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The call for summit conference has become one of the marks of international diplomacy today. In fact, it has been suggested that they be held regularly to discuss matters of peace and international relations.

Actually, the summit conference idea is not an innovation of this century. One reads about invitations to sessions at the summit throughout history.

Soon after he was created, man deliberately disobeyed his Creator. The first pair, Adam and Eve, turned their backs on God. In this twenty-first century many of their descendants still have their backs turned.

The Divine One condescended to meet with His created human beings in order to solve their problems of selfishness, sinfulness, and dissatisfaction. God called for a conference-at-the-summit in *Eden*. He asked Adam,

“Where art thou?” From that meeting man learned that he must be covered spiritually as well as bodily. As the Lord sacrificed animals to procure the skins for clothing, blood was shed as a type of that which was necessary for the remission of sins.

A couple of millenniums later, God called Moses to another summit—at Sinai, an actual mountain peak. From that historic conference came the Ten Commandments, on which are based all good and enduring laws and ethics. When Jesus came to earth, He said He would not destroy but fulfill (or complete) the Law. It has eternal principles that shall never be erased. Yet the Ten Commandments are not a means of salvation.

The summit conference on *Calvary* was perhaps the most important of all. It is the one to which all others pointed, the one to which future ones revert. At the cross, Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, was made a sin offering for us, “that we might be made the righteousness of

God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The most dreaded summit conference will be that called on *Judgment Day*, when before the great white throne every Christ rejector must stand to hear His final sentence, "I never knew you: depart from me."

Finally, may I remind you how the Prophet Isaiah explained the summit conference to which you are now invited? "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Meet now with God, through the one Mediator, His Son, Jesus Christ, who in His own right said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

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