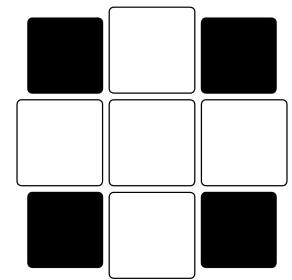


The Need of the Incarnation

Scripture: **Job 9:33**

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Overview

While we all have different views on and experiences with the Christmas season, all of us have a tendency to separate the Christmas celebration from the reason Christ came. The danger in this is it reveals that we no longer feel our need for a Savior, leading to a lack of affection for Jesus. We must see both our need and the salvation that God offers in Christ. **The need of the incarnation was to bring about reconciliation.** As we dwell on that reality, we are called to respond in faith and faithfulness.

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 1:21-22, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Ephesians 2:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Discussion Questions

1. How do you view the Christmas season? Do you enjoy all the celebration or does it tend to be a difficult time for you?
2. Why do you think there is such a pull culturally to over-emphasize the more trivial aspects of Christmas and de-emphasize the purpose of Christ's coming? This even happens in the church—why do you think this is?
3. What is the role of an arbiter? Why can Jesus be the only true arbiter between us and God?
4. How does seeing our need for reconciliation lead us into deeper affection for Jesus? What lie are we believing when we elevate the Christmas “cheer” over the incarnation?
5. We're called to respond to this glorious gift of salvation with faith. What does that look like? What should characterize our faith?
6. What does it mean that we now have the ministry of reconciliation? How does God reconciling us to himself motivate us in this task?