

Intercessor

Part 2

“Jesus our Faithful Intercessor”

Hebrews 3 NIV

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. **2** He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. **3** Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

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5 “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. **6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house,** if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

- Christ is our Apostle and High Priest
- He was faithful to one who appointed him
- He is faithful over us... all those who hold firmly to the confidence and hope we have in Christ...

1 Thessalonians 5

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.**

Psalm 86:15

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and **faithfulness**.

Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; **love and faithfulness** go before you.

Revelation 19:11

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True.

Faithful: One that can be relied on.

2 Corinthians 4

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **8** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The Apostle Paul suffered many things...

Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, but he could have been called the Suffering Apostle...

Yet In all these things Paul says:

- We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;
- perplexed, but not in despair;
- persecuted, but not abandoned;
- struck down, but not destroyed.

The Apostle Paul says:

God has been with us...

He is faithful...

He is one we relied on...

So at the end of Paul's life he says:

2 Timothy 4

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

This last Sunday I received a phone call from a dear friend...

Hebrews 4

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. **15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- The Hebrew writer says we have a great high priest...
- This tells us we have a special connection to a high priest who has ascended into heaven...
- The saying, it's not what you know it's who you know that matters, is true...
- We have a special connection to Jesus our high priest...

Vs. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted** in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

It's sobering to think that the Son of God lived the human experience for us...

The one who created the heavens and the earth according to Colossians 1... Came from heaven for us...

He was tempted in every way, just as we are yet without sin...

Isaiah 53

2 He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

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He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

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Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Intercede: to go to or meet a person, for the purpose of conversation, consultation, or supplication (asking earnestly and humbly)

Video: Woman at the Well

1 John 4

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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19 We love because he first loved us.

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Luke 15

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Closing Song: