

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

HEBREWS 9:15 – PART I

Hebrews 9:15 “For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”

There are two important statements made by the holy writer here in Hebrews 9:15. He writes that Christ is your “mediator” and “ransom.” Today’s devotion will discuss with you Christ, your mediator. Tomorrow’s devotion will discuss Christ “died as a ransom.”

In the secular world, mediators are used frequently in labor and legal disputes. They can also be enlisted in assisting families or individuals to resolve conflicts. A mediator is enlisted to assist two or more parties find a solution to a disagreement, dispute, conflict, etc.

The author of Hebrews says here in verse 15 that Jesus is “your mediator.” He is, the writer states, “the mediator of a new covenant.” The first question that must be asked and answered is, who are the two parties that are in conflict with each other? The answer is Almighty God and all human beings. God, who creates all human beings, has insisted that they obey Him perfectly. Unfortunately, all human beings disobey Him. Left unresolved, God will condemn all human beings to eternal death in hell.

Who then is the mediator God has appointed to bring about resolution of this conflict? To serve as mediator between Himself and all human beings God sent His Son Jesus. “. . . there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus . . .” (1 Timothy 2:5-6) God sent Jesus to carry out this most important work because “God our Savior. . . wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Jesus is God’s representative to man, bringing and speaking to sinful man God’s undeserved love and fervent desire to forgive their sins. He in turn as a perfect human being, takes the confession of sins spoken from the hearts of human beings

to His heavenly Father pleading Him to forgive them because of His sacrifice on Calvary's cross. In summary, Jesus as mediator reveals God's truth, brings deliverance to human beings from sin and ruin, and confers upon them God's gift of eternal life. He perfectly represents Yahweh to you and is your perfect High Priest to present you to God for His forgiveness.

Prayer: Thank You Jesus that through You I am able to come into the very presence of God. As my mediator thank You Yahweh and me back together again.

Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.
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