

The Architect of Reconciliation

Scripture: 2 Samuel 14:14

Introduction

Never has it been God's desire that man be separated from Him. He has always sought ways to bridge the gulf created by the sins of men.

Man was created for fellowship with God; therefore, God has throughout the centuries devised ways to restore the fellowship broken by our sin.

I. God is not the cause of our death

2 Samuel 14:14a But God does not take away life

John 10:10b ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

A. Sin produces separation from God

Isaiah 59:2 NIV But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

B. Separation from God produces death

Example: Decline in life span in Genesis

C. Fellowship with God produces life

Example: Enoch

II. God wants us to return to his fellowship

2 Peter 3:9 NIV The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

A. God desires fellowship with man

B God wants to restore fellowship

Isaiah 55:6-7 NIV Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

III. God designs a way to restore fellowship

2 Samuel 14:14b ...instead he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.

A. His design of the plan of salvation

B. His sending Christ as the perfect sacrifice