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8. Man's Need for an Intercessor

The chapter argues that sinful man cannot approach a holy God on his own and needs someone to stand between them. Job longed for an 'umpire' to plead his case; God saw no intercessor existed and sent Jesus to fill that gap. It then lays out the many facets of Jesus' ongoing intercessory ministry.

Key takeaways

- Job's cry for an 'umpire' (daysman) names the universal problem: no one can argue man's case before God.
- There is only one Mediator between God and men — the man Christ Jesus — and His sacrifice makes Him fully trustworthy.
- Jesus entered heaven itself to appear before God for us and still lives to make intercession, saving 'to the uttermost.'
- He is our High Priest forever; His intercession never pauses, so our access never fails.
- As Advocate (parakletos — counselor, comforter), Jesus pleads for us and consoles us when we sin, though God's will is that we stop sinning.
- Sin is any step outside of love; keeping dos and don'ts while harboring wrong attitudes is still sin.

- Jesus has interceded roughly 2,000 years for all people of the earth, not only the Church.

Passages worth keeping

> *"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*

The chapter's backbone — Jesus as sole intercessor.

> *"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."*

Ties His endless life to His unceasing intercession.

How it connects

The 'love law' of John 13:34 reframes intercession's purpose: Christ pleads for us so we can walk in love, and every step outside love is the sin He stands to answer for.

Scripture referenced

- **Job 9:32-33** -- The longing for a 'daysman'/umpire between man and God.
- **Isaiah 59:16** -- God saw no intercessor, so His own arm brought salvation.
- **1 Timothy 2:5** -- One Mediator between God and men.
- **Hebrews 7:25** -- Christ ever lives to intercede and saves to the uttermost.

- **Romans 8:34** -- Christ at God's right hand makes intercession for us.
- **1 John 2:1** -- Jesus as our Advocate when we sin.