

Theme: Question 25: Who is the Redeemer and Mediator, the perfectly righteous God-Man? The only Redeemer and Mediator between God and humanity is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God who became human for us and for our salvation.

## I. Intro - Groundhog Day Again!

- A. Groundhog Day movie - same day over and over again
- B. Bill Murray does things better, becomes a better man
- C. We are living in a Groundhog Day of sorts - our culture more closely resembles the culture of the 1st century
- D. The message of Christianity seems strange today - but it did back then as well! - see Theme

## II. Our Need: A Redeemer and Mediator

- A. We need a Redeemer and Mediator because of our sin  
But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2
  - 1. We were created to know, love, glorify, and enjoy God, now and forever.
  - 2. But sin separated us from God
  - 3. While it is true that sins cause us to hide from God, this is NOT the ultimate issue.
  - 4. Sin causes God to hide His face of blessing from us and turn away from us and not hear us.
  - 5. By His own nature, the Perfectly Holy God must and will always judge and punish all sin.
  - 6. In a sense it is a blessing that God turns His face away from sinful, unredeemed humans - if He did not they would immediately be judged, punished, and destroyed.

- B. This is why we need a Mediator between us and God  
For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men — the testimony given in its proper time. 1 Timothy 2:5–6
  - 1. Paul assumes we need a Mediator between us and God
  - 2. This is because the entire Old Testament sacrificial system points to the requirement for sin to be atoned for by a sacrifice
  - 3. Our sin requires a ransom be paid so that we might be released from our debt and reunited with God.

## III. The Answer: Christ the Only Redeemer & Mediator

- A. Jesus is the ONLY Savior, Redeemer, Mediator  
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  - 1. Jesus is not 'A' Mediator - He is the ONLY Mediator
  - 2. This is a point made over and over again in the NT  
For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5  
  
Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12  
  
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

- a. There are not many mediators - ONLY Jesus
- b. There are not many Saviors - ONLY Jesus
- c. There are not many ways to the Father - ONLY Jesus

3. Many today hate this idea, but it is clearly taught in the New Testament - that is beyond question!

**B. This exclusivity is based on the requirements for the Mediator and Redeemer**

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- 1. One God, One Mediator
- 2. The Mediator must pay the ransom for our sin
  - a. This is required because of God's character
  - b. This is required because of human nature & call
  - c. This requires infinite ransom for infinite sin and debt
- 3. This is why Jesus is the ONLY Mediator - no one else can meet the requirements to Mediate
- 4. Other religions have different ways of salvation because they have different gods, different understandings of sin, and therefore different requirements for salvation.
- 5. This is why statements that all religions are basically the same are utterly false - they differ on every key question!

- 6. This is why we must think carefully through what the Bible teaches about God, about humanity, about sin - they necessarily determine the truth about the nature of salvation.

**C. Christ is the only Mediator for believers as well!**

- 1. This has implications for after we become believers as well!
- 2. Christ is the only Mediator between you and God!
- 3. Over time the Church began to think of Jesus as more and more distant from us - and thought we needed a Mediator between us and Him!
- 4. This led to thinking of saints and especially Mary as Mediators as well - but there is only one Mediator!
- 5. Many Protestants treat pastors/elders as de facto mediators - but there is only one Mediator!
- 6. Every single believer in this room has the same access to God through the only Mediator - Jesus!

**IV. Applying the Word**

**A. Do I know Jesus is the ONLY Redeemer & Mediator?**

- 1. This idea was uncontroversial until recently
- 2. But now the average American finds this highly offensive - just like Biblical morality is now seen as bigoted
- 3. But these things were viewed the same way in the 1st Century! It is not really new!
- 4. Do I know deep in my bones that Jesus is the ONLY Redeemer and Mediator?

5. I have taken these weeks to go over this point by point so that we understand WHAT the Scripture teaches and WHY
6. Don't let the culture brainwash you through its constant drumbeat of no truth, no holiness, a false view of love, a denial of sin, and a denial of Jesus as the only way!
7. Renew your mind through the Word of God!

#### B. Am I living in light of Jesus the only Mediator?

1. Have I personally responded to the Gospel?
  - a. You and I need a Mediator for our sin!
  - b. Don't assume "it will all just work out in the end"
  - c. Look to Christ in faith today!
2. Am I engaged in the mission to spread this news to others?
  - a. Am I praying for others to come to Christ?
 

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1Tim 2:1-4

    1. Paul had been talking about prayer, and all people needing to be saved - only through Jesus
    2. Am I praying consistently and fervently for the Gospel to spread to the lost?
    3. Is my BIGGEST concern in praying for our country that the Gospel would prosper - or politics, economics, and personal comfort?

#### b. Am I sharing the Gospel with others?

And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. <sup>1</sup> Timothy 2:7

1. This is why Paul was a herald - to tell others about the ONLY Redeemer and Mediator
2. He told this to the Gentiles - who believed there were many gods and many ways to the gods
3. We have the same call today - to speak the truth of the Gospel in love to our unbelieving family and friends
4. Am I telling others about Jesus?
5. Many are more open than we think - reach out!
6. Am I willing to be laughed at or put down for being bigoted so that others can hear?

#### 3. Let's engage on mission together!

#### C. The Redeemers Table

1. We come to this Table to celebrate Jesus our Redeemer and Mediator
2. All who trust in Him are welcome to come!

### Jesus Christ - The Only Redeemer and Mediator

1 Timothy 2:5-7  
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 Communion  
 Galatians 4:4-6

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But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba , Father.” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:4-6

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