

Christ, Our Prophet

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Hb.1:1-3 has spoken to us – divine Spokesman:

¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

² has in these last days *spoken* to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

³ 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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- “With the idea of a prophet there was this necessarily attached, that he spoke not his own words, but those which he had divinely received” – Gesenius
- Ex.4¹⁶ And he himself [Aaron] shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God
- Ex.7¹ So the LORD said to Moses: “See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet”

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- In widest sense, 'prophet' applied to everyone who received communication from God which he utters or interprets
- E.g.: Gn.20⁷ Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he [Abraham] is a prophet and he will pray for you and you shall live

- Dt.18¹⁵ LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear. ...¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him
- Jn.5⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me
- Fulfillment: Ac.3:22 – repeats Dt.18:15
- Prophet: one who proclaims inspired utterances on behalf of God – prophet, inspired preacher – L-N

I. Christ, our Prophet

Priest: speaks to God for people

Prophet: speaks to people for God

- Is.61¹ Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound...
- Parallels Lk.4:17-21 – Jesus
- Ps.51: David's response to Nathan
 - In Israel: prophet is above the king
 - Parable: Nathan to David – 'You are the man!'

- John to priests and Levites:
- Jn.1²¹ they asked him, "...Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you . . ." ²³ He said: I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the LORD...'
 - Commentary on Isa.40:3
- John was 'a' prophet . . . BUT not *THE* prophet

- 1 Co.14³ He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.
4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church
 - Prophecy is most important
- 2 Th.2¹⁵ brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle
 - Written word has same validity as spoken word, whether by ¹Spirit, ²word (oral) or ³epistle (v.2)

Prophets were not shady characters

- Ouija board...
- Nah.2⁴ The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning
 - Traffic jams in Houston, TX
 - Context: Nineveh (1:1)
- Ezekiel 10¹⁵ the cherubim were lifted up...

Prophets were called by God

- Jer.1⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations
- Dt.18¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him
- 1 K.13, old prophet . . .

Prophets instructed David

- Gad, 1 Sm.22:5
- Nathan, 2 Sm.12
- Zadok, 2 Sm.15:27 (seer)
- Heman (seer) – “Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: ‘Come, let us go to the seer, for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer’” – 1 Sm.9:9

God's prophets were above kings

Jesus, the Prophet

- Hebrews 1¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...
 - Jn.1:1-3, 14, 17-18
 - Jn.5:46
 - Jn.12:48-50

I. Christ, Our Prophet

II. *Is Christ Our Prophet?*

- Lk.7:11-16 . . .
 - Recognize Jesus as a ‘great prophet’
 - Q: what will they do about it?
- Mt.13⁵⁷ (Capernaum): they were offended at Him. Jesus said... ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.’ ⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief
 - To benefit from a prophet, heed his word
Jn.6:45
 - “I follow Jesus; I don’t pay attention to doctrine.” 1 Tim.1:3. Jn.6:68. Naaman

OT: GOD
saying,
Mt.22:31f.

Synonymous
with Moses,
Mk.12:26

Synonymous
with Word,
Mk.12:26

Mt.22³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you **by God**, saying, ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

Mk.12²⁶ But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the **book** of **Moses**

OT

- Lk.16:27, raise Lazarus to testify to brothers ... 30, “will cause repentance”
- Reply:
 - 29: they have Moses and prophets: let them hear them
 - [Jn.20:30-31, these are written that you may believe]

No miracles could save without the Word.
Naaman

NT

- God: Jn.16:15
- Son: Jn.16:15
- Spirit: Jn.16:13
- Apostles and prophets (Word): Jn.16:13
- We read: Jn.20:31

Rv.19¹¹ I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns... ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God

- King: many crowns
- Priest: blood
- Prophet: Word

King Jesus:
power to save
Priestly Jesus:
sacrifice to save
Prophet Jesus:
word of salvation