

“Man has not the capability of contending with God.” -- Christ closed the gap between Man and God. He made a connecting “bridge” so-to-speak.

Advocate - means “Lawyer” - I John 2:1 -*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

Revelation 12:10 - *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

When Satan comes against us: as God’s children, we have Jesus, our Intercessor; Mediator; and Advocate; who protects us many times when we don’t even know it. He is like a lawyer, who speaks on our behalf to the Father. ---- Satan is always accusing us to the Father. He is the accuser of the brethren. When he comes to accuse, Jesus reminds him of His blood He shed for our forgiveness of sins.

In Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians in Ephesians 1:16-23; 3:14-21, he prays *that the eyes of their understanding be enlightened that they may know what is the hope of His calling the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and set Him*

FORTY FIFTH STUDY

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50,51; John 16:28; Acts 1:2,9-11; 7:55; Ephesians 1:20-23, 4:10; Psalm 24:7-10; 110:1)

On the fortieth day after His Resurrection, His earthly ministry was about to conclude.

1. As Jesus was being taken up into heaven, who spoke to the disciples as they watched? (Acts 1:10,11) _____

Angels heralded His birth; angels announced His resurrection; and now, once again, they announce His ascension.

2. What future event do the angels proclaim to the disciples at this time? (Acts 1:11) _____

3. In what manner did He ascend? (Acts 1:9; Luke 24:50,51) _____

4. Where does Mark 16:19 say He went? _____

In Psalm 110:1, David wrote, *The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.*

5. From what mountain did Jesus ascend? (Acts 1:12) _____

Jesus will come again at His second advent. He will return from heaven to earth and will set His feet down on the Mount of Olives, facing Jerusalem

on the east (Revelation 1:7; Mark 8:38; 14:62)

6. What did Jesus declare in John 16:28? _____

CHRIST'S SUPERIORITY (Hebrews 1-3:4)

Hebrews 1:1-4 --*God, who at sundry times and divers manners spake in the past unto the Fathers by the prophets,*

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Christ is better than the prophets; and better than the angels: because of His deity, His kingship, His character, His creative power (*upholding all things by the word of His power*); His exaltation; because of a better covenant and witness; because of war on and final conquest of all rebels against God ; because of His redemptive work; because of His conquest of death and hell and deliverance of righteous souls from captivity; and because of His qualifications to help men in temptation. (Hebrews 1,2)

His superiority is demonstrated: at His birth,

throughout His whole life and reason for being on this earth; His death; His Resurrection; and His Ascension.

CHRIST'S ARRIVAL IN HEAVEN (Hebrews 1:3; 4:14; 6:20; 7:24,25; 8:1; 9:12,24; 10:12,13; Job 9:32,33; Psalm 24:7-10; Acts 7:56; I Timothy 2:5)

At Jesus' arrival into heaven, He took His place at the right hand of the Father. There He sat down until God makes His enemies His footstool. This is the beginning His High Priestly Ministry

At the right hand of the Father, He is our:

Intercessor - Hebrews 7:24,25 - *But this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.*

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth and make intercession for them.

Christ's intercession for us while He was still on earth can be found in John 17.

Mediator - Mediator means a middle person to reconcile two parties at enmity.

I Timothy 2:5 - *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

Job 9:32,33 - *For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him, and we should come together in judgment.*

Neither is there any daysman (Hebrew, yakach, - mediator) betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us. Job did not understand the coming work of Christ as mediator between God and man. Job is saying,