BA51. Knowing Yeshua as the One Mediator Between God and Man.

We are to know Yeshua as the One Mediator between God and Man.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For God is one; and there is but one Mediator between God and humanity, Yeshua the Messiah, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom on behalf of all, thus providing testimony to God's purpose at just the right time.

Hebrews 8:6

But now the work Yeshua has been given to do is far superior to theirs, just as the covenant he mediates is better. For this covenant has been given as Torah on the basis of better promises.

Hebrews 9:15

It is because of this death that he is mediator of a new covenant [or will]. Because a death has occurred which sets people free from the transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

<u>Galatians</u> 1:1, 3:19 <u>Hebrews</u> 12:24

Related New Testament Mitzvot

None

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

None

Comment

A mediator is someone who brings two parties together into agreement. Before their expulsion from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve did not need a mediator to converse with God because God and they were in close covenantal relationship. However, as a consequence of Adam's breach of covenant, humanity became more distant from God so, whereas God could speak directly to whomever He wished, most men had to communicate through a priestly mediator of God's choosing. God's covenant with men changed several times over the years as God graciously sought to bring men closer to him. To assist, He selected priests to serve him – priests such as Abraham, Moses, Aaron, David, and many others. The priesthood of Aaron we know

about, but we do not usually think of Abraham, Moses, and David as being priests; yet they were because they fulfilled the priestly role of representing mankind to God and God to mankind. We read in <u>Jeremiah 31</u> that when the Israelites violated their Covenant with God, God mercifully saw fit to give them a New and better Covenant, whereby God's own son Yeshua came to earth, became High Priest and, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, became the "one [and only] Mediator between God and humanity" (<u>1 Timothy 2:5</u>).

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