

after. Oh seek it. You may now begin to sun yourself in its light. For, sinner as you are, there is a mediator. There is one who will come between you and God, making a union full and perfect between you! For

II. There is one mediator between God and man.

A mediator is one whose office it is to stand between two contending parties in order to bring about reconciliation. Suppose two friends are foolish enough to quarrel. One conceives it better, wiser, and happier, to live in peace and fellowship. But he dare not visit his former friend with whom he has differed, for enmity is between them; and he whose favour and love he seeks hides his countenance from him. But there is a third one who is known to both. Neither has a quarrel with this third one. *He* can be sent. The man who wants his old friend back again may send a common friend to make up the quarrel, and bring back the hand of present enmity into future love and peace. Oh, my fellow sinner, you may be reconciled to your God. For there is a mediator. You have been seeking, perhaps, in trembling, heartbroken fear, the friendship of your God. Or you may be among those who scoff and sneer at the idea of becoming one of God's children, and living the only wise life. It matters not which, to your God. *He* wants your love. *He* was the first to think about making up the difference between you and him, *He* sent his Son, and that Son is the mediator. *He* comes through his Spirit proclaiming reconciliation by the apostle Paul—"As though God did beseech you by us; we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. v. 20, 21). This is the attitude in which God stands to every perishing sinner. *He* stands stretching out his hands, crying, "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walked in a way which was not good, after their own thoughts; a people that provoketh me continually to anger to my face" (Is. lxv. 2, 3). *He* is seeking now your friendship through the mediator. Your sins he makes no barrier. They are washed away in the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. Do you hear, oh my fellow sinner? Your God it is, who seeks your friendship. There is a mediator between God and man. And God sent that mediator. How is it with you? Are you prepared to bear the condemnation, of mercy offered by your God but refused by you? Surely not.