

# Prophet, and Priest, and King

## I. Introduction

A. Scripture uses a number of titles, names, and roles to describe who Jesus is. Among these are the terms prophet, priest, and king, as alluded to in the hymn *Praise Him! Praise Him! Hymns for Worship, Song 54*

## II. Prophet Like Moses

- A. Jesus' work as Prophet takes us back to Moses. He was the Israelites' deliverer and lawgiver, and prophesied of a future prophet *like him*. **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**
- B. The Jews of Jesus' day were looking for this Prophet, and some understood by Jesus' miracles that He is the One. Jesus is *our* Deliverer and Lawgiver. **John 1:21; 6:14 (7:40); Acts 3:22-23**
- C. As our Prophet, Jesus is the One God communicates His will to us through today. **Matthew 17:5; Hebrews 1:1-2**

## III. Great High Priest

- A. Jesus' authority is further seen through His role as our Great High Priest. While the high priests under the Law of Moses had important responsibilities, the book of Hebrews demonstrates Christ's superiority over them. For instance, while the high priests under the Mosaic dispensation passed into the Most Holy Place once a year, our Great High Priest has gone into *heaven* to be there continually. **Hebrews 4:14; 9:24**
- B. This is connected to Jesus' role as our *Reconciler* and *Mediator*. Without Jesus, the sin that separates us from God would not be atoned for. Jesus has created the bridge that we can cross to be restored to God. **Hebrews 9:8 (Matt. 27:51); Hebrews 9:15**
- C. His role as our Mediator is also connected to what He does for us as our *Intercessor*. Our High Priest can sympathize with us, and thus gives us reason to boldly come to the throne of grace through Him. **Hebrews 7:25; 4:15-16; 5:1 (8:3)**

## IV. King of Kings

- A. The blessings and responsibilities of life in Christ are further expressed through His role as King. Though some may teach that Christ's kingdom is yet to come, Scripture shows that His kingdom *has* come. Christ rules today as King. All who submit to His rule by coming to Him on His terms choose to be added to this kingdom. **Colossians 1:13**
- B. Understanding the existence of His kingdom demands a proper understanding of the *nature* of His kingdom. Jesus is a *spiritual* King who reigns in *heaven*. **John 18:36**
- C. Upon ascending to heaven, Jesus had completed the work to build His kingdom and gain *victory* for His subjects over Satan, sin, and death. **Ephesians 4:8**
- D. Jesus is the King of *all* kings. Those who submit to His rule can rest assured that no foe can overcome Him. **Revelation 17:14**
- E. Jesus is a King who demands absolute loyalty from His citizens. The key demands of our King center on what greatness in His kingdom is about. While earthly kingdoms may focus on preeminence, Christ's kingdom is about *servitude*. **Matthew 20:25-28**

## V. Sound His Praises!

- A. The hymn *Praise Him! Praise Him!* uses several other terms to describe Jesus' greatness as well. For instance, He is called "our blessed *Redeemer*." **Ephesians 1:7**
- B. The song also mentions Jesus guarding His children like a *shepherd*. **John 10:2-4, 11**
- C. Jesus is further referred to as our *Rock* and hope of eternal salvation. **Matthew 7:24-25**
- D. Nothing is more significant than the fact that Jesus is our *Savior*. **Matthew 1:21 (Rom. 5:9)**