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The Heart's Cry for Christ

Job cried out for a Daysman, a Mediator between himself and God. His suffering was not linked to this universal need of mankind and thus his cry, though valid for all to make, was not the answer to his suffering. In his cry Job did not understand that his cry was truly a heart's cry for Christ. Smick writes:

We should not infer from this that the Book of Job here is directly predictive of the NT doctrine of Christ as mediator. For one thing Job was not looking for a mediator to forgive him of his sins so that he might be received by God; Job was yearning for a mediator who could prove that he was innocent and could somehow be effective with God despite his infinite power and wisdom. But having said that, we have here a rudimentary idea that is certainly evocative of that NT concept. Even here in the Book of Job the idea will move on to greater ramifications in 16:20–21 and 19:25–26 (912).

Indeed that for which Job longed—one who can relate to both God and man—is only found in Christ. Without the union of the humanity of Christ together with His undiminished Deity, there is no Mediator, Savior, or Redeemer.

Job understood the base need of man while not knowing fully the concept of a coming Messiah. Scholars today still investigate the concept behind Job's cry as they search for the understanding of Christ as the God/man. Chafer notes:

The whole truth relative to the Christ has not been reached when perchance His essential Deity has been demonstrated; nor has it been reached when a similar demonstration of His essential humanity has been made. The Christ of God is the incomparable-and to no small degree, the unknowable-combination of these two natures. The weighing of that which is divine, or that which is human in the God-man-apart from natural limitations on the part of the student-is comparatively an uncomplicated matter. Endless complexity arises when these two natures combine in one person, as they do in Christ (132).

How much more so today, while Christ is fulfilling His mediatorial work on behalf of mankind, should one's heart cry for Christ?

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Sunday's Sermons:

***A.M. — One Step at a Time: Believe
Matthew 9:27-31***

***P.M. — Judas Iscariot, The Traitor
Matthew 10:1-4***