Lesson #

Christology-The Intercessory Ministry of Jesus Christ

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\* Intercede - Act between parties with a view to reconcile differences; arbitrate; intermediate; liaise; mediate; in-between; middle; intervention; go-between; arbiter; umpire.

\* In this lesson we will study and learn about the intercessory ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have already learned that He has gone back to glory in the third heaven. This lesson will deal with Christ’s work as a priest and His work in the priesthood. After the Lord ascended and sat down on the right hand of the Father, He began actively engaging in a ministry of intercession.

“Wherefore h \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing h \_ e \_ \_ \_ l \_\_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_t \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 7:25***

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; b \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, n \_ \_ t \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_

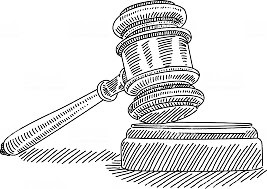
f \_ \_ u \_:” ***Hebrews 9:24***

\* The Apostle Paul speaks about this ministry of the Lord’s in regard to the Christian in Romans.

“Likewise the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_ w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 8:26***

\* So, the Lord Jesus Christ is up in glory interceding for the saints. He, as a priest, is a mediator who intercedes with a just God on behalf of guilty sinners.

“For there is o \_ \_ G \_ \_, and o \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ and m \_ \_, t \_ \_m \_ \_

C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***1 Timothy 2:5***

\* Job’s desire in his day was for a mediator, a daysman.

“For h \_ i \_ n \_ \_ a m \_ \_, a \_ I a \_, that I should answer him, and w \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Neither is there any d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, that might lay his hand u \_ \_ \_ u \_ b \_ \_ \_.” ***Job 9:32, 33***

What Job wanted was a day in court and legal counsel to show up and speak in his behalf to the judge. He wanted the judge to appoint somebody to represent him in court, then he would lay hands on the opposing party and him and get them together through the means of a mediator.

\* The reason why God picked this one man (Jesus Christ) becomes very apparent when we begin to study the priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only man who could possibly lay hands on you and God at the same time. When it comes to laying hands on God, there are specific requirements that have to be.

“God i \_ a S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ worship him in s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 4:24***

\* The ladder that needed to stretch between the miry clay of depraved humanity into the third heaven into the presence of God where no man could enter required an ideal man who could qualify for this, which is undoubtedly the Lord Jesus Christ.

\* Jesus is the *Son of God*. This qualifies Him for the top of the ladder in the presence of God.

“And w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ great is the mystery of godliness: G \_ \_w \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” ***1 Timothy 3:16***

\* Jesus is the *Son of Man*, born of a human parent on this earth. He qualifies and can substitute in the place of a human man on the bottom of the ladder. Praise Him!

“But when the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_, G \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_,

m \_ \_ \_ o \_ a w \_ \_ \_ \_, made under the law, T\_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ that were u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” ***Galatians 4:4, 5***

\* Jesus made it very clear concerning the way to heaven.

“Jesus saith unto him, I am t \_ \_ w \_ \_, t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: n \_ m \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the Father, b \_ \_ b \_ m \_.” ***John 14:6***

\* Jesus also made it very clear the concerning way to hell.

“He that believeth on the Son h \_ \_ \_ everlasting l \_ \_ \_: and he that believeth not the Son

s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but the w \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_.” ***John 3:36***

“I said therefore u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, that ye shall die in your sins: for i \_ y \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ I a \_ h \_, y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_.” ***John 8:24***

\* This clarity that the Lord brings out for us not only shows His qualifications as a mediator that can intercede for us, but that a choice has to be made with every living individual soul since creation. Will you or will you not accept Christ as your Saviour. It’s Your choice, for eternity!

\* We thank the Lord often for Bethlehem and for Calvary and we should, but we must also thank Him for Christ’ present advocacy at God’s right hand in our behalf. He is presently doing intercessory work as our mediator. Day by day our High Priest pleads on our behalf before the throne of God. Isn’t it good to be invited to the throne of “God?” What would we do without our God and our Saviour and the Comforter? Self-destruct, that’s what!

“L \_ \_ u \_ therefore c \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of g \_ \_ \_ \_, that we m \_ \_

o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_, and f \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ to h \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ \_ o \_ n \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 4:16***

\* We have a High Priest, and He is not here on earth. He is up in glory. Christ met the conditions of becoming a High Priest.

* He was taken from among men.

“For e \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ is ordained f\_ \_ m \_ \_ in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:”

***Hebrews 5:1***

* He was appointed and ordained to the task.

“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and

H \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ o \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_; Who was faithful

t \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.” ***Hebrews 3:1, 2***

* He was called of God to the task.

“And no man t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but h \_ t \_ \_ \_ i \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, as was Aaron.” ***Hebrews 5:4***

* He served in things concerning God’s business.

“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ G \_ \_, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” ***Hebrews 2:17***

* He offered gifts and sacrifices.

“For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that h \_ m \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_:” ***Hebrews 5:1***

\* The gift and sacrifice which Jesus Christ offered was Himself. This offering was offered once and for all, finally and forever.

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which a \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_; Then said he, Lo, \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, O God. He t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_the first, that h \_ m \_ \_

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the second. By the which will we are sanctified through t \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ a \_ \_. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the s \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which can n \_ \_ \_ \_ take away sins: But t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_, after he had o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_

e \_ \_ \_, sat down on the right hand of God;” ***Hebrews 10:8-12***

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, h \_ s \_ \_ \_, I \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” ***John 19:30***

\* Christ was made a priest after the order of Aaron and Melchisedek. On the earth Jesus never acted as a priest because, on this earth, He was a Prophet. In His first ministry He became a Prophet. In His present ministry He acts as High Priest. In His third ministry He will come back to this earth to reign as a King, THE KING! ***John 7:40***; ***Hebrews 3:1***; ***Revelation 19:16***

The Lord Jesus Christ like Aaron, offered a sacrifice before the people. Jesus Christ publicly offered Himself at Calvary. Like Aaron, He appeared in God’s presence for the people. However, Aaron as a man died, but Jesus as God, “ever liveth” to intercede for us. In this respect, Jesus followed another famous priesthood pattern in the Old Testament which is the Melchizedekian priesthood, a priest who served without end.

“As he saith also in another place, Thou art a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ after the o \_ \_ \_ \_ of

M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 5:6***

Things for which the Lord is Interceding

1. **He is pleading *that God will give us the grace we need.***

“And he said unto me, M \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” ***2 Corinthians 12:9***

1. **He is pleading *that God will give us strength if we are weak.***

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, k \_ \_ \_ through thine own name t \_ \_ \_ \_ whom thou hast g \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_, t \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ b \_ o \_ \_, a \_ w \_ a \_ \_.” ***John 17:11***

1. **He is pleading *that God will keep us from sin and temptation.***

“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, b \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_.” ***John 17:15***

1. **He is pleading *that we will be forgiven and cleansed when we confess our sins to Him, the Great High Priest.***

“If w \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, h \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and j \_ \_ \_ t \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ our s \_ \_ \_, and to c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ from all u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 John 1:9***

1. **He is pleading *that we will have power to witness for Christ.***

“But ye shall r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye

s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_ both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” ***Acts 1:8***

1. **He is pleading *that we will be conformed to His image.***

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate t \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_

i \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

***Romans 8:29***

The Purpose of the Lord’ Petitions

1. **To *Sustain Life***

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places m \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, which are the

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the true; but i \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, now to appear in the presence of God for us: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin u \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 9:24***

1. **To *Cleanse us***

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that y \_ s \_ \_ n \_ \_. And i \_ any man sin, w \_ h \_ \_ \_ a \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with the Father, J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***1 John 2:1***

1. **To *give us Grace and Help when we need it***

“For we have not an h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with t \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of o \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but was i \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ like as we are, y \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_. L \_ \_ u \_ therefore c \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the throne of grace, that we m \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ mercy, and f \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ h \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ \_ of

n \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 4:15, 16***

1. **To *Secure Victories***

“Wherefore in a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that h \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ a m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, h \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ to s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ that are t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 2:17, 18***

\* All of these verses above deal with Jesus Christ’s present work in heaven on the behalf of those who have believed on Him and trusted in Him. I’m thankful and glad that I’m one, aren’t you?

\* Jesus Christ is our advocate *now*. We read in the Bible that Satan is the accuser of the brethren at the throne of God. ***Job 1:6-12***; ***Revelation 12:9, 10*** To counteract the accusations of Satan (the prosecuting attorney) we have a defense Attorney (Jesus Christ The Righteous) in heaven. We have a Lawyer in God’s court. Our Lawyer is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, w \_

h \_ \_ \_ a \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our’s only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” ***1 John 2:1, 2***

\* When we sin, He pleads for us on the grounds of His own finished work at Calvary.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ his Son c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ f \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_.” ***1 John 1:7***

\* The conclusion for us is simple. Jesus Christ knows all things. He can pray about temptations before they even come.

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” ***Luke 22:31, 32***

\* The Lord’s prayer for Simon is an example of His intercessory ministry on our behalf as our Great High Priest. He was praying for Simon Peter *knowing what was going to take place*. The Lord has contact with the devil, so He knows what the devil is going to do.

\* Why don’t you allow Him to plead your case in heaven instead of trying to plead it yourself? Instead of piddling around with your silly sacraments and church membership and baptism and your good deeds and golden rule and all the things with which you are messing, and trying to justify yourself, why not just confess it ***1 John 1:9*** and forsake it ***Proverbs 28:13*** as the scriptures say and let Jesus plead your case. He stands ready to forgive.

“For thou, Lord, art good, a \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.” ***Psalms 86:5***

\* There’s an old saying out in the courts of law that says,

“He who would defend himself has a fool for an advocate.” ~Unknown~

Brother or Sister, we can now rest in the knowledge that an unseen friend, whose faithful care is unaffected by time or events. He is up there taking care of us. If you are unsaved, you should accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour right away and have this intercessor and advocate on your side to plead your case before the Lord. Jesus Christ has never lost a case and He will never lose yours. Praise Him for not being a liar!

There is an old ploughman in the country I sometimes talk with, and he often says, though in uncouth words, some precious things. He said to me one day, “The other day, sir, the devil was tempting me and I tried to answer him; but I found that he was an old lawyer, and understood the law a great deal better than I did, so I gave over, and would not argue with him anymore; so, I said to him, ‘What do you trouble me for?’ ‘Why, said he, about your soul.’ ‘Oh! said I, that is no business of mine; I have given my soul over into the hand of Christ; I have transferred everything to Him; if you want an answer to your doubts and queries, you must apply to my Advocate.’” ~Charles H. Spurgeon~

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