

Big Words You Need to Know, Love, and Share

Week 6: The Mediator

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Definition: Jesus Christ redeems the relationship between man and God. (Jesus represents us to God and God to us. We are separated by virtue of our sin and God by virtue of His holiness.)

A. ORIENTING QUESTIONS

1. What is a mediator? *Answer: A mediator is a person that seeks to make right a relationship between two parties in disagreement.*
2. Why is a mediator important? *Answer: Without a mediator, certain relationships would never be made right. For example, our relationship with God could never be reconciled by our own doing. (God is holy, man is disobedient, therefore, mankind is separated from God. There must be a mediator to represent man to God and God to man).*

B. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF A MEDIATORS FUNCTION?

1. Personal Illustration.
2. Illustrations from Scripture.
 - Abraham interceded for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:22-33)
 - Moses stood in the breach for disobedient Israel. (Duet. 9:13-21; Psalm 106:23;)
 - God told Ezekiel He was looking for someone to stand in the breach for the people of Israel. (Ezek. 22:30)

C. IF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS BROKEN, WHO IS OUR MEDIATOR?

1. Jesus is the greater Moses who stands in the breach on our behalf. (Duet. 18:15; Heb. 3:5-6)
2. Jesus Christ is our one and only mediator. (1 Tim. 2:5)

D. HOW IS JESUS OUR MEDIATOR?

1. The holy and most holy places where sacrifices were made. (Heb. 9:1-5)

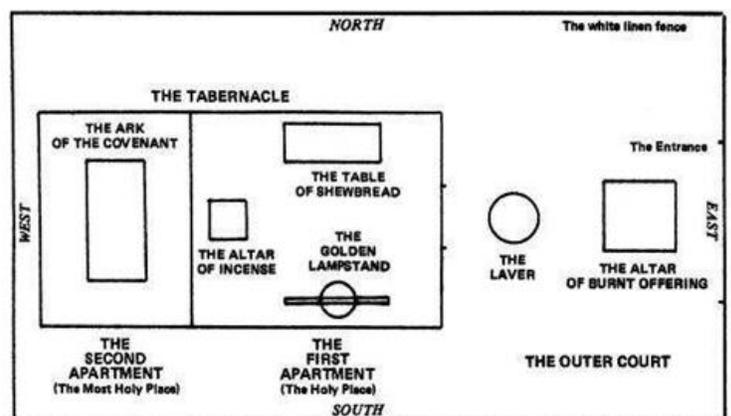


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2. Priests, high priests, and sacrifices? (Heb. 9:6-7)
 - The day of atonement; Yom Kippur. (Lev. 16:11-16)
3. What was the purpose for the holy place, most holy place, priest, high priest, and sacrifices? (Heb. 8-10)
 - Animal sacrifices cleansed the flesh, they could not take away sin. (Heb. 9:13, 10:11)
 - These are pictures of greater heavenly realities. (Heb. 8:5-6; [Col. 2:17])
4. Jesus is our high priest who makes our conscience clean by His blood, therefore representing us to God and God to us. (Heb. 9:11-14, 15, 23-28)
 - Jesus is fully God and fully man. (Heb. 1:2-3, 4:14-16)
 - Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. (Heb. 9:22)
 - Jesus' perfect life provides the perfect sacrifice to cover our sins, therefore giving us perfect presence before God. (Heb 10:19; 2 Cor. 5:21)

E. WHAT DOES JESUS MEDIATE ON OUR BEHALF?

1. Jesus mediates the New Covenant. (Heb. 9:15; Matt. 26:26-29)
2. Jesus mediates prayer. (Heb. 7:25)
3. Jesus mediates the gift of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:7; Ex. 40:34; 1 Peter 2:5)
5. Jesus mediates every spiritual blessing. (Eph. 1:3)

F. WATCH OUT FOR FALSE MEDIATORS!

1. You cannot be a mediator; Jesus is the only mediator. (Eph. 2:8; Jude 1:3; 1 Tim. 2:5; eg. Hinduism, moralism, priests)
2. Mary is not a Co-mediator with Christ. The Roman Catholic church teaches that Mary is a Co-redemptrix with Christ. (1 Tim. 2:5)

G. HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO CHRIST, OUR MEDIATOR? (HEB. 10:19-26)

1. Draw near to God. (10:22)
2. Be grateful for a clean heart and conscience. (10:22)
3. Have full assurance of your faith. (10:22)
4. Hold on to the faithfulness of God. (10:23)
5. Stir up one another to love and good works. (10:24)
6. Gather together often to encourage one another. (10:25)
7. Continue in sanctification; repent of sin. (10:26)