**R984 Rumination for Dec. 3, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **One God and One Mediator** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *There is* ***one God, and one Mediator*** *between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;* I Tim. 2:5

The **T**hots:

1. **The Will of God.**
2. The **S**alvation of All – **S**aved from what?
3. **S**aved from **S**in – we are **S**inners!
4. The **S**in **P**rinciple **P**assed to us through **P**arental Inheritance. Rom. 5:12

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

*and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

1. The **S**in **P**enalty on the Impenitent **S**inners – *The wages of sin is death;* Rom. 6:23
2. The **S**in **P**icture in **P**hysical Death. Jn 8:24

*Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.*

1. **S**aved from **S**atan – we are **S**atan’s children.
2. We **D**eceive – *Ye are of your father the devil… he is a liar, and the father of it* Jn. 8:44
3. We **D**isobey – *in time past ye walked according to*…*the children of disobedience.* Eph. 2:2
4. We **D**o not righteousness – *whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God* I John 3:10
5. **S**aved from Self – we are **S**laves to **S**elf.
6. To **W**ill is **P**resent – …*to will is present with me;* Rom. 7:18a
7. To **W**ork it out, we are **P**owerless – *but how to perform that which is good I find not*. 7:18b
8. It is **W**retched being in such a **P**osition. Rom. 7:24

*…wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

1. The **S**ecuringof the Truth.
2. The **P**roclamation of Truth – … *grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.* Jn. 1:17
3. The **P**erson of Truth – *Jesus saith…* *I am the way, the truth, and the life:* Jn. 14:6
4. The **P**roduct of Truth – *…ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* Jn.8:32
5. **The Way of God.**
6. The Singulari**ty** of the Way.
7. For God – only one way to Save Sinners, through… Rom. 3:24-26

*…Christ Jesus, Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood…*

1. For Christ – only one way to Save – *Who gave Himself a ransom for all…* I Tim. 2:6
2. For Us – only one way to be Saved. Rom. 3:28

 *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

1. The Difficul**ty** of the Way Mt. 7:13, 14, NKJV
2. The **W**ay is narrow – *Enter by the narrow gate…And there are few who find it…*
3. *There is a* ***W****ay that seemeth right unto a man, but the end…the ways of death.* Cf.Pro. 16:25

*…for* ***W****ide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction* Mt. 7:13

1. The Necessi**ty** of the Way
2. Only One Way *–* Jn. 14:6

*Jesus saith…I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*

1. Only One Name – Acts 4:12

*…there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

1. Only One Mediator - I Tim. 2:5

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;*

1. **The Wrath of God…**
2. On the Wicked **P**eople – *God is angry with the wicked every day.* Psa. 7:11
3. For the **P**resent – *he that believeth not the Son…the wrath of God abideth on him.* Jn. 3:36
4. In the **P**rospective Future – II Thes. 1:8-10

*In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel*

*of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction….*

Con.: The **P**revailing Challenge – *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him?* Heb. 2:3

*Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, for we A mediator have in Thee.*

*Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit but endless pain.*

 *Have mercy, Lord!* Martin Luther

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 984**

1. Why is God’s wrath with us?
2. Because of what we are, Rom. 5:12, 16

*12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

*and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

1. Because of what we do, Rom. 1:18, 29-32

*18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*

*30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,*

*31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

*32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

1. Because of what we do not do.
2. We do not love the Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 16:22

*If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.*

1. We know not God. II Thes. 1:8a

*In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God…*

1. We Obey not the Gospel. II Thes. 1:8b

*…and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

1. We Believe not on Christ. Jn. 16:8, 9 cf. 3:18, 36
* *And when He* (Holy Spirit) *is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me* (Jesus);
* Cf. *He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.* Jn. 3:18
* *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him*. Jn. 3:36

Have you really believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Mediator to escape the wrath of God? If so, have you the assurance, that indeed your sins have been forgiven and that you have escaped the wrath of God? **REFLECT**

1. At the time of writing, Israel is at war with the terrorist group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Both warring parties have called for a pause in fighting for a few days to allow for the exchange of hostages on either side. This has been made possible by the mediatorship of Qatar.

However, this is a very fragile peace arrangement, and at any time (perhaps even before this rumination is posted out) the truce may be broken and both parties will be back to their battle stations. This is because Qatar is not in a position able to control the two parties concerned and at any time when one party makes a wrong move, the other party will quickly jump on it and the battle between the two will commence once again.

It is so unlike the Mediatorship of Jesus between God and Man. He has paid the price of man’s sin and penalty bearing man’s punishment on the cross, that God today can look on Him and see His Spotless, Sinless Son in man to be able to forgive him and to receive him back to His fold. There is no other Mediator in the world and in time who can do this.

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

*Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.* I Tim. 2:5, 6

Do you have such a Mediator? Do you know if your sins are forgiven? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:** *To be the* ***M****ediator, Jesus had to ascend* ***M****t. Calvary to* ***M****ediate between God and* ***M****an.*