

Jesus - The Prophet

Hebrews 1:1-4

As the Prophet Jesus:

1. Reveals all we need to know of God.
2. Proclaims the final Word of God.

Background:

The promise of “the prophet”.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (CSB): ¹⁵ *“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ This is what you requested from the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let us not continue to hear the voice of the Lord our God or see this great fire any longer, so that we will not die!’ ¹⁷ Then the Lord said to me, ‘They have spoken well. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name.*

Deuteronomy 34:9-12

Since the time of Moses, the people of God have been waiting for “the prophet”. John 1:19-23

The people believed that John the Baptist might be “the prophet”. One thing to keep in mind. The promise of “the prophet” in Deuteronomy 18, was a Messianic prophecy. Meaning, it was speaking of the coming Messiah (Christ).

Soon after the people questioned John, Jesus began His earthly ministry. After seeing the signs and wonders done by Jesus...the people started to believe that Jesus is “the prophet” to come. John 6:14; John 7:40-44

The people longed to see the days of “the prophet”. Why? They wanted deliverance. God had used Moses to bring deliverance from Pharaoh and Egypt, and now the people wanted deliverance from Ceasar and Rome. So, was Jesus “the prophet” to come?

Acts 3:17-26 (CSB): ¹⁷ *“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning. ²² Moses said: **The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must listen to everything he tells you. ²³ And everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be completely cut off from the people.***

²⁴ *“In addition, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, have also foretold these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, **And all the families of the earth will be blessed through your offspring.** ²⁶ God raised up his servant and sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways.”*

God uses Peter to confirm that Jesus is in fact “the Prophet” to come. This is a significant truth. All that came before Jesus was just “a prophet”. Jesus on the other hand is “THE PROPHET”. He is the final, great prophet of God.

Hebrews 1:1-4 (CSB):

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ² In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. ⁴ So he became superior to the angels, just as the name he inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Jesus is the final revealing of God to mankind. God use to send prophets to reveal His Word and to proclaim what we need to know of God. BUT in these last days we have Jesus. Jesus is "The Prophet". The one all of Israel had been longing to see.

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Verse 3: *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

Everything you need to know or will ever need to know of God is found in Jesus. Jesus is the sum of all the OT and the main subject of the NT.

- Throughout the OT we get glimpses of God from Abraham and Isaac, to Joseph, to Elijah, to Isaiah, to David. But not a complete revealing. Jesus is the ultimate revealing of God to man.
- In the NT, the gospels tell the story of Jesus, the letters explain and speak of Jesus and Revelation speaks of the eternal victory of Jesus.

Not only does Jesus fully reveal God to us, Jesus clearly proclaims the final Word of God. Jesus reveals the complete fullness of God; therefore, He is our final Word from God. God has revealed all of Himself in Christ. You don't need to go searching for information about God anywhere other than Jesus. We read in verse 2, *In these last days.* God has chosen to no longer use prophets to declare the Word. Jesus, God Himself, has come and declared the final Word of God.

- John 1:1-3; John 14:6-7

Conclusion

We don't need new special revelation. We don't need some experience. We need to look unto Jesus. Later in Hebrews we read:

Hebrews 12:1-2 (CSB): *Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ² keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

We must come to the realization that fixing our eyes upon Jesus is not optional...it is a necessity. Jesus is "The Prophet". He is the one that fully reveals God and proclaims the Word of God to us. In Him are the words of life. John 6:66-69

Since the time of Moses, the Israelites have been waiting for "The Prophet". We don't have to wait any longer. We don't have to wonder anymore.

Jesus being "The Prophet" means He is the revealer of God. You want to know who God is? You want to know what God values? You want to know how to be made right before God? Jesus.