

Message Seven

Christ—the True Prophet Typified by Moses

MC Hymns: 193 (stanzas 1-3, 8)

Scripture Reading: Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-23

- Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.
- Deut 18:16 This is according to all that you asked of Jehovah your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear any more of the voice of Jehovah my God, and let me not see this great fire any longer, lest I die.
- Deut 18:17 And Jehovah said to me, They have done well in what they have spoken.
- Deut 18:18 A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.
- Deut 18:19 And the man who will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I Myself will require it from him.
- Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.
- Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

I. Prophets are God's spokesmen—Deut. 18:15; Amos 3:7; Isa. 6:1-8:

- Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.
- Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord Jehovah will not do anything unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
- Isa 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple.
- Isa 6:2 Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- Isa 6:3 And one called to the other, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah of hosts; / The whole earth is filled with His glory.
- Isa 6:4 And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
- Isa 6:5 Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! / For I am a man of unclean lips, / And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; / Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.
- Isa 6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with an ember in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- Isa 6:7 And he touched my mouth with it and said, Now that this has touched your lips, / Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.
- Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.
- A. The function of the prophets is to speak for God—1 Cor. 14:31; 2 Tim. 4:2.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
- 2 Tim 4:2 Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.
- B. According to the Bible, the main function of a prophet is not to predict things that are coming but to speak for God and to speak forth God by God's revelation—Amos 3:7; Exo. 4:10-16.
- Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord Jehovah will not do anything unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
- Exo 4:10 And Moses said to Jehovah, Please, Lord, I am not a man of words, neither in the past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.
- Exo 4:11 And Jehovah said to him, Who gave man a mouth? Or who makes him dumb or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, Jehovah?
- Exo 4:12 Now go therefore, and I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you shall speak.

- Exo 4:13 And he said, Please, Lord, send word by sending someone else whom You will send.
- Exo 4:14 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses, and He said, Is there not Aaron your brother the Levite? I know that he can certainly speak. And even now he is coming out to meet you; and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.
- Exo 4:15 And you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do.
- Exo 4:16 And he shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be as God to him.

C. God, who is a speaking God, spoke in the Old Testament to people in many portions and in many ways in the prophets—Heb. 1:1:

Heb 1:1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,

1. God is hidden, but through the speaking of the prophets, God Himself and His intention are made known—Isa. 45:15, 19; 1:1-2a; 6:1-8.

Isa 45:15 Surely You are a God who hides Himself, / O God of Israel, the Savior.

Isa 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, / In a dark place of the earth; / I did not say to the seed of Jacob, / Seek Me in vain. / I, Jehovah, speak righteousness, / Declaring things that are right.

Isa 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah:

Isa 1:2a Hear, O heavens, and hearken, O earth, / For Jehovah has spoken: / I have brought up children, and I have raised them; ...

Isa 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

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Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

2. Prophets receive God's revelation directly and are borne by the Spirit of God to speak for God and speak forth God—2 Pet. 1:20-21:

2 Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of one's own interpretation;

2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.

a. No prophecy was ever borne by the will of man—v. 21.

2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.

b. Man's will, desire, and wish, with his thought and exposition, were not the source from which any prophecy came.

c. The source was God, by whose Holy Spirit men were borne, as a ship is borne by the wind, to speak out the will, desire, and wish of God.

d. No prophecy of Scripture is of the prophet's or the writer's exposition, for no prophecy was ever borne, or carried along, by the will of man; rather, men spoke from God while being borne by the Spirit—vv. 20-21.

2 Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of one's own interpretation;

2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.

- D. A false prophet is one who speaks a word presumptuously in God's name, which God did not command him to speak—Deut. 18:20-22.

Deut 18:20 But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name, which I did not command him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

Deut 18:21 And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word that Jehovah has not spoken?

Deut 18:22 When a prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and the thing does not happen nor come about, that is the thing which Jehovah has not spoken. The prophet has spoken presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

II. Moses was a prophet, and as a prophet, he typifies Christ—v. 15:

- Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.

- A. In his forty years of leading the children of Israel, Moses continually spoke to them for God; especially in Deuteronomy, Moses repeatedly spoke God's words to the children of Israel—1:1, 9-11, 18; 4:1-2; 5:11; 6:1-9.

Deut 1:1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, and Dizahab.

Deut 1:9 And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you alone.

Deut 1:10 Jehovah your God has multiplied you, and now today you are as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deut 1:11 Jehovah, the God of your fathers, add to you a thousandfold ones like you and bless you as He has promised you!

Deut 1:18 And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

Deut 4:1 And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances which I am teaching you to do, in order that you may live and go in and possess the land which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

Deut 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor shall you take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I am commanding you.

Deut 5:11 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold guiltless him who takes His name in vain.

Deut 6:1 Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances, which Jehovah your God has commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land into which you are crossing over to possess;

Deut 6:2 That you may fear Jehovah your God and keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I am commanding you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life; and that your days may be extended.

Deut 6:3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be certain to do it, that it may go well with you and that you may be greatly increased, in a land flowing with milk and honey, even as Jehovah, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel, Jehovah is our God; Jehovah is one.

Deut 6:5 And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deut 6:6 And these words, which I command you today, shall be upon your heart;

Deut 6:7 And you shall repeat them to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up;

Deut 6:8 And you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes;

Deut 6:9 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- B. Moses, as the spokesman of God, was like an aged, loving father speaking to his children with much love and concern—30:1-14:

Deut 30:1 And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you; and you bring them to heart while among all the nations to whom Jehovah your God will drive you;

Deut 30:2 And you and your children return to Jehovah your God and listen to His voice, according to all that I am commanding you today, with all your heart and with all your soul;

Deut 30:3 Then Jehovah your God will turn your captivity and be compassionate to you, and He will turn and gather you from all the peoples among whom Jehovah your God has scattered you.

Deut 30:4 If any of you have been driven out to the ends of heaven, from there will Jehovah your God gather you and from there will He take you.

Deut 30:5 And Jehovah your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you will possess it; and He will do good for you and will multiply you more than He did your fathers.

Deut 30:6 And Jehovah your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, so that you will love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Deut 30:7 And Jehovah your God will put all these oaths upon your enemies and upon them who hate you and who have persecuted you.

Deut 30:8 And you will turn and listen to the voice of Jehovah, and you will do all His commandments, which I am commanding you today.

Deut 30:9 And Jehovah your God will give you an excess of prosperity in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your animals and in the fruit of your ground, for Jehovah will again exult over you for good as He exulted over your fathers;

Deut 30:10 If you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes written in this book of the law; if you turn back to Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deut 30:11 For this commandment which I am commanding you today, it is not too difficult for you, nor is it distant.

Deut 30:12 It is not in heaven that you should say, Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us to make us hear it and do it?

Deut 30:13 Nor is it across the sea that you should say, Who will go across the sea for us and bring it to us to make us hear it and do it?

Deut 30:14 But the word is very near to you, even in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

1. Although it was Moses who spoke, he did not speak his own words; he spoke God's words—32:1-47.

Deut 32:1 Give ear, O heaven, and let me speak; / And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

Deut 32:2 Let my teaching drop like the rain; / Let my speech distill like the dew, / Like raindrops upon tender grass, / And like abundant showers upon herbage.

Deut 32:3 For the name of Jehovah will I declare. / Ascribe greatness to our God!

Deut 32:4 The Rock-perfect is His work, / For all His ways are justice: / A God of faithfulness and without injustice; / Righteous and upright is He.

Deut 32:5 Corruptly have they dealt with Him-their blemish is not His sons- / A twisted and crooked generation are they.

Deut 32:6 Do you repay Jehovah with this, / Foolish and unwise people? / Is He not your Father who bought you? / Was it not He who made you and established you?

Deut 32:7 Remember the days of long ago; / Consider the years of generation upon generation; / Ask your father, and he will inform you; / Your elders, and they will tell you.

Deut 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, / When He divided the sons of man, / He set the borders of the peoples / According to the number of Israel's children.

Deut 32:9 For Jehovah's portion is His people; / Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

Deut 32:10 He found him in a land of wilderness, / And in a howling desert waste; / He encircled him, cared for him with all attention; / He guarded him like the pupil of His eye.

Deut 32:11 As the eagle rouses his nest, / Hovers over his young, / Spreads his wings, takes them, / And bears them up upon his pinions;

Deut 32:12 So Jehovah alone led him, / And there was no strange god with Him.

Deut 32:13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, / And he ate the produce of the field; / And He made him suck honey out of a crag, / And oil out of flint rock:

Deut 32:14 Curd of cows and milk of sheep, / With fat of lambs, / And rams, the offspring of Bashan, and goats, / With the choicest wheat; / And the blood of the grape you drank as fermenting wine.

Deut 32:15 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked- / You have become fat, you have grown thick, you have gorged yourself- / And forsook God, who made him, / And treated the Rock of his salvation disdainfully.

Deut 32:16 They made Him jealous with strange gods; / With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

Deut 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, to those who were no god, / To gods they did not know, / To new ones who had recently come up, / Before whom your fathers had not shuddered.

Deut 32:18 You have neglected the Rock who begot you / And have forgotten the God who travailed with you.

Deut 32:19 And Jehovah saw and held them in contempt, / Because of anger provoked by His sons and daughters.

Deut 32:20 And He said, I will hide My face from them; / I will see what their latter end will be. / For they are a generation of perversions, / Children in whom is no faithfulness.

Deut 32:21 They have made Me jealous with a non-God; / They have provoked Me to anger with their vanities. / Hence I will make them jealous with a non-people; / With a foolish nation I will provoke them to anger.

Deut 32:22 For a fire is kindled in My anger / And burns unto nethermost Sheol. / And it devours the earth and its produce / And sets ablaze the foundations of the mountains.

Deut 32:23 I will heap evils on them; / I will use up My arrows against them.

Deut 32:24 They shall be sucked up by famine, / And eaten up by fire bolt / And bitter destruction; / And I will send the teeth of beasts against them, / With the venom of those that crawl in the dust.

Deut 32:25 The sword shall bereave outside, / And inside, terror; / Taking both the young man and the virgin, / The suckling with the gray-haired man.

Deut 32:26 I would have said, I will scatter them, / I will cause the memory of them to cease from among men;

Deut 32:27 Except I dreaded the vexation from the enemy; / Lest their adversaries misjudge; / Lest they say, Our hand is exalted, / And it is not Jehovah who has wrought all this.

Deut 32:28 For they are a nation destitute of counsel, / And there is no understanding in them.

Deut 32:29 If they had been wise, they would have comprehended this, / They would have perceived their latter end.

Deut 32:30 How shall one chase a thousand, / And two put ten thousand to flight, / Were it not that their Rock sold them, / And Jehovah delivered them up?

Deut 32:31 For their rock is not like our Rock; / And of this our enemies are judges.

Deut 32:32 For their vine is from Sodom's vine, / And from Gomorrah's fields; / Their grapes are the grapes of poison; / Clusters of bitterness have they.

Deut 32:33 Their wine is the venom of serpents / And the cruel poison of cobras.

Deut 32:34 Is this not laid up in store with Me, / Sealed up in My treasures?

Deut 32:35 Vengeance is Mine and so is retribution, / For the time when their foot slips; / Because the day of their calamity has drawn near, / And the things destined to happen to them hasten.

Deut 32:36 For Jehovah will execute judgment for His people, / And He will have compassion on His servants, / When He sees that their support is gone, / And that neither fettered nor free remain.

Deut 32:37 And He will say, Where are their gods, / The rock they sought refuge in,

Deut 32:38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, / And drank the wine of their drink offering? / Let them rise up and help you; / Let them be a shelter over you.

Deut 32:39 See now that I, I am He, / And there is no god with Me. It is I who kill, and I make alive; / I wound, and it is I who heal; / And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

- Deut 32:40 For I lift up My hand to heaven / And say, As I live forever:
 Deut 32:41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, / And My hand takes hold of judgment, / I will repay My adversaries with vengeance, / And those who hate Me will I recompense.
 Deut 32:42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, / And My sword will devour flesh- / With the blood of the slain and of the captives, / The flesh of the long-haired leaders of the enemy.
 Deut 32:43 Shout joyously, you nations, with His people, / Because He will avenge the blood of His servants, / And He will repay His adversaries with vengeance / And will cover the guilt of His land and of His people.
 Deut 32:44 And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Hoshea the son of Nun.
 Deut 32:45 And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel.
 Deut 32:46 And he said to them, Set your heart on all these words which I am testifying to you today. You shall command them to your children that they may be certain to do all the words of this law.
 Deut 32:47 For it is not a matter too vain for you, because it is your life; and by this matter you will extend your days upon the land into which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess.
2. He spoke for God, spoke forth God, and spoke God into the children of Israel—11:8-25.
- Deut 11:8 Therefore you shall keep the whole commandment which I am commanding you today so that you may be strong and that you may go in and possess the land into which you are crossing over to possess,
 Deut 11:9 And so that you may extend your days upon the ground which Jehovah swore to your fathers, to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.
 Deut 11:10 For the land which you are entering in to possess is not like the land of Egypt, from which you came forth, where you used to sow your seed and water by foot as in a vegetable garden.
 Deut 11:11 But the land into which you are crossing over to possess is a land of mountains and valleys; by virtue of heaven's rain, it drinks in water.
 Deut 11:12 It is a land which Jehovah your God cares for; always the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.
 Deut 11:13 And if you are certain to listen to my commandments, which I am commanding you today, to love Jehovah your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,
 Deut 11:14 I will give rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the late rain, so that you may gather your grain and your new wine and your fresh oil.
 Deut 11:15 And I will put grass in your field for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.
 Deut 11:16 Be careful lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and bow down to them,
 Deut 11:17 And the anger of Jehovah burn against you and He shut up heaven, so that there is no rain and the earth does not yield its produce and you perish quickly from off the good land which Jehovah is giving you.
 Deut 11:18 Therefore you shall lay these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes;
 Deut 11:19 And you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up;
 Deut 11:20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates;
 Deut 11:21 That your days may be multiplied, as well as the days of your children, upon the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the days of heaven are above the earth.
 Deut 11:22 For if you are certain to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him,
 Deut 11:23 Jehovah will dispossess all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

Deut 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads will be yours; from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the farthest sea will be your territory.

Deut 11:25 No man will be able to stand against you; Jehovah your God will put the dread and fear of you upon all the land on which you tread, as He has spoken to you.

C. Moses was a person not only soaked and saturated with the thought of God but also constituted with the speaking God Himself; therefore, the word that proceeded out of his mouth was the word of God spoken through this one spokesman—Exo. 34:29-35; Num. 12:6-8:

Exo 34:29 And when Moses came down from Mount Sinai—and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain—Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of His speaking with him.

Exo 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, at that time the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the assembly returned to him, and Moses spoke to them.

Exo 34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exo 34:34 But whenever Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out; and when he came out and spoke to the children of Israel what he had been commanded,

Exo 34:35 The children of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. Then Moses would put the veil back on his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Num 12:6 He said, Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, / I, Jehovah, will make Myself known to him in a vision; / I will speak with him in a dream.

Num 12:7 My servant Moses is not so; / He is faithful in all My house.

Num 12:8 With him I speak face to face, even openly, and not in riddles; / And he beholds the form of Jehovah. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?

1. For forty years Moses served as God's spokesman, speaking for God, speaking forth God, and predicting; every word that he spoke became God's word—Deut. 10:12-22.

Deut 10:12 And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

Deut 10:13 So that you would keep the commandments of Jehovah and His statutes, which I am commanding you today, for your good.

Deut 10:14 Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to Jehovah your God, the earth and all that is in it.

Deut 10:15 But on your fathers Jehovah set His affection to love them and to choose their seed after them, that is, you above all the peoples, as it is this day.

Deut 10:16 Circumcise then the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stiff-necked any longer;

Deut 10:17 For it is Jehovah your God who is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who does not regard persons and does not take bribes;

Deut 10:18 He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and He loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

Deut 10:19 Therefore love the sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Deut 10:20 You shall fear Jehovah your God; Him shall you serve and to Him shall you hold fast and by His name shall you swear.

Deut 10:21 He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you, which your eyes have seen.

Deut 10:22 Your fathers went down into Egypt as seventy souls; and now Jehovah your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

2. He predicted that the children of Israel would forsake God and be cast by God into all

the nations but that when they would repent and turn to God, He would gather them from the nations—29:25-28; 30:1-3.

Deut 29:25 And they will say, It is because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out from the land of Egypt;

Deut 29:26 And they went and served other gods and bowed down to them, gods whom they had not known and He had not allotted to them.

Deut 29:27 And the anger of Jehovah burned against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book;

Deut 29:28 And Jehovah plucked them off their land in anger and in burning wrath and in great indignation, and sent them to another land, as they are this day.

Deut 30:1 And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you; and you bring them to heart while among all the nations to whom Jehovah your God will drive you;

Deut 30:2 And you and your children return to Jehovah your God and listen to His voice, according to all that I am commanding you today, with all your heart and with all your soul;

Deut 30:3 Then Jehovah your God will turn your captivity and be compassionate to you, and He will turn and gather you from all the peoples among whom Jehovah your God has scattered you.

3. As such a prophet, Moses is a type of Christ—Acts 3:22-23.

Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.

Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

4. Moses spoke to the children of Israel all that God had commanded him to speak; likewise, the Lord Jesus spoke all that the Father commanded Him to speak—John 12:49-50.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak.

John 12:50 And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.

III. The Old Testament prophet Moses prophesied, saying, "A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him"—Deut. 18:15:

A. Jehovah would put His words in the mouth of the Prophet, who would speak all that God commanded Him—v. 18b.

Deut 18:18b ... and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.

B. The Prophet raised up by God would be according to all that the children of Israel asked of Jehovah their God at Horeb—vv. 16-17:

Deut 18:16 This is according to all that you asked of Jehovah your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear any more of the voice of Jehovah my God, and let me not see this great fire any longer, lest I die.

Deut 18:17 And Jehovah said to me, They have done well in what they have spoken.

1. They had told Moses that they could not bear to hear God's voice—5:22-28; Exo. 20:18-19.

Deut 5:22 These words Jehovah spoke to all your congregation on the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the deep darkness, with a great voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them upon two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Deut 5:23 And when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders,

Deut 5:24 And said, Jehovah our God has just shown us His glory and His greatness, and

His voice we have heard from the midst of the fire; today we have seen that God speaks with man and yet he lives.

Deut 5:25 Therefore why should we die now? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of Jehovah our God any longer, we will die.

Deut 5:26 For who is there among all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and has lived?

Deut 5:27 You go near and hear all that Jehovah our God says; then you will speak to us all that Jehovah our God speaks to you, and we will hear and do.

Deut 5:28 And Jehovah heard the sound of your words while you spoke to me; and Jehovah said to me, I have heard the sound of the words of this people which they have spoken to you; they have done well in all that they have spoken.

Exo 20:18 And all the people witnessed the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people witnessed it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

Exo 20:19 And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak with us, so we do not die.

2. Because they wanted a prophet, Moses promised that God would fulfill their desire for a prophet.

C. Moses prophesied that Jehovah would raise up a Prophet from their midst, from among their brothers—Deut. 18:15, 18a:

Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.

Deut 18:18a A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; ...

1. This indicates that God would raise up this Prophet through the incarnation of Christ to speak the word of God—John 1:14; 3:34; 7:16-17; Heb. 1:2a.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.

John 7:16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

John 7:17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...

2. *From the midst of their brothers* (Deut. 18:18a) indicates that Christ as the coming Prophet would be human as well as divine—John 1:1, 14; Rom. 8:3:

Deut 18:18a A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; ...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

- a. If Christ were merely God, He could not have been raised up from among the Israelites—Luke 1:31, 35.

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

- b. As God, Christ could not be from among the Jews as a brother, but as the incarnated One, the One who put on human nature and was a Jew, Christ was from among His brothers.

- c. As the incarnated God, Christ put on human nature and became a Jew; thus, He is the Prophet raised up “from your midst,” as prophesied by Moses—Deut.

18:15, 18.

Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.

Deut 18:18 A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.

3. Acts 3:22-23 applies Deuteronomy 18:15-19 to Christ, who is God incarnated to be a man, indicating that Christ is the Prophet promised by God to His people, the children of Israel.

Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.

Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

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Deut 18:19 And the man who will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I Myself will require it from him.

IV. In His first coming, Christ ministered as the Prophet raised up by God—Acts 3:22-23; 7:37:

Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.

Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

Acts 7:37 This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, "A Prophet will God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me."

- A. Through incarnation Christ became the Prophet to speak the word of God—John 3:34.

John 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.

- B. Christ is the Word of God and the speaking of God—1:1; Rev. 19:13; Heb. 1:2a:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Rev 19:13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God.

Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...

1. When Christ was on the earth speaking for God and teaching people, His teaching was not His own but was according to what the Father had taught Him—John 7:16; 8:28b.

John 7:16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

John 8:28b ..., but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.

2. He did not speak from Himself; as the Father spoke to Him, so He spoke—12:49-50.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak.

John 12:50 And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.

3. As God's Prophet, Christ spoke for God, spoke forth God, and revealed God to the disciples—Matt. 11:27.

Matt 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one fully knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and him to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

C. During His earthly ministry, Christ also prophesied, predicted, by declaring the things that are coming—John 16:12-13; Matt. 24:2—25:46.

- John 16:12 I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.
- Matt 24:2 But He answered and said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There shall by no means be left here a stone upon a stone, which shall not be thrown down.
- Matt 24:3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, When will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and of the consummation of the age?
- Matt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, See that no one leads you astray.
Matt 24:5 For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and they will lead many astray.
- Matt 24:6 And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for it must happen; but the end is not yet.
- Matt 24:7 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
- Matt 24:8 All these things are the beginning of birth pangs.
Matt 24:9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations because of My name.
- Matt 24:10 And at that time many will be stumbled and will deliver up one another and will hate one another.
- Matt 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and will lead many astray.
Matt 24:12 And because lawlessness will be multiplied, the love of the many will grow cold.
Matt 24:13 But he who has endured to the end, this one shall be saved.
Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.
- Matt 24:15 Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him who reads understand),
Matt 24:16 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains;
Matt 24:17 Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take the things out of his house;
Matt 24:18 And let him who is in the field not turn back to take his garment.
Matt 24:19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days.
- Matt 24:20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter, nor on a Sabbath,
Matt 24:21 For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred from the beginning of the world until now, nor shall by any means ever occur.
- Matt 24:22 And unless those days had been cut short, no flesh would be saved; but on account of the chosen, those days will be cut short.
- Matt 24:23 At that time if anyone says to you, Behold, here is the Christ! or, Here! do not believe it.
Matt 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen.
- Matt 24:25 Behold, I have told you beforehand.
Matt 24:26 Therefore if they say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness, do not go forth; Behold, He is in the inner rooms, do not believe it.
- Matt 24:27 For just as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- Matt 24:28 Wherever the corpse is, there will the vultures be gathered together.
Matt 24:29 And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- Matt 24:30 And at that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- Matt 24:31 And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His chosen together from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other end.

Matt 24:32 But learn the parable from the fig tree: As soon as its branch has become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

Matt 24:33 So also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the doors.

Matt 24:34 Truly I say to you that this generation shall by no means pass away until all these things happen.

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall by no means pass away.

Matt 24:36 But concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but the Father only.

Matt 24:37 For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt 24:38 For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark,

Matt 24:39 And they did not know that judgment was coming until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt 24:40 At that time two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left.

Matt 24:41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.

Matt 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

Matt 24:43 But know this, that if the householder had known in which watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

Matt 24:44 For this reason you also be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect it, the Son of Man is coming.

Matt 24:45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

Matt 24:46 Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Matt 24:47 Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.

Matt 24:48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays,

Matt 24:49 And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken,

Matt 24:50 The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

Matt 24:51 And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

Matt 25:1 At that time the kingdom of the heavens will be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matt 25:2 And five of them were foolish and five were prudent.

Matt 25:3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them;

Matt 25:4 But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matt 25:5 And while the bridegroom delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

Matt 25:6 But at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Go forth to meet him!

Matt 25:7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their own lamps.

Matt 25:8 And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

Matt 25:9 But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

Matt 25:10 And as they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast. And the door was shut.

Matt 25:11 And later the rest of the virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us!

Matt 25:12 But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.

Matt 25:13 Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Matt 25:14 For the kingdom of the heavens is just like a man about to go abroad, who called his own slaves and delivered to them his possessions.

Matt 25:15 To one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability. And he went abroad.

Matt 25:16 Immediately he who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained another five.

Matt 25:17 Similarly, he who had received the two gained another two.

Matt 25:18 But he who had received the one went off and dug in the earth and hid his master's money.

Matt 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

- Matt 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; behold, I have gained another five talents.
- Matt 25:21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.
- Matt 25:22 And he who had received the two talents also came and said, Master, you delivered to me two talents; behold, I have gained another two talents.
- Matt 25:23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.
- Matt 25:24 Then he who had received the one talent also came and said, Master, I knew about you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow.
- Matt 25:25 And I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the earth; behold, you have what is yours.
- Matt 25:26 And his master answered and said to him, Evil and slothful slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not winnow.
- Matt 25:27 Therefore you should have deposited my money with the money changers; and when I came, I would have recovered what is mine with interest.
- Matt 25:28 Take away therefore the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
- Matt 25:29 For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.
- Matt 25:30 And cast out the useless slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.
- Matt 25:31 But when the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, at that time He will sit on the throne of His glory.
- Matt 25:32 And all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- Matt 25:33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand and the goats on the left.
- Matt 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- Matt 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me a drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in,
- Matt 25:36 Naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.
- Matt 25:37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, Lord, when have we seen You hungry and have fed You, or thirsty and have given You a drink?
- Matt 25:38 And when have we seen You a stranger and have taken You in, or naked and have clothed You?
- Matt 25:39 And when have we seen You sick or in prison and have come to You?
- Matt 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of these, the least of My brothers, you have done it to Me.
- Matt 25:41 Then He will say also to those on the left, Go away from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- Matt 25:42 For I was hungry and you did not give Me anything to eat; I was thirsty and you did not give Me a drink;
- Matt 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in; naked and you did not clothe Me; sick and in prison, and you did not visit Me.
- Matt 25:44 Then they also will answer, saying, Lord, when have we seen You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to You?
- Matt 25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, neither have you done it to Me.
- Matt 25:46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.
- D. Today Christ as the Prophet is in us still speaking for God to reveal God and speaking God into people—Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27.
- Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 2 Cor 13:5 Test yourselves whether you are in the faith; prove yourselves. Or do you not realize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are disapproved?
- Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

V. As a prophet typifying Christ as the true Prophet, Moses might have spoken something of his own feeling, but even this became the word of God; his speaking in Deuteronomy was like Paul's speaking in 1 Corinthians 7:

1 Cor 7 be omitted.

A. Because Paul was a man constituted with God, his opinion became a part of God's word as the divine revelation in the New Testament:

1. In his speaking, Paul was one with God; therefore, what he spoke was God's speaking—6:17; 7:25.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.

2. The principle is the same with Moses' speaking in Deuteronomy.

B. First Corinthians 7 conveys the spirit of a person who loves the Lord, who cares for the Lord's interests on earth, who is absolutely for the Lord and one with the Lord, and who in every respect is obedient, submissive, and satisfied with God and the circumstances arranged by Him.

C. Because Paul was one with the Lord, when he spoke, the Lord spoke with him; thus, in 1 Corinthians 7 we have an example of the New Testament principle of incarnation—vv. 10, 12, 25, 40:

1 Cor 7 be omitted.

1 Cor 7:10 But to the married I charge, not I but the Lord, A wife must not be separated from her husband

1 Cor 7:12 But to the rest I say, I, not the Lord, If any brother has an unbelieving wife and she consents to dwell with him, he must not leave her;

1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.

1 Cor 7:40 But she is more blessed if she so remains, according to my opinion; but I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

1. The principle of incarnation is that God enters into man and mingles Himself with man to make man one with Himself; thus, God is in man, and man is in God—John 15:4-5.

John 15:4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

2. In the New Testament the Lord becomes one with His apostles, and they become one with Him and speak together with Him; thus, His word becomes their word, and whatever they utter is His word—1 Cor. 2:12-13.

1 Cor 2:12 But we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit which is from God, that we may know the things which have been graciously given to us by God;

1 Cor 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things with spiritual words.

3. The principle in 1 Corinthians 7:10 is the same as that in Galatians 2:20, the principle of incarnation—two persons living as one person.

1 Cor 7:10 But to the married I charge, not I but the Lord, A wife must not be separated from her husband

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

4. In 1 Corinthians 7:25 and 40 we see the highest spirituality—the spirituality of a person who is so one with the Lord and permeated with Him that even his opinion expresses the Lord's mind.

1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my

opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.

1 Cor 7:40 But she is more blessed if she so remains, according to my opinion; but I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

5. If we are saturated with the Spirit, what we express will be our thought, but it will also be something of the Lord because we are one with Him; this is the experience of Christ as the Prophet living in us to speak for God and to speak forth God—6:17.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Study Questions

1. What is a prophet?
2. How did Moses function as God's spokesman?
3. How did Christ minister as a prophet in His earthly ministry?
4. How could Paul's speaking become a part of God's word?