



# Pastor's Comments

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### Breaking Through The Barriers

In the first part of my recent **"Breaking Through The Barriers"** sermon, I noted that when God created man, there was no barrier between Himself and man. God walked and talked with Adam and Eve *"in the cool of the day"* (Genesis 3:8). Then they sinned by disobeying God which **created a barrier between themselves and God, Who is eternally holy**. Everyone since then has been born in sin—**spiritually separated from God**. Romans 3:23 declares, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Man could do nothing to break through that barrier! God states, *"For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me"* (Jeremiah 2:22).

The hopelessness of man's efforts to break through the **barrier that sin created between God and man** has existed throughout the ages! Job asked, *"how should man be just with God?"* and went on to say, *"If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me...Neither is there any daysman betwixt us"* (Job 9:2; 30-33). Job knew a daysman or umpire was needed—an intercessor to break through the impass or barrier between God and man. Then God inspired Job with a prophetic revelation and the faith to believe God would provide such an intercessor for him and for all mankind. Job proclaimed: *"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God"* (Job 19:25-26). **Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Intercessor, broke down the barrier** between God's holiness and man's sinfulness by taking our sins upon Himself! We who *"were without Christ...having no hope, and without God...now in Christ Jesus... are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who... hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us"* (Ephesians 2:12-14).

Hear **"Breaking Through The Barriers"** at: [www.naog.ws/sermons.htm](http://www.naog.ws/sermons.htm)