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Jesus' Intercessory Ministry

- As the Heavenly Man, Jesus Christ has been declared to be:
 1. The true Davidic King [2 Samuel 7:13-14].
 2. The Lamb of God [John 1:29] Who died so that the Father's glory would be manifested in His redeemed people [John 17:20-26].
 3. The living Temple of God in Whom His people are forgiven [Col. 2:13], counted Righteous [2 Cor. 5:21], and are adopted in Him [Eph. 1:5].
 4. The victorious Seed [Gen. 3:15] of the woman Who destroyed the work of Satan [1 John 3:8b; Heb. 2:14].
 5. The humble Servant of God [Is. 53:11; Luke 22:27] Who endured the suffering of death [Phil. 2:8] now exalted [Phil. 2:9-11] as the Divine Servant of God on behalf of God's people.
 6. The Divine Bride Groom [John 3:29] of the church [Rev. 21:9].
 7. Our heavenly High Priest Who ever represents us before the Throne of God through His eternal ministry of intercession [Heb. 7:25].
- Jesus reveals the significance of Israel's high priest [Col. 2:17].
- In Exodus 19-24, after Yahweh constituted Israel as his holy nation, he created the priesthood [Ex. 28-29] as his means to:

1. Present the people fit for the presence of God through the administration of the sacrificial system [Lev. 16].
 2. Instruct the nation in their walk as God's holy people [Lev. 10:11].
 3. Intercede for the spiritual and physical welfare of the nation [Num. 6:24-26].
- During His first advent, Jesus fulfilled each of these priestly duties:
 1. He was the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world [John 1:29] in Whose death we were made fit for God's presence.
 2. He is the Living Word of God [John 1:1,14].
 3. He was the High Priest Who interceded for His disciples [John 17] for their protection, provision and security.

Luke 22:31-32 ...I have prayed [interceded] for you that your faith not fail and when you are converted...

- As our Heavenly King, Jesus is the sovereign Ruler over God's creation Who sends the Holy Spirit to gather His people into God's Kingdom.
- As our Heavenly Prophet, Jesus is the living Word of God Who teaches us how to walk in Godliness [Heb. 4:12-13; Titus 2:12] by the by the Holy Spirit.
- As our Heavenly High Priest, Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us before the throne of God [Heb. 7:25], guaranteeing that the Father's will is protected and secured in us until His return.

Jesus' Divinity

Heb 4:14 ...we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God...

Ps. 2:7 ...YHWY said to Me, "You are My Son..."

Matt 3:17 [God's] voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

Rom 1:4 ...[Jesus] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead.

Jesus' Humanity

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...

1 Cor. 15:47-49 The first man [Adam] was from the earth, a man of dust; the second Man [Christ] is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the Man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven...

1 Tim 2:5 there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

Jesus' Perfection

Heb 4:15 ...we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin...

Heb 7:26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

John 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin

Rom 5:19 ...by the one man's obedience the many will be made Righteous...

Jesus' Sacrifice

John 1:29 ...behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world...

Matt 1:21 ...you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins...

Mark 10:45 ...For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many...

Heb 9:26 ...[Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself...

Jesus' Ascension

Rom 8:34 ...Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, Who was raised— Who is at the Right Hand of God...

Col 3:1 ...seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the Right Hand of God...

Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the Right Hand of the Majesty on high...

Eph 4:8 ...When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men...

Jesus' Coronation

Rev 19:16 On His robe and on His thigh He has a Name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS...