

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON**

**Willow, Alaska**

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**Scripture Reading: Deu. 18:15; Ac. 3:22-23; Heb. 3:1; 4:14-15**

**Text:** Multiple

**Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King, Article 14**

In our last message from our Confession of Faith, we considered articles 11-13 concerning Jesus Christ's appointment to the mediatorial office, his mediation toward the Elect, and the signal fact that He is the only mediator between God and man, the man, Christ Jesus. Now we come to the next article in which we study his offices as Prophet, Priest, and King.

### **14. Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King**

This office to which Christ is called is threefold; the prophet, priest, and king. This number and order of offices is necessary, for in respect of our ignorance, we stand in need of His prophetic office; in respect of our great alienation from God, we need His priestly office to reconcile us and continually make intercession for us; and we need His kingly office to uphold and preserve us to His heavenly kingdom.

*Deu.18:15; Ac.3:22, 23; He.3:1; 4:14, 15; Ps.2:6; 2Co.5:20; Ac.26:18; Col.1:21; Ps.110:4; Song of Sol.1:4; Phl.4:13; 2Ti.4:18; He.7:25.*

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- **Scripture promises His prophetic office – the LORD thy God will raise up from the midst of thee (Israel) a prophet like unto Moses.**

**De 18:15 (KJV) The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;**

**Ac 3:20-23 (KJV) And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. **23** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**

And why would they hearken to this Prophet? It is because he who was sent from God spoke God's words! That is the mission of a prophet – and Jesus did it in the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

- **Scripture calls Christ Jesus the Apostle and High Priest of our profession:**

**Heb 3:1 (KJV) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;**

**Heb 4:14-15 (KJV) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. **15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

- **The LORD has set his king upon His holy hill of Zion – His son who shall be given the heathen for his inheritance: (Prophetic)**

**Ps 2:6 (KJV)** *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*  
 stand of Christ, to be reconciled to God.

**2Co 5:20 (KJV)** **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**

As the head of the church, our Lord Jesus Christ has called his church to be ambassadors – and to beseech others, in the stead of Christ, to be reconciled to God.

- **Ambassadors are sent of sovereigns to other nations to help affect reconciliation with the offended king. What, precisely, is an ambassador? The Greek word “πρεσβευω presbeuo” is translated as Ambassador and appears two times in the New Testament – in 2Co. 5:20 and in >**

- **Eph 6:20 KJV** For which I am an **ambassador** <4243> in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- **The Oxford English Dictionary defines the noun “Ambassador” as:** a. An official messenger sent (singly, or as one of a party) by or to a sovereign or public body; an envoy, commissioner, or representative. esp. b. A minister of high rank sent by one sovereign or state on a mission to another.

**Ac 26:17-18 (KJV)** *Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan*

*unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

In this verse, we see the direct command to the Apostle Paul to be an ambassador to the gentiles to open their eyes by preaching and turn them from darkness to light – from the power of Satan unto God in order that they may received forgiveness of sins, and receive inheritance among all his sanctified by faith that is in Him.

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Whiles his people – his church are left on the earth, the very first part of their mission is to teach, instruct, and disciple all nations. This is the job of being ambassadors for Christ in a strange world among very strong opposing forces led by Satan himself.

**Mt 28:19 (KJV)** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

While we are occupied with this task, we, in the churches, are empowered with the Holy Ghost to accomplish the task. He prays for us with groanings which cannot be uttered – and convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. As we go about our ambassadorship, our LORD is seated at the right hand of God to “save us by his life” – by there interceding for us. In this, Jesus Christ continued to perform his role as our Great High Priest. These next verses address that office of Priest.

**Col 1:21-22 (KJV)** *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

**22** *In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:*

**Ps 110:4 (KJV)** *The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.*

**Song 1:4 (KJV)** *Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.*

**Php 4:13 (KJV)** *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

**2Ti 4:18 (KJV)** *And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Heb 7:25 (KJV)** *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

This preacher differs a bit from the statement made in the last sentence of this article in the confession which says "and we need His kingly office to uphold and preserve us to His heavenly kingdom." I believe He preserves us unto the kingdom's appearance by his high priestly intercession. He will assume his office as King when he comes for His bride.

**Mt 27:11 (KJV)** *And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** And Jesus said unto him, **Thou sayest.***

**Joh 18:36-37 (KJV)** *Jesus answered, **My kingdom** is not of this world: if **my kingdom** were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: **but now is my kingdom not from hence.** 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a **king** then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a **king.** **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.***

All four of the gospel writers wrote of the sign which was placed on the cross identifying Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the KING OF THE JEWS. I will quote John:

**Joh 19:19-20 (KJV)** *And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.** 20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.*

**Lu 1:32-33 (KJV)** *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:** 33 And he **shall reign** over the house of Jacob for ever; and **of his kingdom there shall be no end.***

**Mt 2:1-2 (KJV)** *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born **King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

**Mt 21:5 (KJV)** [At the Triumphant entry into Jerusalem – quoting the prophet Zechariah 9:9] *Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, **thy King cometh unto thee**, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

Jesus said he was born to this end. During his earthly ministry, he did not show himself as king, but in the offices of Prophet and Priest. The Revelation is the book which tells of His kingship.

It is first mentioned in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter where our LORD is called “thou King of saints.” Let’s read it:

**Re 15:1-3 (KJV)** *And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. **2** And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. **3** And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, **thou King of saints.***

His kingship is spoken of in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter where it speaks of the Beast and the ten kings.

**Re 17:14 (KJV)** *These shall make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord***

**of lords, and King of kings:** and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Scripture shows us the first time He shows himself as King;

**Re 19:11-16 (KJV)** *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS,** AND LORD OF LORDS.*

In Matthew 25:31-48, Jesus is referred to as the King. This is after his return and when he sits on the throne of His glory and gathers all nations before him.

We see Him as king over all the earth in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Zechariah. WE see him return with his saints in verses 4 and 5 – then as king over all the earth in verse 9.

**Zec 14:4-5 (KJV)** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the



midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5* And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: **and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

**Zec 14:9 (KJV)** *And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

Brothers and sisters,

- Jesus Christ completely discharged his office of prophet while on earth during which time He spake the words of God;
  - **Joh 3:34-35 (KJV)** **For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:** *for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.*
- began his office as priest at the crucifixion and continues it now and until the church age has ended during which time he washed his people from their sins in his own blood and continues to intercede for them;
  - **Re 1:4-5 (KJV)** *John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is*

*the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,***

- **Heb 7:25-26 (KJV) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26**

*For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*

- and will then take up his Office as King upon his return to reign on the earth in which He will judge all the living nations; remove from his Kingdom all things that offend; and will reign over the nations along with his saints, with a rod of iron. Hallelujah!