

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Good and Evil

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## **We Need a Mediator**

**Job 9:32-35**

*The first and clearest reason we need a mediator with God is that He is holy, and we are not. Everything about Him is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and more glorious than we can even withstand. Without a mediator, we simply cannot come into His presence.*

**Discussion 1. Has our contemporary church culture helped you or hindered you in your understanding of the Holiness of God? Explain your answer.**

*God is spirit, and our \_\_\_\_\_ with Him must therefore be in spirit and truth. This means (1) we need a mediator and (2) it is less about the words we use and more about our hearts.*

**Discussion 2. In your prayers, have you ever been so lost in emotions that words simply would not come? What can you do in your prayer time at that point? How can you continue to sit with God without talking?**

*Coming into the presence of God in any genuine sense will always produce fear in us. Being \_\_\_\_\_ by that \_\_\_\_\_ is a natural response. This is another reason we need a mediator.*

**Discussion 3. Can you recall a relationship in your life where the “power balance” was so bad that you were unable to communicate effectively? How can an objective third-party help balance that power?**

*As our mediator, Jesus bridges the holiness gap, the communication gap, and the fear gap between us and God. But there is a cost to us for this mediation: \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 4. Is the concept of Jesus as “mediator” one you find helpful in talking with friends or family who are not Christ followers? Why or why not?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**