

Introduction

- I. Forty days after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus ascended, going back to heaven.
- II. Why was this necessary? He continues there for our interest.

**Ascension Blessings**

**I. The Faithful Advocate**

- A. When we sin, we are reminded that He already paid for our sin. We are reminded of this by Jesus' ascension to be our Advocate. 1 John 2:1, 2; Romans 8:34.

- B. Christ's prayers as our Advocate is a great blessing because we can then pray to our heavenly Father in the assurance that He hears and answers our prayers (Heb. 4:14-16).

**II. The Sure Pledge**

- A. Forty days after Christ arose, His human nature was wondrously taken to heaven.

- B. The ascension of Christ is the pledge that all of God's people will be taken to heaven.

**III. The Earthly Presence**

- A. Although He is in heaven, He is also with us. How can this be?

- B. What a comfort this is to know Christ has not abandoned us, but is present with us. We must live in the awareness of this when disappointment and suffering come.