



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Jesus Intercedes for You May 12-14, 2018

(Hebrews 7:23-27) Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; {24} but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. {25} Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. {26} Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. {27} Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

1. Describe a situation in your life when you knew you had done something wrong and were dreading the consequences.
2. Have you ever had someone go to bat for you, plead your case, intercede for you, etc.? Share your story.
3. Using the verses of our text, list at least two ways that Jesus, the Great High Priest, is superior to the Old Testament priests.
4. What were the two main tasks of the Old Testament high priests? How did/does Jesus carry out those two tasks?

5. Agree/disagree: When Jesus said from the cross, "It is finished," he misspoke. His work wasn't done yet.

6. Why do you think some people ask Mary or the saints to intercede for them rather asking Jesus to do that?

7. What do you mean when you say, "In Jesus' name I pray."

8. When you have broken the commands of a holy God, what do you imagine that Jesus' intercession for you sounds like?

9. For the actual words of a pair of Jesus' intercessory prayers, read Luke 22:32 and John 17:13-23. On the basis of those prayers, what requests do you think Jesus is making of the Father on your behalf?

11. How do you feel knowing that Jesus is praying for you?

12. Bonus: Which of your parents did more interceding for you?