

The Wednesday Word, March 27, 2013: Jesus, The Effective Mediator!

If Jesus is to be considered an effective mediator, there are three things He must be able to do. First of all, He must be able to reach down to the lowest of the low and the worst of the worst. Why? It's obvious. If we use a ladder to reach the top of a building, it is of no use if it can't come down to where we are. That's what Jesus did. He reached those who were lowest of the low. That means that there is no sin so terrible that the blood of Christ cannot reach and take it away. Nothing you have done is too powerful for the blood of our mediator. Indeed, a mediator who could not bring the worst of sinners to the Father, is no mediator at all.

We need a mediator who has taken away all our sin. We need a mediator who has fulfilled the Law and removed its curse. We need a mediator who has crushed and defeated Satan. We need a mediator who has actually removed the wrath of God.

A mediator who cannot do these things is of no use to us. Away, therefore, with all these, Popes, Prelates and so called enlightened Prophets who claim to stand between us and God. If they personally can not reach into our ruined estate, and bear personal responsibility for our sins they are no use to us.

But here's the gospel truth. We need no other mediator than Jesus the Christ. He is the true and only mediator for He descended from Heaven, went to the cross and there mediated on our behalf (Hebrews 9:15). What beautiful, powerful and effective mediation.

But not only does a mediator need to be able to reach low enough, the true mediator needs to be able to reach high enough. Can Jesus do that? The true mediator, you see, should be able to take us from the guttermost to the uttermost. But how can any mediator do that? After all, God is so pure that no sin can come into his presence. Ah, but Jesus is qualified to enter into the Father's presence because He is the sinless God/Man. He has brought us with Him to heaven (Ephesians 2:6). He is able to do this because He has paid for our sins and taken them away. His mediation brings us to the Father, in fact, He is the only one who can (1 Timothy 2:5). All prayers to all other mediators are, therefore, vain and useless. With respect, the Virgin Mary can do nothing for us, nor can Joseph or any of the so called saints. They cannot pray for us and bring us to the Father, but Jesus can and does.

So a true mediator need to reach both low enough and high enough, but the True Mediator also needs to be able to reach deep enough. Not only does He bring us to God, he also brings God to us. He reaches deep within us and gives us the Father (John 14:20, 23). We are in Him, and He is in us. In Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). He causes us to live in the reality of the gospel. He brings us the Spirit of Adoption and lets us know that we are now the Children of God (Romans 8:15). What astonishing grace is this?

What other mediators can get low enough, high enough and deep enough. Buddha can't do that, Moses can't, neither can Mohammed. There is no one on earth who comes close to Jesus. There simply are no other players on the field.

And that's the Gospel Truth!