

IF JESUS CHRIST WAS NOT THE MESSIAH—

HAVE you ever thought how the sentence above would finish? It is easy to speak against the Lord Jesus, but Whom have you instead of Him? What about the prophecies concerning Messiah and the time of His Coming? The time is past! Daniel 9. 26 shows this. If then He has not come, what can we say? Again, what about the sacrifices—more than any can count—in the תנ"ך (Tanach)? If the Messiah is not the Great Sacrifice, WHY these many pictures of the way of salvation? Are they pictures of nothing? If Jesus Christ was not the Messiah, HOW will you know the Messiah when He appears? Would not the objections brought against Him hinder knowledge of the true Messiah at ANY time?

And thus we are brought to another question. If Jesus Christ was NOT the Messiah, and the time for

Messiah's coming is PAST, must we not say, " There is no salvation,"—and give up hope ? For God has appointed a sacrifice, and it is not possible for bulls and goats to be more than a PICTURE of the real Sacrifice. If then the Messiah is NOT the Sacrifice, no one else can be, and we are lost !

The issue is tremendous. Have you ever thought that the necessity of JUDGMENT sets forth that the Messiah must be GOD and MAN? If there is a Substitute for a sinner, He CANNOT be less than God, else GOD'S glory would be given to another. Yet He must be a Man TO BEAR PUNISHMENT. But man cannot become God. Hence the ONLY way of escape is if He Who is God has become Man, to bear the judgment. And this is so. Thanks be unto God for His love ! Salvation is free by the precious blood of the glorious Sacrifice, and Jesus Christ IS the One Messiah.

A VAIN ARGUMENT— AND WORSE.

“**Y**OU were born a Christian : keep to your religion” says a Jew to me, and adds, “I will keep to mine.” We answer, “God is ONE : your idea involves a forgetfulness that there is only ONE way of salvation. -And how can a man’s BIRTH decide what is truth for him ? Truth is truth in ANY case ? There is nothing in racial surroundings to make a lie good, or to make that which is good a lie.”

But we would earnestly go a step further. You cannot treat the matter off-handedly, dear Jewish reader. If you reject Christ, you believe I am an idolator, and you dare not honestly say, “Be an idolator.” Does not your **WHOLE** attitude show there is **NOT** deep heart concern in these matters ? Why not ?

And the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ **CANNOT**

be left an open question. I plead with you to remember, that to **WITHHOLD** worship from **GOD**, is **AS EVIL** as to give it to a created being. If the Lord Jesus be the Mighty God of Whom Isaiah 9. 5, 6 speaks, if He be "the **LORD** our Righteousness" of Whom Jeremiah tells, **THEN** you stand guilty of robbing **THE CREATOR** of His right. You are refusing to recognize **GOD**. You cannot sit still and ignore the question. In the Name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, there are some who would solemnly and earnestly charge you with robbing **THE CREATOR** of His honour. You profess horror at one sin, but what if you are nonchalantly calling the Creator a created being, yea, an impostor, a sinner ! Could judgment be too heavy on **SUCH** sin ? Ah, but, in wondrous love, He, in love, took a body to die for **SUCH SINNERS**. Yet you still despise Him. Oh can it be so ?