

Jesus Our Sole Mediator III

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In our last article we dealt with the fact that prophecy points to the Messiah as our sole Mediator. It is for that reason that the New Testament confirms Jesus Christ as the only mediator between God and men. There is no room in Scripture for another mediator that can mediate between sinful man and a holy, loving, and gracious God. For example, you look at the first part of the Law, that is, the Ten Commandments, and you can clearly see that God is a jealous God that He wants worship and praise for Him alone, and no one else. In Exodus 20:3-5 it says, *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...”* To further the point, the Lord himself states in Isaiah 42:8, *“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”*

So therefore, what does God mean in the above reference? Well, it means that our worship, praise, and prayer should be to God alone. We cannot use these idols or images to mediate between us and God. Jesus said in John 4:24, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* We cannot use visual aids to worship God. We must worship God only through the way that He has allowed and established, and as it is explained in the Scriptures. And the Scriptures teach that it is through Jesus Christ alone.

Regardless what religious man might say, do, or teach, we must take heed to what the Bible says. The only way to approach God is through none other than Jesus Christ our Lord. It is for that reason that the Scriptures exalt only the name of Jesus. God has already said in His Word that only the name of Jesus has been given through which we must be saved (see Acts 4:12).

As you read and study the Bible, you will notice that the Apostles and disciples of our Lord preached none other name but Jesus. They did not go around preaching or teaching other mediators with “Christian” names. They preached Christ alone as mediator (see Acts, and 1 Tim. 2:5).

When Paul the Apostle spoke to those on Mars Hill, he said, *“...ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious (religious). For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men’s hands...Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of god, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead”* (Acts 17:22-31).

The people of Athens had an idol for everything and anything. No doubt they thought that they were worshipping God through such work of men's hands. But according to Paul and the Scriptures, they were wrong, regardless whether they were doing it sincerely. Unfortunately they were sincerely wrong as it has been stated before.

Since God is a powerful and loving God, He wants worship, praise, and prayer to be directed to Him alone, through Jesus. He is powerful enough to hear the prayers of everyone and anyone that comes to Him through Jesus. There is no need to go to anyone else in prayer. First of all because they cannot hear the prayers offered to them. Second of all, they cannot answer any prayer. And third of all, praying to others is not Scriptural. It goes against the Bible and His Word.

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