

Prophet, Priest and King

Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Hebrews 1:1-3

In Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Moses spoke of one coming, who would be like himself. Moses referred to him as a prophet (see John 1:19-21). When we consider the unique position that Moses held, we can see him in three different categories. Moses was a prophet, declaring God's Word. He also was a priest, mediating between God and the people of Israel. Moses also served as a king, delivering the people from slavery in Egypt and establishing them as a nation, guided by law. It is in this analysis that we want to compare Moses with Christ. It is important to see Christ in all three aspects: prophet, priest and king. Hebrews 1:1-3 helps us begin to see Christ fulfilling all three positions.

Prophet – “God... has spoken unto us...by His Son.” Hebrews 1:1-2

See also Hebrews 2:1-3, 11-12.

Priest – “Who...purged our sins” Hebrews 1:3

See also Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16; 5:1-10 (Genesis 14:18-20); 7:25-27; 10:11-14.

King – “...sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 1:3

See also Hebrews 1:8-13; 7:2 (king of righteousness & peace); 13:20-21
(a shepherd guides and provides for the sheep – a comparison that God often uses for kings and leaders Psalm 77:20).

In future studies we plan to go into more depth of understanding what importance Christ's positions/ministries of prophet, priest and king mean to us. In John 6:40, Christ reveals that we are to “see” him (The Greek means “to carefully note detail” – unlike vs. 36). When we behold the glory of the Lord, it has a transforming affect on the believer (II Corinthians 3:18). May our love for Christ increase as we understand Him more!