

Theme: Jesus Christ, the True Prophet, reveals the Word of God perfectly in His message and in His person. We have the very Word of God to guide and guard us.

Introduction: Looking at Christ: our Prophet, Priest and King through December.

He *Reveals* the Will of God.

He stands before God as the *Redeemer*.

He *Rules* over us and all creation bringing all things under God's sovereign rule.

I. The Prophets of God – An Old Testament Picture

A. A Divine calling -

1. Set apart for special service to the Lord

- Moses - Exodus 7:1; Deuteronomy 18:15-18

- Isaiah - Isaiah 6:8, 9

- Jeremiah - Jeremiah 1:4-5, 9

- Many others including John the Baptist (and the Apostle Paul – Acts 9:15)

B. A Divine duty –

1. *Hearing/receiving* the Word

- God speaks *to* them. Numbers 12:6-8; Exodus 33:11; Jeremiah 1:4;

Ezekiel 3:17

2. Communicating God's Word to the people

a. Awesome task/duty – Deuteronomy 18:22

b. Words of Blessing and Judgment – Deuteronomy 28

c. Words of Promise – Jeremiah 36?

d. Words of life and death.

II. Jesus Christ, the Eternal Prophet of God

A. Jesus was *FORETOLD* as the Prophet.

1. Old Testament Picture - Deuteronomy 18:15-18/Acts 3:22-24

- One like Moses

- “From your brothers”.

- One *greater* than Moses?

- God’s Word is in His mouth.

2. Jesus is recognized as the one to come - Acts 7:37ff; John 6:14, 7:40

B. Jesus has a divine *CALLING!*

- Sent from the Father - John 8:16; John 7:28

C. Jesus’ divine *MESSAGE* is from the Father.

- He speaks the Word of God. John 8:26; 15:15; 17:6-8

- He speaks the *Truth*

- He speaks with Authority. Matthew 7:28,29; Luke 4:32

D. He is *IDENTIFIED* as the Word. John 1:1,14; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3

III. Christ Our Great Prophet

A. He reveals God to us. John 15:15; 17:6

B. He reveals what is necessary for faith and life.

1. Believe and live - John 6:40

2. Reject it and die - John 3:34-36; John 12:44-50 !!

C. His teaching is *PERFECT*.

D. He is the *perfect Prophet* of God