

Morning Sermon Outline – August 27, 2017

“One God, One Mediator...” 1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJ)

I. One God –

For there is one God ... (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJ)

1. *Note this passage is not saying God is One, that is a great truth, taught in Deuteronomy 6:4 - "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! (Deuteronomy 6:4 NKJ)*
2. *This passage is teaching another great truth and that is that there is only ONE, true and living God - ... **there is one God**
*This is an extremely important truth to know because there are many false “gods” and false lying versions of who and what God is**

A. There are idols, which are not God -

But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine.⁹ Silver is beaten into plates; It is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, The work of the craftsman and of the hands of the metalsmith; blue and purple are their clothing; they are all the work of skillful men.¹⁰ But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. (Jeremiah 10:8-10 NKJ)

B. There are false concepts of the Living and True God –

And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" (Exodus 32:4 NKJ)

In our day of political correctness, we are told by an ungodly world that every concept of God is equal. We are told, the great sin is to claim we are right about God, while other people are wrong. The

great LIE of Satan is that every concept of God must be considered equally valid.

If you think of the implication of such thinking, the implication is God is not real. Why? Because real things and real people have definite attributes. They have these real attributes even when we do not know what all their attributes are ---

Our God is real and has real attributes –

WSC 4 What is God? A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. (WSC 1:4 WCS)

Even if I am wrong about God, that does not mean a real God does not have real attributes ...

II. One Mediator –

and one Mediator between God and men... (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJ)

1. *We NEED a Mediator, why? We are in deep trouble as sinners:*

A. Sin deserves God's wrath -

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,... (Romans 1:18 NKJ)

B. Sinners do and will receive God's wrath, there is no escaping this apart from Christ, our Mediator –

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!¹⁷ "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17 NKJ)

2. *This passage tells us there is only ONE MEDIATOR – and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*

This is like what we read in other passages of Scripture –

A. *One way to the father, to Heaven –*
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJ)

B. *One Name by which we may be saved –*
"let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.¹¹ "This is the `stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'¹² "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:10-12 NKJ)

3. *Again this goes against the teaching of the politically correct, false churches and cults ...*

III. *The Man –*
the Man ... (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJ)

1. *He became a man to sympathize with our plight -*
Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His brethren*, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining to God*, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Heb. 2:17-18 NKJ)

2. *He was like us in all ways except sin -*
For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15 NKJ)

3. *Only a man could be man's federal head and die for men's sins -*
For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)

4. *Without perfect obedience, and an atoning death of a Man.*
Mankind was lost, He took our sins upon Himself, that His righteousness might be imputed to us -

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:8 NKJ)

IV. *Christ – a title meaning, the Anointed One –*

1. *Anointed with God's Spirit –*
2. *Anointed Prophet, Priest and King –*
3. *This anointing corresponded to our NEEDS:*

Our recovery of God's image in Christ, speaks to how this image had been distorted by sin -
and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians. 4:24 NKJ)

and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, (Colossians 3:10 NKJ)

Because of sin, our original innocence was made sin, our holiness was replaced unfaithfulness and idolatry and knowledge of God became ignorance...

A. *Christ as Prophet speaks to our lack of knowledge of God –*
John 1:18; 17:3

B. *Christ as Priest offers up the sacrifice that saves us from sin –*
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is holy*, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, *appoints* the Son who has been perfected forever. (Hebrews 7:25-28 NKJ)

C. *Christ as King rules our hearts in such a way that we become truly faithful followers and servants of God – Revelation 17:14*

V. *Jesus –*

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21 NKJ)

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