

Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the prophetic office, He is superior to the old prophets, and He has given us the Spirit to enable us to speak God's word in the new covenant.

I. Intro – Christ and the Prophets?

- A. The prophets are well known people
- B. The prophets wrote much of OT
- C. What is a prophet?
- D. How did Jesus fulfill office of Prophet?

II. The Role of the Prophet

- A. The prophet speaks God's word – revelation
 - 1. God speaks through prophet (Dt 18:15, 18)
 - 2. Christ speaks through prophet (1 Pet 1:10-11)
 - 3. Spirit speaks through prophet (2 Pet 1:20-21)
- B. The prophet turns hearts to God
 - 1. People must respond to prophet (Dt 18:19)
 - 2. Prophet applies Torah to people (Is 8:19-20)
 - 3. Prophet turns people to God (Luke 1:17)
- C. The Prophet, the prophets, & a nation of prophets
 - 1. Moses speaking of Great Prophet (15,18; Jn 1:21)

2. Prophets were foreshadow of Prophet

3. God wanted all to prophesy (Num 11:29; Joel 2:28-29)

III. The Need for the Great Prophet

- A. The people increasingly ignored true prophets
 - 1. Moses warned of this danger (19)
 - 2. People no longer listened (Jer 25:4)
 - 3. They often killed true prophets (Acts 7:52)
- B. There were false prophets (20-22; Ezek 22:26-28; Lam 2:14)
 - 1. Moses said they would arise (20-22)
 - 2. False prophets cover sin – not expose – Ezek 22:26-28
 - 3. Result – captivity (Lamentations 2:14)
- C. The people never became prophets (Amos 8:11-12)
- D. The prophetic office ceased after Malachi (Ps 74:9; 1 Macc 9:27)
 - 1. No more prophets – Ps 74:9; 1 Macc 9:27
 - 2. This state continued until John the Baptist

IV. The Superiority of Christ the Prophet

- A. They were only shadows – He is the reality!
 - 1. Moses spoke of One True Prophet (15,18)

- 2. Other prophets were foreshadows of Christ
- B. He brings supreme, final revelation (Heb 1:1-2)
 - 1. Many prophets – one Son
 - 2. Many ways of speaking vs one Word
 - 3. Many times vs. one final time
- C. He gives prophetic Spirit/gift to all His people (Acts 2:16-18; 4:31)
 - 1. The Spirit poured out at Pentecost (Acts 2:16-18)
 - 2. People of God filled w/ Spirit speak Word boldly (Acts 4:31)
 - 3. God now has His prophetic people!

- 1. You have been anointed to speak His word!
- 2. Do your words draw believers to holiness?
- 3. Do your words draw unbelievers to Christ?

Christ and the Prophets

Deuteronomy 18:14-22

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Hebrews 13:20-21

V. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Do you see Christ as the Prophet of God?
 - 1. He is the Supreme, final revelation of God
 - 2. Do not look elsewhere for God's Word to you
- B. Do you receive God's Prophetic word?
 - 1. Do you respond to God's instruction?
 - 2. Do you respond to God's correction?
 - 3. Is your heart responsive to God?
- C. Do you speak God's word to others?

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, **the prophets**, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which **the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.** 1 Peter 1:10-11

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** 2 Peter 1:20-21

¹⁹ When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ **To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.** Isaiah 8:19-20

¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of **Elijah, to turn** the hearts of the fathers to their children and the **disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous-- to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**" Luke 1:17

²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." **"Are you the Prophet?"** He answered, "No." John 1:21

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? **I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"** Numbers 11:29

²⁸ 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29

And though the LORD has sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, you have not listened or paid any attention. Jeremiah 25:4

⁵² Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him-- Acts 7:52

²⁶ Her priests do violence to my law and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean; and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. ²⁷ Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and

kill people to make unjust gain. ²⁸ **Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says'-- when the LORD has not spoken.** Ezek 22:26-28

¹⁴ The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; they did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity. The oracles they gave you were false and misleading. Lamentations 2:14

¹¹ "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it. Amos 8:11-12

⁹ We are given no miraculous signs; **no prophets are left**, and none of us knows how long this will be. Psalm 74:9

Thus there was great distress in Israel, such as had not been **since the time that prophets ceased to appear among them.** 1 Maccabees 9:27

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son Hebrews 1:1-2a

- ✓ Many prophets – but One Son
- ✓ Many ways of speaking – but one final way
- ✓ Many times of speaking – but one final Word

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy." Acts 2:16-18

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.** Acts 4:31