

Jesus Christ as Prophet: Part 1 of 2

Westminster Confession of Faith. Chapter 8.

I. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, **to be the Mediator between God and man,** **[1] the Prophet,** **[2] Priest,** **[3] and King,** **[4]** the Head and Savior of His Church, **[5]** the Heir of all things, **[6]** and Judge of the world: **[7]** unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, **[8]** and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. **[9]**

What is a mediator?

Why do people need a mediator before God?

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)*

Why does Jesus come as our Mediator?

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**
(John 3:16)*

*More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
(Romans 5:11)*

Christ is the only true Mediator.

*For there is one God, and **there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**
(1 Timothy 2:5)*

An individual filled the role of either a prophet, priest, or king. Christ fills all three perfectly.

Prophet	Man	God spoke through a chosen representative to the people
	Jesus Christ	Speaks God's word to us. Reveals God to us in his person.
Priest	Man	Offered prayers, sacrifices, praises to God on behalf of the people
	Jesus Christ	Offers himself as the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the people
King	Man	Ruled over people as God's representative
	Jesus Christ	Rules and reigns over the Church and all of creation

What is a prophet?

A prophet is a mediator.

*[7:1] And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. [2] You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.
(Exodus 7:1-2)*

A true prophet's message was not his own. He spoke directly from God.

*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**
(2 Peter 1:21)*

What was the content of the prophetic messages?

False prophets were a problem.

*[3] you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
(Deuteronomy 13:3)*

What was the purpose and role of the prophet?

Moses - Moses is the lawgiver.

- He was the mediator on behalf of God's people throughout the exodus.

Elijah - Elijah is a covenant prosecutor.

- He was the mediator of God's people during a time of apostasy.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate Prophet.

Christ not only speaks God's words to people. He is the Word.

*In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God.
(John 1:1)*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
(John 14:6)*

Next week we'll look more in depth at how Jesus is greater than Moses and Elijah and how he is the ultimate prophet.