6**; 17.2)
 2. The beauty of seeing the Father *by* learning Jesus (Jn. 14.9)
 3. The One who knows *both sides well* (Gal. 3.20; **Jn. 1.18**)
- B. We are *privileged* to Worship the Father...
 1. Heb. 9.14-15, just having the opportunity to approach.
 2. 1 Pet. 2.4-5, actually being accepted through Jesus.
 3. Eph. 5.19-20, through our singing because of His mediation.
- C. We are *provided* the...
 1. *Comfort* in knowing God actually cares...
 - a) We can cast our cares upon Him... (1 Pet. 5.7)
 - b) All spiritual blessings in His Son... (Eph. 1.3)
 - c) Giving us a spiritual family to rely upon Christ (1 Tim. 2.5)
 2. *Assurance* and *Confidence* needed...
 - a) We can now reach the Father, when before we could not.
 - b) We can approach God the Father in prayer confidently (Heb. 4.16).
 - c) We can be in submission to Him who is with God (1 Pet. 3.22).
 3. *Exact Spiritual Things* we are lacking...
 - a) Which is *Access* to the Father (Rom. 5.1-5).
 - b) Which is *Redemption* through Christ blood (Heb. 9.15).
 - c) Which is *The Hope* of Life with God through Christ.

Conclusion:

What a blessing to know we have a High Priest, an Intercessor and especially a Mediator who was willing to be obedient to the Father. We should not take for granted the love He has for us and seek to share this love with those in our circle of influence. May the Lord God allow us time and space as we enjoy the blessings of Jesus' mediation. May we consider the beauty of Him who took us to the Father and the bounty of having the hope of eternal life with Him.