

# Who is Jesus?

## Our Mediator, Intercessor and Advocate

### Point to Consider

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### Jesus as our Mediator

**Heb 8:3-6** *For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. NKJV*

Moses had to build everything according to the pattern given to him on the mountain.  
On the mountain Moses was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant God made with Israel.  
Jesus is the mediator of a \_\_\_\_\_ covenant based on better \_\_\_\_\_.

### Moses' role as mediator

**Ex 19:3-6** *And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

God tells Moses to communicate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant to the people.  
The basic terms of the covenant were that the children of Israel were to \_\_\_\_\_, and God would protect them. (Ex 23:20-25)

**Ex 19:8-11** *Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord. 9 And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. 10 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes."*

Moses tells God that the people agreed to God's terms!

God sends Moses back to the people with instructions to consecrate themselves, because in three days God's going to come to the mountain and speak to the people.

One of Moses' main responsibilities was to \_\_\_\_\_ God's terms to the people and the people's acceptance of those terms to God.

Other responsibilities Moses had as mediator were to:

- write a copy of the covenant (Ex 24:4).
- read the copy of the covenant to the people and verify that they agreed to the covenant (Ex 24:7).
- sprinkle blood on the written copy of the covenant (Ex 24:8).
- sprinkle blood on the people (Ex 24:8). **Ex 24:8** *And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."*
- take the elders, Aaron and Aaron's sons up the mountain to have a covenant meal with God.

### **Jesus as Mediator**

**1 Tim 2:3-7** *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

God wants \_\_\_\_\_ person on earth to be in a covenant relationship with Him.

Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ who could mediate this covenant.

Since Jesus was the only perfect man, His blood was the \_\_\_\_\_ blood that could pay the ransom.

**Heb 9:13-15** *For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

The covenant is better because the blood of Jesus purifies our \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God.

The covenant is better because the blood of Jesus leads us to an \_\_\_\_\_ inheritance not a physical one.

**Heb 12:22-24** *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

Those who are part of the new covenant are registered in \_\_\_\_\_ and are members of the church of the firstborn.

# Jesus as our Intercessor

**Num 14:17-21** *And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 18 'The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' 19 Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." 20 Then the Lord said: "I have pardoned, according to your word."*

Moses \_\_\_\_\_ for the people after they violated the covenant he helped mediate.

**Heb 7:23-25** *Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. NKJV*

**Heb 9:24-25** *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*

**1 John 1:7-10** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. NKJV*

When we violate the covenant that Jesus has mediated, He is there to intercede for us. He doesn't have to offer up additional sacrifices. His blood \_\_\_\_\_ to cleanse us if we confess and walk in the light.

**John 17:15-17** *I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

**Luke 22:31-32** *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

Jesus made request for His disciples while on the earth. He does the \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven today!

**Rom 8:26-27** *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. NKJV*

Jesus is not our only intercessor. When we don't know what we should pray for, the \_\_\_\_\_ makes intercession for us.

**1 Tim 2:1-3** *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.*

We \_\_\_\_\_ for one another every day!

## Jesus as our Advocate

**1 John 2:1-2** *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.* NKJV

The word advocate carries with it the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ a case to a judge.

**Heb 4:15-16** *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* NKJV

Jesus is able to 'advocate' for us since He can sympathize with our weaknesses.

**Matt 26:40-41** *Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Part of Jesus' advocating may be giving God a firsthand account of how \_\_\_\_\_ it is to live in the flesh.

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