

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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JESUS, THE MEDIATOR

[part 1 of 2]

* When Christ sat down at the Father's right hand, He had satisfied the claims of Justice, and He became the Mediator between God and man. Jesus is man's mediator for two reasons: because of what He is, and because of what He has done.

First, Jesus is man's mediator by virtue of what He is...He is the union of God and man.

He is the One who existed on an equality with God, made in the likeness of men. Phil. 2:8, 9.

He has bridged the gulf between God and man. He is equal with God, and He is equal with man.

He can represent humanity before God. This however, was not a sufficient ground for a mediation between God and man. Man was an eternal criminal before God. Man was alienated from God, and under the judgment of Satan.

This brings us to our second fact. Jesus is man's mediator because of what He has done.

Col. 1:22, "Yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and without blemish and unprovable through Him."

2 Cor. 5:18, "Who reconciled us unto Himself through Christ."

There could have been no mediator between God and man if there had not been first a Reconciliation made between God and man. Man was unrighteous in His condition of spiritual death. While he was in that condition, He could not approach God. Neither could any Mediator have approached God for him.

Christ has reconciled us unto God through His death on the cross, so that He now presents man holy and without blemish before God. Therefore, man has a right to approach God through Christ, his mediator.

From the fall of man until Jesus sat down at God's right hand, no man had ever approached God except over a bleeding sacrifice, through a Divinely appointed priesthood, or by an angelic visitation or dream.

On the ground of His High Priestly offering of His own Blood, He perfected our Redemption, He satisfied the claims of justice and made it possible for God to legally give man Eternal Life, making him righteous, and giving him a standing as a Son.