

On Numbers. By the Holy Bishop and Martyr Hippolytus, from *Balaam's Blessings*.¹¹⁹⁶

Now, in order that He might be shown to have together in Himself at once the nature of God and that of man,—as the apostle, too, says: “Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”¹¹⁹⁷ Now a mediator is not of one man,¹¹⁹⁸ but two,¹¹⁹⁹—it was therefore necessary that Christ, in becoming the Mediator between God and men, should receive from both an earnest of some kind, that He might appear as the Mediator between two distinct persons.

1196 In Leontius Byzant., book i. *Against Nestorius and Eutyches* (from Galland). The same fragment is found in Mai, *Script. vet.*, vii. p. 134. [Galiand was a French Orientalist, a.d. 1646–1715.]

1197 1 Tim. ii. 5.

1198 This word “man” agrees ill, not only with the text in Galatians, but even with the meaning of the writer here; for he is treating, not of a mediator between “two” men, but between “God and men.”—Migne.

1199 Gal. iii. 20.