

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL: WE HAVE A MEDIATOR

1. Text: I Timothy 2:1-6
2. Notice this is the same text that our last lesson had, but our focus is different here.
3. Notice again the concept of the mediator. That is a marvelous way of understanding the glorious gospel or good news of our salvation from sin. Even our children can understand the idea.
4. Remember the definition of a mediator: one who intervenes between two parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them.
5. Ultimately there are three positions to consider in the mediatorial process and in our salvation. Let's understand them:

I. God's Position

1. Our Father is a holy, sinless, just, perfect God who abhors sin.
2. Psalm 145:17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works.
3. Habakkuk 1:13 (to God) You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness.
4. Psalm 5:5 God hates all workers of iniquity.
5. I Samuel 6:20 Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God?
6. Luke 16:15 What is highly esteemed among men is an abomination to God.
7. Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
8. Job 9:33 There is no mediator between me and God who may lay his hand on us both.
9. Why doesn't God just forgive us? Think of a modern judge who would do what we ask of God.

II. Man's Position (Mine And Yours)

1. Isaiah 59:2 Your iniquities have separated you from your God.
2. Romans 3:10 There is none righteous, no, not one. Also Psalm 14:3; 53:3.
3. Ecclesiastes 7:20 There is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.
4. Romans 5:8,10 We were sinners, enemies of God.
5. Romans 1:30 Haters of God.
6. Colossians 1:21 You were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works.
7. Romans 3:23 All have sinned.
8. I John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, truth not in us.
9. Cry of the ages: "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me?"
10. For sinful creatures to connect to the Holy God appears to be impossible.

III. Christ's Position

1. How can God and mankind possibly get together? Somehow somehow someone needed to understand perfectly the holy, infinite God and poor, weak, sinful humanity.
2. Jesus Christ our mediator not only knew both, but was both! John 1:1 The Word (Christ) was God. John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Matthew 1:23 Jesus was Immanuel or God with us.
3. Romans 5:11 The atonement through Christ: The "At-one-ment."
4. The modernist's foolishness: Man is basically good and needs no mediator.
5. II Corinthians 5:19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.
6. Text: I Timothy 2:6 The mediator gave Himself a ransom for all.
7. Ephesians 1:7 We have redemption through His blood, forgiveness of sins.
8. II Corinthians 5:21 God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.
9. The cliffs at the Capilano River.

Conclusion: The Prince of Wales (1301 and Edward I)

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