

# **An Advocate for Us**

When Abraham Lincoln was president, his son, Robert, had a close friend who entered the army as a private. Robert sent word to his friend, saying, "Write to me, and I will intercede with Father and get you something better."

A few years went by before Robert heard from the soldier again. When they got together, young Lincoln's friend said, "I never took advantage of your offer, but you do not know what a comfort it was to me. Often after a weary march, I would throw myself on the ground and say, 'If it becomes beyond human endurance, I can write to Bob Lincoln and get relief; and I would rather have his intercession than that of the President's cabinet, because he is the President's son.'"

What an assurance that was for this soldier.

Now translate that story into the spiritual realm. We, too, have a Son to Whom we can go for help. His name is Jesus, our Advocate. An advocate is one who can assist us, either by pleading on our behalf or by giving evidence that supports our case.

Jesus can do this for us because of His position at God's right hand.

When times get lonely or challenging or desperate – or in periods of peace when we bask in the glow of His love – we can rejoice because we have a Friend in the court of heaven.

--Beecher Hunter