

Jesus the Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:1-22; 1 Peter 1:1-25 / John 20:1-31

I. Prophets Reveal the Mind of God

A. God speaks to His people through **PROPHETS**. And he said, Hear now my words: *If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.* (NUMBERS 12:6)

B. Abraham was a prophet. *Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee,* and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. (GENESIS 20:7)

C. Though there were different kinds of prophets and different terms for them [**SPOKESMEN OR SPEAKERS**], the prophets supplied information about God and the duty He requires. (Beforetime in Israel, *when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.*) (1 SAMUEL 9:9)

D. If God does not authenticate a prophet, ignore him. *When a prophet speaketh* in the name of the LORD, *if the thing follow not,* nor come to pass, *that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken,* but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: *thou shalt not be afraid of him.* (DEUTERONOMY 18:22)

E. God uses false prophets to ensure that people pay attention to truth rather than form. If there arise among you *a prophet,* or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, *And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken* unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: *for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.* (DEUTERONOMY 13:1-3)

F. God promised an ultimate prophet like Moses. *I will raise them up a Prophet* from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and *he shall speak unto them all that I shall command* him. And it shall come to pass, *that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.* (DEUTERONOMY 18:18-19)

II. Jesus Is the Great Prophet

A. Peter claimed Jesus fulfilled this promise and threat. *For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you* of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And *it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.* (ACTS 3:22-23) *Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.* (ACTS 3:26)

B. Only through revelation can people understand the things of God. But *the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:* for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, *because they are spiritually discerned.* (1 CORINTHIANS 2:14)

C. Jesus revealed the will of God. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for *all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.* (JOHN 15:15)

D. Only Jesus genuinely reveals God. *No man hath seen God* at any time; *the only begotten*

Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he ***hath declared him***. (John 1:18)

E. Jesus is the final summary of what the earlier prophets revealed. God, who at sundry times and ***in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets***, Hath ***in these last days spoken unto us by his Son***, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; ***Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high***; (HEBREWS 1:1-3)

F. Those who encounter Jesus come to understand the Scriptures. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, (LUKE 24:45)

G. Listen to the testimony of believers across time. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son ***Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life***. (1 JOHN 5:20)

III. Is Jesus Your Prophet?

A. Remember the warning about receiving the truth and rejecting falsehood. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, ***lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them***. (2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4)

B. Jesus calls people. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (MATTHEW 11:29)

C. The prophet Jesus gave us a sign to tell us if He is our prophet. If ye love me, keep my commandments. (JOHN 14:15)

D. Paul counted the knowledge of Christ above all else. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

E. Do you have the passion of the psalmist? One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; ***that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life***, to behold the beauty of the LORD, ***and to enquire in his temple***. (PSALM 27:4)