

The Need For A Mediator

- Adam and Eve attempted to hide Genesis 3:8-10 (p 3)
- Job wanted a mediator
 Job 9:32-33 (p 584)
- Abraham and Melchizedek
 Genesis 14:19-20 (p 14)
- Moses stood between God and Israel
 Deuteronomy 9 (p 242)

MEDIATOR

What is a MEDIATOR?

Why do we need a MEDIATOR?

<u>Tonight</u>:

What qualifies JESUS to be the MEDIATOR?

What services are performed by JESUS as a MEDIATOR?

"One who helps negotiate between two feuding parties. From the Latin word 'medius,' which means middle. A mediator is to remain in the neutral middle rather than taking one side over another, in order to help both sides resolve a dispute." (Vocabulary.com)

- Old Testament: reason together
- New Testament: a go-between

What conditions mandate mediation?

- ✓A controversy arises between two or more parties
- ✓An obstacle stands in the way of reconciling their differences
- √The relationship between the parties is viewed
 by one or both parties as unequal
- √The spirit of one or both parties prevents their coming together

WHAT CHARACTERISTICS QUALIFY ONE TO BE A MEDIATOR?

He must be a friend to both parties, trusted by both to be objective and concerned for the best interests of both

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He must be completely honest and open in his representation of both parties' issues and needs

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And, he must be willing to work diligently and sacrificially to bring about a peaceful resolution to the matter.

Why Do Believers Need A Mediator?

A conflict has arisen between God and man

Romans 3:23; 6:23

(pp 1296; 1299)

SIN is the obstacle between God and man

It is not an EQUAL relationship

Why Do Believers Need A Mediator?

Why can't humankind directly address God in these matters?

1 Samuel 2:25 (p 313)

Ecclesiastes 6:10 (p 769)

Isaiah 45:9 (p 837)

Romans 9:20 (p 1302)

Our Lesson Tonight will examine:
WHAT QUALIFIES JESUS?
WHAT SERVICE IS PERFORMED?



