

Theme: To Christ our Lord have been given the offices of Prophet, Priest, and King. In his role and work as God's peerless prophet he represents God to mankind and has come into the world perfectly revealing the will of God. As the living Word he continues to lead and strengthen his people through the illumination of his infallible written Word, revealing God's unchanging will of for us and to us.

Background: Taking a few weeks look at Christ as he fulfills the offices of Prophet, Priest, and King in which he meets our greatest needs and equips us for faithful service.

Introduction: Who served as a prophet in your life?

## I. Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, King

### A. The three-fold calling

1. Historical expression
  - a. Seen in the early church
  - b. Embraced in the Reformation
2. Biblical warrant
  - a. Old Testament "offices"
    - 1) Prophets (Representing God before men/women)
    - 2) Priests (Representing men/women before God)
    - 3) Kings (Mediating God's reign over his people)
  - b. New Testament assignment to Jesus

### B. The three-fold cure

1. Our sad condition
  - a. Ignorance: Darkened in our understanding (Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1:21)
  - b. Alienation, Guilt: As a result of our sin (Psalm 130:3)
  - c. Corruption: There is "none who is righteous" (Psalm 14:1-3)
2. Our only hope of deliverance
  - a. Prophet: Revealing the will of God
  - b. Priest: Offers atoning sacrifice for sin
  - c. King: Ruling in us to break the power of sin

## II. A Prophet's Life

### A. A divine calling: set apart for special service to the Lord

1. Moses (Exodus 7:1)
2. Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8, 9)
3. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5)
4. John the Baptist (Luke 1:17)
5. Paul (Acts 9:15)

### B. A divine duty

1. They receive the Word
  - a. Moses (Numbers 12:6-8; Exodus 33:11)
  - b. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4)
  - c. Ezekiel (Ezekiel 3:17)
2. They deliver it to the people
  - a. Awesome task (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:22)
  - b. Words of judgment (Isaiah 1:4)
  - c. Call to repentance (Joel 2:12-13)
  - d. Words of promise and comfort (Isaiah 40:1, 2)

NOTE: Preaching still has the same responsibilities.

### III. The Prophet's Life

#### A. The promised one

1. Like Moses (John 6:14; Deuteronomy 18:18; Acts 3:22-24)
  - a. Not "like God" – he "was/is God"
  - b. He would be greater than Moses (Hebrews 3:3-6)
2. Sent from God the Father
  - a. With God's word (John 7:16; John 8:16)
  - b. Recognized as the prophet (John 6:14; John 7:40)

#### B. His calling (ministry)

1. Proclaiming the Word of God
  - a. With the Word of Truth (John 6:68)
  - b. To bring us to a knowledge of the truth: breaking the hold and bondage of ignorance (Mark 1:15; Luke 5:24)

#### C. His continuing ministry

1. Making known the will of God (John 17:6; 15:15)
2. He continues to do so through the ministry of his Spirit (John 16:7, 13)

### IV. A Prophetic Witness Today

#### A. Our calling

1. Called by our great Prophet (Numbers 11:29; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:16-21)
  - a. All believers have the Spirit (1 John 2:20)
  - b. All believers must submit to the call
2. All prophets??
  - a. Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
  - b. Encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13)
  - c. Instructing one another (Romans 15:14)
  - d. Predicting the future?

#### B. Our privilege: to take this truth to the world outside of the church.

1. Wherever we go! (Acts 8:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:8)
2. To a people whose hearts are darkened in ignorance of the truth: blind and drunk on self-righteousness
3. Dwelling richly in you