JESUS OUR PROPHET PRIEST AND KING Part 1

INTRO:

- We must not mistake when on the cross Jesus cried out, "it is finished," JN. 19:30.
- We must realize that statement did not mean there was nothing for Him now to do.
- That He would be idle, or passive, or on vacation or that there was absolutely nothing more for Jesus to do now regarding our salvation.
- But there was and still is much that Jesus now does to shepherd us to glory.

Jesus now reigns in heaven as our Prophet, Priest and King; But let me ask you what difference does this make to you? What difference does this make in our lives?

- In the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, how is Jesus first portrayed and then where do we find Him?
 - In the Church. 1:5, 11-20
- Jesus now ceaselessly carries on His ministry of Prophet, Priest and King.
- Today we will see how far we get, but we must not rush through such holy ground.
- In the first 3 verses in Hebrews, we see all 3 of these offices spoken of in reference to Christ. Heb. 1:1-3.
- Prophet; God has spoken in/through His Son. (Vs. 2)
- Priest; Who when He had purged us from our sins. (vs. 3)
- King; Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. (vs. 3)
- These 3 are inseparably united and in the exact correct order.
- In the O. T. you have all three of these offices, but always in different people.
- All 3 of these offices were different, executed by different people. Distinct responsibilities and giftings.
- Prophets like Moses, Samuel, Isa, etc.
- Priests like Melchisedec, Aron, his sons, etc.
- Kings like Saul, David and his decedents, etc.
- But not in the same person.
- See the office ending assumption of Saul where he tried to combine 2 of them, king and priest.
 - 1 Sam. 13:9-14

• But the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ is that we find all of the 3 fulfilled and perfectly functioning in and through Him.

Now let's dig deeper into these revelations of the offices of Christ our risen Lord.

AS PROPHET:

• A prophet is a spokesman for God, one who does not speak at His own will or behalf or his own sentiments. But speaks the words God has given him to speak. He is God's perfect Representative.

AS HIGH PRIEST: He made sacrifice and offerings for us and as such He continues to intercede, mediate, and represent us He is man's representative before the mighty throne of God.

<u>AS KING:</u> He is our ruling, reigning representative, head of the Christian and the Church. He is reigning and presiding over all things, but especially to His Church.

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 - Jn. 12:49, For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.
 - Jn. 14:10; do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
- Jesus was prophesied to be the Fathers Prophet in the O. T.
 - Dt. 18:15; "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,
- And in the N. T. by those who saw and heard Him;
 - Jn. 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."
- And by Himself;

- Nevertheless, I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.
- A prophet is not without honor except...
- As Moses gave the Law from Sinai, so Jesus did when giving the new law of the Kingdom in the sermon on the mount.
- During the earthly ministry of Jesus, He was the Prophet for God, all that He said and did spoke and revealed the message and character of God.
- Jesus as prophet continues to reveal the heart, mind, and character of God to us through the Holy Spirit and the word.
- He is still filling the office of God's prophet through the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - Jn. 16:13-14; However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- Jesus as the Messenger, the Prophet of God has brought light and truth into the world.
 - Jn. 3:19; And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- He has given the world the word and the truth of God, speaking and showing the mind, word and the life of God.
 - If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.