ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD and man.

1 Tim.2,5 For there is one ~~and~~ God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.-mediator, intercessor, advocater, one who mediates or interceeds in behalf of an other. To reconcile those at variance, One mediatoe, not the mother of Jesus or any other saint.

1 Jn.2± 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

How did He attain that position? He,2,17 Wherefore in all things it b behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful ~~high-priest~~ and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Verse 18 For that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.

DUTIES OF A HIGHPRIEST. Heb.8,3 For every high priest (under the old testament) ~~taken-from-among-men,is~~ ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. He.7,27 Who needeth not daily, as those highpriests (under the old testament to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people's: for this He did when He offered up Himself. Verse 25 Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him. Ro.8 26 Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know ~~not~~ what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit its-self maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered 34 Who is He that condemneth/It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Christ being made High priest He.6,20 9-11 But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which is established upon better promises. He.9,15 And for this ~~ca~~ cause (the sacrifice He made) He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called, might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

He prayed for others while here on earth. Lu.22,32 And the Lord said to Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat; But I have prayed for you, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Lu.23 34 For those who crucified Him, Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. Jn.17 9 Praying for His disciples. I pray for them: i pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me: for they are mine. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believeon me through ~~th~~ their word.

ASK IN HIS NAME. Jn.14. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, ~~th~~ that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son 14 If ye shal ask any thing inmy name, I will do it. Col.3,16 Let the word of Christ d dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one-another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God by Him. He.9,24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the t true, (the jewish temple) but into heaven itself, there to appear in the p presence of God for us.

He.12,18 For ye are not come tot he mount that can be touched (Mt Siniah) But you have come to Mt Sion, unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly, and church of the first born (CHRIST), which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. And to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel. Verse 28 ~~But-we~~ Wherefore we receiveing a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us ~~h~~ have grace whereby we may serve God, acceptably, with reverance and Godly fear.

WE ARE TO DO SOME INTERCEDING. 1 Tim.2,1 I exhort, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercession, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness, and honesty. Paul in Eph.1,16 I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers. Ex.32,32 Moses pleading for the Children of Israel,-Yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin, and if not, blot me I pray thee, out of the book thou hast written. Nu.12,13 Moses pleading with God to heal Miriam. Also De.9,26.

Jas.5,16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

J.H.Lackey Church of Christ.