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DAILY DEVOTION BE HEAVEN'S AMBASSADOR

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2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJ

[20] Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God

An ambassador is a resident representative for the head of state of their own country.

As citizens of Heaven, we are authorized to represent our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, here on Earth.

An ambassador is a very important person. Unless they do their job correctly, misunderstanding can easily develop -- and possibly even war.

This is Heaven's problem. Its ambassadors have not always clearly communicated the correct message to Earth's inhabitants. That is why so many people are "at war with God" instead of enjoying the blessings of peace with God.

The problem comes from people misunderstanding God, and not realizing the sin problem has already been dealt with in Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NLT 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The logic supporting the plea in verse 20, to be reconciled to God, is found in verse 21: the sin separating us from God has been dealt with through Christ. So we no longer need to hide from God, or fear His judgment. Instead, we can enjoy His gift of being made right with Him.

A good ambassador for Heaven must know the message of God, and speak His message -- accurately. One way of determining the accurate message of Jesus Christ is found in John 8:31-32. Jesus said His message would make people free -- not beat them down or put them in bondage.

God has a message that He desires for every person to hear: He loves them, and will help them, if they will only turn to Him.

We must communicate that message clearly.

This message of God's love for mankind was displayed in and through a person: Jesus of Nazareth. We learn of Him, and His message, through a book -- the Holy Bible.

Actually, Jesus Himself was, and is, God's message. We need only present Jesus to people as He truly was, and is -- and they will be drawn to Him, because there is no fault in Him.

An ambassador does not speak for himself -- he speaks the official policy and message of the country he represents.

So we are not here to give our opinion, but to proclaim what God has said in His written Word, the Bible -- Heaven's official message.

PRAYER: I will be a good ambassador of Jesus Christ to represent Heaven, and speak His accurate message here on Earth, may God help me. Amen.