

Sole Mediator II
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One of the greatest truths found in the Bible is the fact that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. The Lord uplifts this truth in many different ways throughout the Scriptures. Unfortunately though, man will always try to look through some other means to try to get to heaven. Man looks to their own works to try to gain access to heaven, or even by praying to people that have existed throughout history that perhaps, they think, have an exalted position in heaven. And so they believe that it will be much easier to pray to them than to God because God might be too busy answering the prayers of the other millions of people throughout the world. One of the most common mediators that man has so publicly began to look unto has been death itself. I say that because quite too often I see vehicles with a car decal that says "She protects me and God guides me," or vice a versa. "She," refers to death because the car decal has a picture of the grim reaper.

Man is so infatuated with death these days that they worship it by placing the image of death on their person, and even on their clothes. But even though they try to use death as a mediator, death will not save them. No doubt that they will meet death, but unfortunately it will not be so pleasant to them as they think. At the local grocery store I noticed that a lady had a few candles with her. Unfortunately the candles had the image of death on them. No doubt she was on her way to pray to death. My prayer for them is that they would know Jesus as Lord and Savior before they die.

One thing is clear in the Scriptures, Jesus is the ONLY mediator between God and man (John 14:1-6, Romans 10:6-17, Acts 4:12). If anyone wants to have their sins forgiven, they must ask Jesus and ONLY Jesus. And, if anyone wants to have their prayers heard, they must pray to Jesus and ONLY to Jesus. What do you think a mediator is!

One of the ways this truth is shown is through prophecy. The prophet Isaiah wrote about the sufferings of the Messiah almost seven hundred and fifty years prior to the birth of Jesus. Notice how Isaiah wrote about the Messiah being the only mediator. He wrote in Isaiah 53:3-9 the following: "**He** is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces **from him**; **he** was despised, and we esteemed **him** not. Surely **he hath borne our grief's**, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem **him** stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But **he was wounded** for our transgressions, **he was bruised** for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was **upon him**; and **with his stripes** we are healed....the LORD hath laid **on him** the iniquity of us all. **He was oppressed**, and **he was afflicted**, yet **he** opened not his mouth: **he** is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so **he** openeth not his mouth. **He** was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For **he** was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my

*people was **he** stricken. And **he** made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in **his** death; because **he** had done no violence, neither was any deceit in **his** mouth.”*

Did Isaiah say mention anyone else as mediator? No. According to Isaiah 53, the Messiah and only the Messiah was going to die for our sins. Therefore, you cannot go to any other “mediator” that either you or anyone else has set up because according to Scripture, Jesus is the sole mediator that has been established between God and men. Isaiah 42:8 says, “*I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*”

I mention the above because of the fact that there are millions upon millions of people that sincerely believe that their much prayers are heard because of the idols they have and pray to. But unfortunately they are not because according to the Bible, Jesus is the only mediator (Acts 4:12, 1 Timothy 2:5).