

Mediator(Heb. 12:24)

3316. mesith' mesitēs; from 3319; *an arbitrator, a mediator*:— mediator(6).

{ Strongs Concordance }

MEDIATOR

mesites (3316), lit., “a go-between” (from *mesos*, “middle,” and *eimi*, “to go”), is used in two ways in the NT, (a) “one who mediates” between two parties with a view to producing peace, as in 1 Tim. 2:5, though more than mere “mediatorship” is in view, for the salvation of men necessitated that the Mediator should Himself possess the nature and attributes of Him towards whom He acts, and should likewise participate in the nature of those for whom He acts (sin apart); only by being possessed both of deity and humanity could He comprehend the claims of the one and the needs of the other; further, the claims and the needs could be met only by One who, Himself being proved sinless, would offer Himself an expiatory sacrifice on behalf of men; (b) “one who acts as a guarantee” so as to secure something which otherwise would not be obtained. Thus in Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24 Christ is the Surety of “the better covenant,” “the new covenant,” guaranteeing its terms for His people.

In Gal. 3:19 Moses is spoken of as a “mediator,” and the statement is made that “a mediator is not a mediator of one,” v. 20, that is, of one party. Here the contrast is between the promise given to Abraham and the giving of the Law. The Law was a covenant enacted between God and the Jewish people, requiring fulfillment by both parties. But with the promise to Abraham, all the obligations were assumed by God, which is implied in the statement, “but God is one.”¶ In the Sept., Job 9:33, daysman.¶ { Vine’s Expository }

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ⁷ If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

Then they killed Jesus Christ. Which the forces of darkness hoped would accomplish two things;

1. Keep them from being exposed any further.
2. Remove the people’s hope of obtaining a covenant with God.

But instead their plan (plan of Satan), backfired. They were further exposed, and our hope is secure in Christ!

Mark 15:38 *And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.*

Heb. 10:19 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹And having an high priest over the house of God; ²²Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

We Can Obtain the New Covenant!

It didn't take man too long to stray from the relationship God intended to have with him. We see the peaceful beauty of the garden experience unfold in Genesis. Then we see the influence of evil interrupting that precious harmony. That evil has continued to influence man, causing an adhering to practices other than those prescribed by God. The following scripture shows Jesus exposing some of the false religion practiced by the religious leaders of the time.

Matt. 21:12 *And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,*¹³ *And said unto them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.***¹⁴ *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*¹⁵ *And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,*¹⁶ *And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?***

These religious leaders felt that Jesus must be stopped so that their false religion wouldn't be completely exposed, removing their dominance of the people, and keeping them in the realm of death.

It is true that man had covenanted with death (through Satan), but God had made a new covenant with man, and had plans of making the enemies of his people footstools for them;

Psl. 110:1 *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*² *The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

Matt. 22:36 *For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

But man was far from perfect, and unable to secure this New Covenant...

Rom. 3:10 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

We needed a means to obtain this new covenant of eternal life.

Heb. 10:12 *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*¹³ *From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*¹⁴ *For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.*¹⁵ *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,*¹⁶ *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*¹⁷ *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*¹⁸ *Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*