

Offices of Jesus Christ

Christ the Prophet

The Role of the Prophet

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh...”

-- Exodus 7:1-2 (second use in Scripture)

Tests and a Promise

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers – it is to him you shall listen... [And the LORD said to me] ‘I will raise up for them a prophet like you among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

– Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

Hebrews 1:1

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophet...”

Deuteronomy 34 and 2 Chronicles 36

“And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel” – Deut 34:9-12

“The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets...” – 2 Chron 36:15-16a

Christ's Claims and Actions

“...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son”

Claims: Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24; 13:23; John 4:44

Actions: John 8:26; 13:49-50; 15:15; 17:8

Acts 3:22-27; 7:37

“Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.'

Some Implications

John 17:6-8, 26

Colossians 3:16

Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.