

Exodus 22, 23; Lord's Day 5
HOW AGAIN RECEIVED INTO FAVOR?

- I. By satisfaction? A must.
 - A. If man is to have God's favor, it can only be in accordance with God's perfect justice.
 - 1. He will "not justify the wicked" (Ex. 23:7); He "will by no means clear the guilty" (Ex. 34:7).
 - 2. God's justice requires full satisfaction.
 - B. We must understand that hell is not satisfaction.
- II. Can we ourselves make this satisfaction?
 - A. Natural man thinks that he can.
 - B. But Scripture declares that no man is able to deliver himself – utterly hopeless.
 - 1. First, to pay off my debt to God I would have to spend an eternity in hell for each sin.
 - 2. Second, I only increase our guilt, and do that daily - my debt grows longer every second.
 - 3. Third, I cannot earn God's love and make it right between God and me.
 - C. Nor can satisfaction be made for us by another creature.
- III. A proper mediator and deliverer must be a real man who is perfectly righteous and very God.
 - A. The gospel is the good news that there is full remission and perfect righteousness.
 - B. God gave His own Son into our flesh to make the necessary satisfaction.
 - C. God took our transgressions from us and placed them on His own Son, and laid His own Son on the altar of His wrath.
 - D. Believe God's Word that reconciliation is through the shedding of Christ's blood, and trust in nothing else.