



Lesson 42

Lesson 42: The Saints' Mediator

Scripture: Hebrews 9:15-28

Mediator of the New Covenant (v. 15)

- Jesus Christ is the **ONLY MEDIATOR** between God and man. (1 Tim 2:5)
- Jesus Christ mediated the new covenant **by means of His death**.
- He died for the **redemption** of the transgressions of His people. (Romans 6:23a; Ezekiel 18:4)
- He died for those who are **called**.
- Those who are **called** and **justified** (by the death of Christ) receive the **promise** (Titus 1:1-2) of the **eternal** inheritance. (Matt. 19:29; 25:34; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Rom 8:17)

The Necessity of Death (vv. 16-28)

- ❶ (vv. 16-17) **A Testament (Will) Demands Death**
 - A will (promise, covenant, testament) does not take effect until after the death of the one who made it.
 - We are heirs of God (Romans 8:17) **but** God did not die!
 - **BUT** the Testator **IS** God – God in Christ! (See 2 Corinthians 5:19; John 14:10-11; **1 Timothy 3:16**)
- ❷ (vv. 18-22) **Forgiveness Demands Death (Blood)**
 - Blood is a **symbol** of death.
 - (Exodus 24:6-8) Moses dedicated the *first* covenant with blood.
 - * This was done **before** the priestly sacrifices even began!
 - This “ratification” of the covenant was anticipatory. It was done at the **initiation** of the covenant!
 - Moses also sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry (Exodus 29:12, 36)
 - (Genesis 15) God’s covenant with Abraham was ratified by blood.
 - **BLOOD** was God’s way of showing His people the **seriousness** of sin.

- God set the rules – “The soul that sins must die.”; and He set the rule how one might be saved.
- God **filled** the OLD TESTAMENT with **BLOOD** to prepare us for the BLOOD of Christ. See handout: “**The Trail of Blood**”
- When Christ sat down with His apostles the night before He was to die He said, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for **many** for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)
 - * Note the word “**many**” – see Isaiah 53:11, 12; Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; **Hebrews 9:28**.
- One must remember that BLOOD is a SYMBOL of DEATH. We are SAVED by the **DEATH** of Christ.
- (v. 22) **WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NOT FORGIVENESS. SIN DEMANDS DEATH.** (Ezek 18:4; Romans 6:23a)
 - Nothing but DEATH can atone for sin! NOTHING!
 - God set the rules!
 - This tells us that FORGIVENESS is **COSTLY!**
 - God **does not** look down from heaven and say, “I know that you are only men and that you are weak. Do not worry I am a loving Father. I forgive you your sins.”
 - A holy Father (and Judge) **cannot** do this. He **must** be fully satisfied and **only** the death of Christ satisfies Him.
 - ☆ **GOD IS NOT SATISFIED WITH US.**
 - ☆ **ONE CANNOT COME TO GOD JUST AS HE IS.**
 - ☆ We come to CHRIST just as we are because we have **NOTHING** to bring.
 - ☆ Christ presents us to God **IN HIM** – as He is!!
- (v. 24) Christ entered into the “Holy of Holies” in Heaven – into the very presence of God – **FOR US!**
 - (v. 25) He did it **ONCE** – **never needing to repeat it!**
 - (v. 26) He did it **TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF! He did not cover our sins – He PUT THEM AWAY!**
 - Those who understand the **COST** for his/her forgiveness cannot go on sinning! (Romans 6:1-2; 1 John 3:9)
- ③ (vv. 27-28) **Judgment Demands Death**
 - Our death is **APPOINTED** by God. (Job 7:1; 14:5, 14; 12:10; Psalm 39:4)
 - Judgment is also **APPOINTED** by God. Judgment is by **GOD’S LAW** since He is KING and LAWGIVER. (Isaiah 33:22)

- Judgment **demands** death of a sinner. (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23)
- Like all men, Jesus was **appointed** to DIE ONCE, – but He will never face judgment.
- Christ took upon Himself the sins of His people (“the many”). In taking their sins He also took their judgment! (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Who Are the “Many” in Verse 28? (v. 28)

- Those who **eagerly wait** (to show great care and perseverance in waiting; present tense showing a **continuous** actions) for His **second** coming.
- As the people of old covenant looked with expectation for the high priest come out of the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement (knowing then that God had accepted his offering), so too, God’s people are to look expectantly for His second appearance (Revelation 19:11-16).

Are YOU eagerly awaiting the return of Christ?

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