

## The Man Christ at God's Highest Court

**Scripture:** 1 Tim. 2:1-8 & Hebr. 7:23-28

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**Singing:** 190:1-4 – 166:1-4 – 337:2-3 – 112:2, 3

Intro: *Are you sure you are not 'using saints' to seek God?*

A. Why were saints or saintliness added to the Gospel story?

**God is letting you know there is One in His court ready to take your case**

### **I. God is still unable to receive you as a sinner**

A. God cannot have communion with you unless you are all-holy (Heb. 12:29)

B. But what about rent veil at Jesus' death? (Matt. 27:51; Heb. 10:19-20)

### **II. But God provided you One able and willing Mediator at His court**

A. There is one DOOR to God: 1 Tim. 2:8; John 14:6; 10:9

1. This door is the Mediator

2. This Mediator is the fruit of God's own wisdom: 1 Cor. 2:6-9

B. God reveals to us this Mediator in heaven is the **man** Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:8)

1. Jesus in heaven is the same as Jesus on earth: Heb. 7:25-26; 13:8

2. He is the same Lover of sinners

3. He now has all the authority to be the advocate

4. He still is God's own well-beloved Son

### **III. But God does not reveal you this as information but as an inviting offer**

A. What did Jesus offer to do when He was on earth? (Matt. 11:28; John 6:37b)

B. God makes this Gospel known to you today as a similar invitation

1. Do you struggle with *foolish fear and foolish distrust*?

C. What must I do that with His invitation?

1. Obey the call of God and prompting of His Spirit: Bowing your knees!

2. While before Him, tell Him everything you are aware of that's wrong

3. While speaking to Him, remember to respond to His invitation

4. While with Him, plead your case to make things right on His merits only

5. Before concluding, remember your commitment like Ps. 119:8

6. Be sure to rest your case waiting on His promises such as John 16:23-24

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you: hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full*

### **Gems on Jesus Christ's Intercession**

*If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million of enemies. Yet the distances makes no difference: He is praying for me!*

(Robert M. M'Cheyne)

*Christ has taken our nature into heave to represent us, and has left us on earth with His nature to represent Him. (John Newton)*

*Prayer as it comes from the saint is weak and falls short.*

*But when the arrow of a saint's prayer is put in the bow of Christ's intercession, it doesn't just reach the throne of God but the heart of God.*