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Heb 8:6 [NAS 95] But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

Job 9:33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

*[YLT] If there were between us an umpire, He doth place his hand on us both.*

From the earliest of recorded time, for Job was a contemporary of Abraham, there was a cry from the heart of man for a mediator. This word is used, with various translations, some 55 times in the Old Testament. The first time is found Gen. 20, where the thought according to Barnes Notes is, “Unto all that are with thee.” All her family were concerned in this public vindication of her character. “And all this that thou mayest be righted.”

Gen 20:16 [Amp] And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given this brother of yours a thousand pieces of silver; see, it is to compensate you <for all that has occurred> and to vindicate your honor before all who are with you; before all men you are cleared and compensated.

I Tim 2:5 [NAS 95] For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

The God-Man Mediator

This New Covenant is not a remodeled Old Covenant. Jesus did not come to fix up the old man, the carnal nature, but to bury it. The Word tells us, you cannot put a new cloth in an old garment, nor new wine in an old wineskin.

Eph 4:17-24

v. 19 (NLT) They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

v. 22 (Amp) Strip yourselves of your former nature <put off and discard your old unrenewed self> which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; 23 And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind <having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude>, 24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, <Godlike> in true righteousness and holiness.

Heb 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 (NLT) Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Heb 4:14-16

v. 15 (Message) We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. 16 (NLT) So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Heb 6:16-20

v. 17 (RSV) So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed *[confirmed]* with an oath,

v. 20 [NAS 95] where Jesus has entered as a forerunner *[one who comes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow]* for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

Heb 9:13-15

v. 15 (NLT) That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

Heb 12:24 [Amp.] And to Jesus, the Mediator (Go-between, Agent) of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks [of mercy], a better *and* nobler *and* more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for vengeance]. *[Gen 4:9, 10]*