

Intercession/Mediation

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Healing Substitution Model: Intercession is not something that Jesus does to appease an angry Father. Rather, it is the work of the entire Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – all working together in perfect union to intercede against Satan and sin in order to save mankind and secure peace and harmony throughout the universe. They intercede by:

1. Holding in check Satanic power and agencies;
2. Placing a desire for good in the human heart/mind, a longing for redemption and countering the work of Satanic forces;
3. Intervening in the natural result of sinfulness through Christ, who partook of our humanity and overcame sinfulness and restored righteousness, linking fallen humanity back into unity with divinity.
4. Christ, being the conduit or avenue of God's love, truth and grace to His creation, thereby bringing God into the closest possibly communion with His creation.

All members of the Godhead are unified in this mission and work together to achieve these goals.

Penal Substitution Model: Intercession is performed only by Christ to: Hold in check the Father's anger and wrath; Exhaust the Father's punitive actions upon Himself; Plead to the Father His blood in order to get the Father to be kind, loving, and gracious. And present the sinner's prayers to the Father.

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And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Exodus 23:20

Satan replied, "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? Job 1:9,10

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Rev 7:1

"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves

you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. John 16:26-29

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ² The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." Zech 3:1-4

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groans that words cannot express...What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? **It is God who justifies.** Who is he that condemns? **Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.** Romans 8:26, 31-34

The Lord says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman." **The enmity does not exist as a natural fact.** As soon as Adam sinned, he was in harmony with the first great apostate, and at war with God; and **if God had not interfered in man's behalf**, Satan and man would have formed a confederacy against heaven, and carried on united opposition against the God of hosts. **There is no natural enmity between evil angels and evil men;** both are evil through transgression of the law of God, and evil will always league against good. Fallen men and fallen angels enter into a desperate companionship. {ST, July 11, 1895 par. 5}

God's people, rescued from the fire by Jesus Christ, have a sense of their sin, feel humbled and ashamed. God sees and recognizes their repentance, and notes their sorrow for sin, which they cannot remove or cancel themselves. But as they pray their prayers are heard, and this is the reason that Satan stands by to resist Christ; because He hears their prayers, **He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. He regenerates the sinner, and pardon is written off against his name.** This stirs Satan up to resistance. He steps in between the

repenting, believing soul and Christ. He seeks to cast his hellish shadow before that soul, to dampen faith, and to make of none effect the words of God. . . . {UL 20.3}

If Satan stands between the soul and Jesus Christ, then the love and acceptance and pardon of Christ are eclipsed--man will be constantly striving to prepare a robe of righteousness to cover his deformity and sin, when Christ wants him to come to Him just as he is, and believe in Him as his personal Saviour. In **His tender love, a forgiving Father brings forth His best robe in which to array His returning child.** . . . {UL 20.4}

The work of God's dear Son in undertaking to link the created with the Uncreated, the finite with the Infinite, in His own divine person, is a subject that may well employ our thoughts for a lifetime. This work of Christ was to confirm the beings of other worlds in their innocency and loyalty, as well as to save the lost and perishing of this world. He opened a way for the disobedient to return to their allegiance to God, while by the same act He placed a safeguard around those who were already pure, that they might not become polluted. {MYP 253.3}

While we rejoice that there are worlds which have never fallen, these worlds render praise and honor and glory to Jesus Christ for the plan of redemption to save the fallen sons of Adam, as well as to confirm themselves in their position and character of purity. The arm that raised the human family from the ruin which Satan has brought upon the race through his temptations, is the arm which has preserved the inhabitants of other worlds from sin. Every world throughout immensity engages the care and support of the Father and the Son; and this care is constantly exercised for fallen humanity. **Christ is mediating in behalf of man, and the order of unseen worlds also is preserved by His mediatorial work.** Are not these themes of sufficient magnitude and importance to engage our thoughts, and call forth our gratitude and adoration to God? {MYP 254.1}