

**The 1689 Confession; Chapter 8 – “Of Christ the Mediator”, Message # 8 –
“Christ the Prophet”, Presented in the Adult Sunday School Class,
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Paragraph 1 - It pleased God, (1) in His eternal purpose, (2) to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, (3) to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet, Priest, and King; head and Savior of the Church the heir of all things, and judge of the world, (4) unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be His seed and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. (5)

1. Isaiah 42: 1-7 2. 1 Peter 1: 20, 21 Isaiah 49: 1-6 3. 1st Timothy 2: 5 Acts 3: 22 Hebrews 5: 5 and 6
Psalm 2: 6 Luke 1: 33

Ephesians 1: 22 and 23 and Chapter 5, verse 23 Hebrews 1: 2 Acts 17: 31 5. Romans 8: 30 John 17: 6
Isaiah 53: 10 Psalm 22: 30

1st Timothy 2: 6 Isaiah 55: 4 and 5 1 Corinthians 1: 30

In the Scriptures Christ is spoken of as the only Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King; the Head and Savior of the Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world

Christ as the Only Mediator has the Offices of Prophet, Priest, and King.

I. He is the Prophet, raised up by God to be the only Mediator.

In the Children’s “Prove it” Catechism that we use with the children in the Bible Club we will often state this question, # 42 – “How is Christ a Prophet? Answer: He teaches us the will of God.

And Question # 45 – “Why do you need Christ as a Prophet?” “Because I am ignorant.”

Acts 3: 22, 23 – “For Moses truly said to the father, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren.” “Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.” “And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. “

What is a prophet? One who speaks on behalf of God to His people, and to all mankind, to declare His will And 2nd he is commissioned by God to foretell future events as they relate to His people and to all mankind.

Here then, in these verses we see that the Lord God would raise up for Israel a Prophet like Moses from among them, and they were to hear everything that he would say to them, and if they would not listen to Him they would be utterly destroyed from among the people of God; they would have no lasting inheritance, they would not go to heaven. If they did listen to Him they would be saved and have eternal life and find acceptance with God, and find grace to live a godly life.

We need to take a closer look at this prophecy concerning the Prophet that all Israel was to listen to and heed and obey, and so let’s turn over to –

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 – “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good.’ “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.” “And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.” “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

So, God would raise up this great Prophet who was to be like Moses in that He would be God’s great representative to the people to teach them the law. He would have a Divine Commission as an inspired teacher from God. He would by His instruction and His teaching prove Himself to be the fulfillment of all the Scripture types and promises. He would fulfill the Mosaic law. He would be the end of the law of righteousness to everyone among them who would believe. Romans 10: 4. God would put His words in this Prophet’s mouth, and He would speak to them all that God commanded Him. He would bring in a New Dispensation; He would be the Mediator of a New Covenant which would be enacted on better promises than the Old Covenant which had been given to Moses and the Old Covenant people of God.

He would not be one who would raise His voice or frighten the people, as this had been the people’s request when they heard the voice of God at Sinai. The people waited 1450 years to see the realization of this prophecy. This was a fulfillment of Isaiah chapter 42: 1 and 2 – “Behold!” “My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!” “I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.” “He will not cry out nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.”

But He came into the world to be the Prophet above all prophets. The Heidelberg Catechism says this in Question 11 – “Why is He (Christ) ordained of God the Father, and anointed?” “Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our Chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption.”

John 1: 19-21 – “Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’” “He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, ‘I am not the Christ.’” “And they asked him, ‘What then?’” “Are you Elijah?” “He said, ‘I am not.’” “Are you the Prophet?” “and he answered, ‘No.’” But he was the forerunner of the Prophet.

And when Jesus did the miracle of feeding the five thousand it says in John 6: 14 – “Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.’”

John 15: 15 – “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

Luke 24: 18-21 – “Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, ‘Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?’” “And He said to them, ‘What things?’” “So they said to Him, ‘The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.’” “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.”