

BIBLICAL CONSIDERATION OF INTERCESSION AND ADVOCATE

Question during Bro. Norm Fadelle's class on Tuesday, July 13, 2021:

“Since Jesus has been appointed judge, he has been given all power and authority, and has the power to forgive sin, why is it necessary for him to plead to God for our forgiveness.”

Response from Bro. Bill Yake (co-host):

Here are some added thoughts and perspective on the Lord Jesus Christ's role as High Priest:

INTERCESSION (G1723): Biblical Usage

έντυγχάνω **entynchánō**, en-toong-khan'-o; from G1722 and G5177; to chance upon, i.e. (by implication) confer with; by extension to entreat (in favor or against):—deal with, make intercession. Relevant biblical texts: Intercession: Isaiah 53:12; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25

έντυγχάνω; 2 aorist ένέτυχον; generally with a dative either of person or of thing;

1. **to light upon a person** or a thing, fall in with, hit upon, a person or a thing; so often in Attic.
2. **to go to or meet a person, especially for the purpose of conversation, consultation, or supplication**, (Polybius, Plutarch, Aelian, others): with the addition περί τινος, the genitive of person, for the purpose of consulting about a person, Acts 25:24 [R. V. made suit]; to make petition: ένέτυχον τῷ κυρίῳ καί εδέηθην αὐτοῦ, Wis. 8:21; ένέτυχον τῷ βασιλεῖ τὴν ἀπόλυσιν...

ADVOCATE (G3875): Biblical Usage

παράκλητος **paráklētos**, par-ak'-lay-tos; an intercessor, consoler:—advocate, comforter.

1. summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid
2. one who **pleads** another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate
3. one who **pleads** another's cause with one, an intercessor
4. of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins
5. in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant
6. of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom

Comforter or Advocate: paraklētos

1. “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, ^{G3875} that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16)
2. “But the **Comforter**, ^{G3875} which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26)
3. “But when the **Comforter** ^{G3875} is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me” (John 15:26)
4. “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** ^{G3875} will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you” (John 16:7)
5. “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** ^{G3875} with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1)