

First Baptist Poinciana
Message Series
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"All About Jesus"

Message 3: Christ's Appearance in the Old Testament

Series Term Review:

Pre-Incarnate _____
Pre-Existence _____
Incarnate _____
Eternality _____
Kenosis _____
Hypostatic Union _____

Today's Term:

Christophany _____

(John 5:39)

Names of Pre-Incarnate (before birth) Appearances of God the Son (Jesus)

1. The Angel of the Lord = Jesus
 2. The Angel of God = Jesus
- Both represent the pre-incarnate manifestation of Christ on earth.

Examples of Christophany:

1. Appearance to Jacob (Gen. 32:22-32)
2. Appearance to Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15)
3. Appearance to Hagar (Gen. 16:7-14)
4. Appearance to Abraham & Issac (Gen. 22:11-18)
5. Appearance to Jacob (Gen. 31: 11-13)
6. Appearance to Moses (Exodus 3:2-6)

Important Note: This does not mean that Jesus was an angel - nor was He ever. The term angel in Hebrew is - *Malak* - Meaning = a messenger. Jesus was, is now and forever will be.

John 8:58
Micah 5:2
John 1:14
John 1:1-4

Melchizedek - A Christophany. (Genesis 14:18-20)

- Melchizedek means - “King of Righteousness”
- A King & High Priest (at once)
 - A King rules over people
 - A High Priest mediates between God and man.
- No Jew ever held both positions.

Hebrews 6:20

- “High Priest Forever” - No human lives forever.
- The term “order” shows Christ’s eternity to -forever-

Hebrews 7:3:

- Melchizedek has no mother, no father, and no genealogy.
- This person is without beginning of days or end of life. (Jesus)
- No human can fill these rolls
 - Eternal, Preexistent, no mother, no father, no beginning & no ending.

The Christophany of Melchizedek:

1. King of Righteousness - Genesis 14:17-19
Jesus is our Righteous King - Revelation 19:11; 16 (King & Judge)
2. Bringer of Peace - Isaiah 9:6 || Prophetic of Christ’s Kingdom (peace/justice)
3. High Priest - was the mediator between God and man - Genesis 14:18-20
Jesus is now our High Priest/Mediator - 1 Timothy 2:5

Jesus was - Jesus Is - Jesus forever will be. The eternity of Christ Jesus.

God’s people must know the truth: **Hosea 4:6**

“The scripture is our inexhaustible textbook, the Lord Jesus our boundless subject, and the Holy Spirit our divine infinite helper” - Charles Spurgeon

Jesus is the theme - All About Jesus.

Jesus our Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

What is a mediator?

- Sinful people (humanity) stands condemned under the righteous wrath of Holy God.
- Only Christ Jesus: the God-Man (hypostatic union) can reconcile us (Bring us together) to God.
- Because of Jesus divine nature - He is Sinless
- Because of His human nature - He serves as the sacrifice in our place - Jesus became our ransom (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- 1 Timothy 2:6 - points that Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all - Meaning that He paid the price for everyone's sin. - Everyone -

Theology Term: Unlimited Atonement. - salvation through Christ is available to all people by calling on the name of Jesus for forgiveness of sin by faith.

Why is it Important?

1. God's judgment against sinful humanity has been completely satisfied through Christ's sin-bearing work on the cross. (Salvation provided)
2. But, to receive the benefits of this sacrifice (salvation) you must personally receive Christ's payment by faith.
3. There is only one way - one Mediator - Jesus.

There is a beautiful picture of our transformed life in Christ hidden in a passage - Psalm 22:6 (the scarlet worm)

As Christmas approaches we need to accept Christ's gift of salvation and new life, and / or re-center our life on knowing more about Christ, living a life please to Him.