# He Always Lives to Intercede for Us

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"By so much-more was Jesus made <u>a Guarantee of a Better (and new) Covenant</u>. But those (the old covenant) priests indeed were numerous, because they were prevented from continuing by reason of death. But this Man (Jesus), because <u>He continues forever</u>, <u>has a perpetual priesthood</u>. Therefore, He is also able to save those <u>to the uttermost</u> who come unto God through Him (through Jesus), seeing that <u>He always lives to intercede for them (for us)</u>. For He became such <u>a High Priest for us</u>, who is holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:22-26)

**Always:** from the Greek word *pantote* an adverb which means: <u>always</u>, at all times;

**Lives:** from the Greek word **zon** a verb which means: lives, is living; from zao: to live.

**Intercede:** from the Greek word <u>entynchanein</u> a verb which means: to confer with, to entreat, <u>to intercede</u> for someone, <u>to make intercession for someone</u>, to mediate or intervene for someone; make supplication; (through spoken words; and prayer).

**Them:** from the Greek word <u>auton</u> (autos) which means: 'self' - the third-person personal pronoun: <u>them</u>. <u>they</u>; sometimes <u>those</u>, <u>these</u> when referring to persons. In context: believers in Jesus - <u>us</u>!

In context, the first important truth mentioned is that **Jesus is** <u>alive always</u>; consider these profound words of Jesus:

"And when I (John the apostle) saw Him (Jesus), I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First And The Last: <u>I am the Living-One</u>, and was dead; and, behold, <u>I am alive for evermore (always)</u>, Amen; and have the keys of Hades and of death." (Revelation 1:17-18)

Also In context, a very important truth in understanding this attribute, of Christ Jesus, is that Jesus is our **Great High Priest** between us and Our Father in Heaven. Consider the following:

"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, so that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; and who can also have compassion on the ignorant, and on those who have gone astray; for he himself also is encompassed with weakness. And because of this, he is required, just as for the people, so also for himself, to make offering for sins. And no man takes this honor (of high priest) unto himself, but only he who is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made a High Priest; but He (the Father) who said unto Him, 'You are My Son, today have I begotten You' (Psalm 2:7); has also said in another place, "You are a Priest Forever after the order of Melchisedec;" (Psalm 110:4) who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him (the Father) who was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; although He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the Author of Eternal Salvation unto all those who obey Him; called of God as a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 5:1-10)

"And it is yet far more evident, that after the likeness of Melchisedec there arises another Priest, who is made, not after the law of a fleshly commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He (the Father) testifies, 'You are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.' For there is truly an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness. For the law made none perfect, but the bringing in of a Better Hope did; through whom we draw near unto God. And inasmuch as it was not without an oath; for those priests were made without an oath; but He (Jesus) with an oath by Him (the Father) who said unto Him, 'The Lord has sworn and will not repent, You (Jesus) are a Priest forever' (after the order of Melchisedec)."" (Hebrews 7:15-21)

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**Priest:** from the Greek word <u>hiereus</u> which means: a priest; A priest is one who is authorized to minister in sacred things, particularly to <u>offer sacrifices</u> for sins at the altar, and who <u>acts as mediator between men and God</u>. (The name first occurs as applied to Melchizedek). Later applied the the tribe of Levi; and in particular the Aaronic priesthood; from whom only one man, at a time, was chosen to be the Hlgh-Priest over the nation Israel.

**High Priest:** from the Greek word <u>archiereus</u> which means: "High-Priest, or Chief-Priest"; and is formed from two Greek words: **arche**, a prefix which means: "chief, or first, in the sense of being the pre-eminent one"; and **hiereus**, which means: "a priest". (Aaron was the first who was solemnly set apart to this office, initially by God Himself, (Ex. 29:7; 30:23; Lev. 8:12)) <u>To the high priest alone it was permitted to enter the holy of holies</u>, which he did <u>only once</u> a year, on the great Day of Atonement; where he made atonement for the nation by sprinkling the blood of the sin offering on the mercy seat.

The context is that **our Great High Priest**, **Jesus the Son of God**, offered Himself up, <u>only once</u> and <u>for all time</u>, as a perfect, living, an atoning sacrifice on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins; and then He entered (ascended) into <u>the Holiest Place of all</u>, into heaven itself, **where <u>He now lives</u> to always intercedes for us**, seated at the Right Hand of God the Father!

#### Consider the following:

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He (the Father) who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; how shall He not with Him (with Jesus) also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justfies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who is risen again, and who is even at the right hand of God, and who also intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter (Psalm 44:22).' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Romans 8:31-39)

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum of it all: **We have such a High Priest**, who sits on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the Sanctuary, and of the True Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." (Hebrews 8:1-2)

"But **Christ came as a High Priest** of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by **His own blood He entered into the Holy Place just once, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:11-12)** 

So then, for those persons who have put their trust and faith in Jesus, **He has become their Great High Priest.** 

**Only Jesus,** as our Great High Priest could offer Himself as the once and for all time <u>perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins for all people</u>.

**Only Jesus** is an Everlasting Great High Priest, who sits on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the Sanctuary, and of the True Tabernacle" of God.

**Only Jesus** could offer the eternal Sacrifice of Atonement for the forgiveness of sins. Because only Jesus is "holy, innocent, undefiled, and separate from sinners."

Only Jesus lives forevermore making eternal intercession for us before God Most High!

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Just as Christ Jesus is our life, so also we are who He always lives for. Just as Jesus, for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross; so also <u>He lives for us</u> even now, seated, as our High Priest, at the Right Hand of God. His whole life, even now, is about His love <u>for us</u>! I would think that Christ Jesus's loving intercession for us is very similar to His prayer to the Father, for us just before He offered Himself up for us on the Cross. Consider this very prayer of Jesus:

"All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they (His disciples) are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep through Your own Name those whom You have given to Me, so that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name; those whom You gave to Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; so that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world, so that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the evil (one). They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Your truth: Your word is truth. As You have sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also might be sanctfied through the truth. Nor do I pray for them alone, but for those (us) also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they all may be one; as You Father are in Me, and I in You, so that they also may **be one in us**; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave to Me I have given to them; so that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and has loved them (us), just as You have loved Me. Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; so that they may behold My Glory, which You have given to Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O Righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me. And I have declared unto them Your Name, and will declare it; so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them." (John 17:10-26)

#### Finally, consider the following:

John the apostle wrote, "My little children, these things write I unto you, so that you do not sin. But if any man sins, we have **an Advocate** (an intercessor) with the Father, **Jesus Christ the Righteous**. And He is the Propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but **also for the sins of the whole world**." (1John 2:1-2)

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher (Perfecter) of our faith; who for the joy (concerning our salvation in and through Him) that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has now sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

## Jesus Always Lives to Intercede for Us

Truly truly! Always and always! Forever and ever ...
... Jesus makes intercession for us!
... Jesus is our Advocate before our Father in heaven!
... Jesus is our Great High Priest – our mediator for us with the Father!

All Praise, and Honor, and Glory is Yours Lord Jesus in Heaven an earth! Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for Your Amazing Love!

Amen and Amen!