

The Messenger of the Covenant

The LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom yet delight in. – Malachi 3:1

Christ travels with tidings between the parties

1. He reports of God to us – that it is His Father’s will that we be saved (John 6:39).
2. Christ reports of Himself, for it sets Christ to be a broker for Himself and for Wisdom to cry in the streets, “Who will have me?” (Prov. 1:20-22; 9:1-15). It became the Lord Jesus to praise Himself: “I am that bread of life”; and “I am the good shepherd” (John 6:48; 8:12; 10:9, 11).
3. He praises His Father: “My Father is the husbandman” (John 15:1).
4. He suits us in marriage and commends His Father, our Father-in-Law. “You marry me, dear souls. Oh, but my Father is a great person. In my Father’s house are many mansions” (John 14:2).

He commends us to the Father; a messenger making peace will do this. “They have received [thy words], and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me” (John 17:8). “O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me” (John 17:25). Ministers cannot speak of Christ and His Father as He can Himself. Oh, come! Hear Christ, speak of Christ, and of His Father, and of heaven, for He saw all. O sweet believer! Christ gives you a good report in heaven; the Father and the Son are speaking of you behind backs. A good report in heaven is of much esteem; Christ spoke more good of you than you are worth. He tells over again

Ephraim's prayers behind his back (Jer. 31:18). Oh, woe to you when Christ is telling black tidings of you in heaven! Such a man will not believe in Me; he hates Me and My cause and My people. Christ cannot lie about any man.