

Jesus Christ as Prophet: Part 2 of 2

Recap of part 1:

- 1) *The threefold offices of Christ are prophet, priest, and king.*
- 2) *What is a mediator?*
- 3) *What is a prophet?*

I. Jesus as the ultimate prophet.

A.
Jesus is the
greater and
ultimate
Moses.

Moses, as well as all the prophets, foretell of a greater and final Prophet, Jesus Christ.

*“The LORD your God will raise up for you a **prophet like me** from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—
(Deuteronomy 18:15)*

*[22] Moses said, ‘**The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me** from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. [23] And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ [24] **And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.**
(Acts 3:22-24)*

*[1:1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] **but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. [3] **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. **After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**,
(Hebrews 1:1-3)*

*[3:1] Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, [2] who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. [3] **For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses**—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. [4] (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) [5] Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, [6] but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
(Hebrews 3:1-6)*

Moses received the law from God and gives it to the people on Mt. Sinai. Like Moses, Christ goes up a mountain (Matthew 5:1) and gives the law to the people. BUT Christ goes further and fulfills the law FOR US!

[17] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [18] For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Matthew 5:17-18)

Christ not only heralds the word of God. He IS the Word, himself. All the prophets shared divine revelation of God. Christ is THE revelation. Christ is the Messiah.

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

B. Jesus is the greater and ultimate Elijah.

Elijah is a covenant prosecutor within the Mosaic covenant. He calls for repentance and a turning back to Yahweh as well as impending judgment for those that do not repent. Christ is also a covenant prosecutor as he condemns us all in his exposition of the law, but Christ goes further and takes the condemnation FOR US!

*"You have heard that it was said... But I say to you.."
(Matthew 5:21-48)*

*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
(Matthew 5:48)*

*[8:1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. **By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,** [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
(Romans 8:1-4)*

*[51] When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52] And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. [53] But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54] And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "**Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?**" [55] **But he turned and rebuked them.** [56] And they went on to another village.
(Luke 9:51-56)*

C. Jesus as prophet represents God perfectly.

Verbally

*[28] And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [29] for he was teaching them **as one who had authority**, and not as their scribes.
(Matthew 7:28-29)*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

Behaviorally

*[2] And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; **your sins are forgiven.**" [3] And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." [4] But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? [5] For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? [6] But that you may know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."*

(Matthew 9:2-6)

Affectively

*[41] And when he drew near and saw the city, **he wept over it**, [42] saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*

(Luke 19:41-42)

***Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.*

(Matthew 23:15)

Completely

*[9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] **Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.***

(John 14:9-11)

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the **exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Hebrews 1:1-3)*

D. Christ is the cornerstone.

*[19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone**, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

[22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(Ephesians 2:19-22)