

Theme: Jesus is the Great Prophet of God, our Great High Priest, and our Great King - everything we need to know, love, and serve God.

## I. Intro – Hebrew, Jesus and the OT

- A. Three branches of government
- B. Key to national health is keeping them in balance
- C. OT had three key “offices”.....
- D. The main OT offices - prophets, priests, and kings
  - 1. Prophets - spoke God’s Word to the people
  - 2. Priests - speak to God for us; sacrifices
  - 3. King - ruled God’s people for their good
- E. Jesus is greatest Prophet, Priest, and King!
- F. We must receive from Him in all three offices

## II. Jesus the Great Prophet of God

- A. Prophets - bringing God’s Word to us
  - 1. God spoke through the prophets (v1)
  - 2. He spoke many times (or parts), and ways (v1)
    - a. Many times - discrete words over a long period
    - b. Might be many ‘parts’ - NASB - each adding on
    - c. Many ways - each prophets spoke differently
    - d. Vision. words, actions, etc.
  - 3. The prophetic office speaks for God (Deut 18:18-19)
- B. Jesus - the Great and Final Prophet

- 1. The similarity - God spoke - vv1-2
- 2. Jesus is a prophet - God speaks through Him
- 3. The contrast - last days; heir; creator (v2)
- 4. Contrast - radiance; exact representation; sustaining (v3)
- 5. He is THE Prophet to come ([John 1:21]; Acts 3:22-26)
- 6. He is God’s final Word to us!
- 7. He still speaks God’s Word to us to turn us to God!

## III. Jesus Our Great High Priest

- A. Priests - speaking to God for us
  - 1. Priests - purification for sin (v1)
  - 2. Key theme in book of Hebrews - 4:14-10:39
  - 3. Priests represent men to God, deal with sin (Heb 5:1)
  - 4. Priests offer sacrifices when we disobey God
  - 5. What the whole Levitical/sacrificial system is about
- B. Jesus - Our Great High Priest
  - 1. Jesus provided purification for sin (v3)
  - 2. Jesus’ purification is far greater (Hebrews 9:11-14)
  - 3. Jesus’ sacrifice is once for all (Heb 10:11-12)
  - 4. He has fulfilled sacrificial system - no more need
  - 5. He has fulfilled the Priesthood - no more need
  - 6. He is YOUR High Priest - pleading for you!

#### **IV. Jesus Our Great King**

- A. King - ruling God's people for their blessing
  - 1. King - sat down at the right hand of Majesty (v3)
  - 2. Kings sat on shadow throne of LORD (1 Chr 29:23)
  - 3. Good kings brought blessing to the people
  - 4. Evil kings brought trouble to the people (see Kings/Chronicles)
- B. King - ruling God's people for their blessing
  - 1. Jesus rules all things - for our good (Eph 1:19-23)
  - 2. Jesus is our King-Priest - forever! (Psa 110:1,2,4)
  - 3. He rules us, the world, & blesses us as our King-Priest

- 2. Do I know He rules for His glory and my good?
- 3. Do I attempt things in faith - knowing He rules?

- D. Communion - receiving from our Prophet, Priest, and King
  - 1. Come to the Table - and repent of sin
  - 2. Come to the Table - and receive forgiveness
  - 3. Come to the Table - and be strengthened to obey

#### **The Offices of Christ**

Hebrews 1:1-3  
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Hebrews 13:20-21

#### **V. Applying the Word**

- A. Do we receive from Christ the Prophet?
  - 1. Do I receive God's word through Him?
  - 2. Do I receive God's correction through Him?
  - 3. Is He applying God's Law to my life?
- B. Do we receive from Christ the Priest?
  - 1. Do I see He has made atonement for me?
  - 2. Do I know He pleads for mercy for me - now?
  - 3. Do I know He perfects my faltering obedience?
- C. Do we receive from Christ the King?
  - 1. Do I submit to Christ's Kingship over my life?

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. 19 If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. Deut 18:18-19

For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. 23 Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.’ 24 “Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. 25 And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ 26 When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.” Acts 3:22-26

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. Hebrews 5:1

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:11-14

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:11-12

So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. 1 Chronicles 29:23

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Eph 1:19-23

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” 2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.... 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” Psalm 110:1,2,4