

The Coming Prophet, Priest, and King

Why this View?

- A) **Historically, the person of Christ has been scrutinized and defended, with these Offices being**
- B) **It's Christmas - This is the time of year people glance in the direction of Christ**
- C) **We are confused in the church and have subsequently confused the world with what Jesus looks like.**
- D) **2 Cor. 4:1-6**

Christ as Prophet (Deut. 18:15-19)

- A) **Jesus is in the Old Testament as Prophet, Priest, and King**
 - a. **Luke 24:44**
 - b. **1 Peter 3:18-20**
- B) **One like Moses**
 - a. **Deut.18:15-19**
 - b. **John 4:19-26**
- C) **Telling the Truth**
 - a. **Mark 1:38**
 - b. **John 6:66-68**
 - c. **Luke 24:44-48**
 - d. **Matt.24:29-31**

Christ as Priest (Gal.4:4-5; Heb.7:23-28)

- A) **Came to mediate, perfectly fulfilling the Law: Gal.4:4-5**
- B) **Came to offer a sacrifice for His own as their priest: Heb.7:23-24,**
- C) **The Sacrifice was Himself: Heb.7:26-28**
- D) **Still intercedes for His people: Heb.7:25**

Christ as King (Rev.19:11-16)

- A) **In Creation** (Gen.1:1; John 1:1-3; Col.1:15-17)
 - a. God speaks, Christ performs, the Spirit sustains
 - b. Christ is the Creator Agent, which makes Him supreme over all of creation
- B) **In Incarnation** (Matt.2:1-4; John 18:33-38)
 - a. **Matt.2:1-4**
 - b. **John 18:33-38**
- C) **In Resurrection** (Col.1:18)
 - a. First from the dead
 - b. Preeminent in everything...especially the church
- D) **In Return** (Phil.2:9-11; Rev.19:11-16)
 - a. **Phil.2:9-11**
 - b. As King of kings, He rules over all - even those who are not part of His kingdom
 - c. **Rev.19:11-16**
 - d. As King, He is to be worshipped and rejoiced in. He rules those He has ransomed that they may experience and worship Him as their lasting, eternal joy!

Come, Lord Jesus, Come... Prophet, Priest, and King!

- A) **IN Summary:** Christ is Prophet, Priest, and King.
- B) **He is prophet** in proclaiming through the prophets of old His coming, coming as the logos (speech) of God, telling the truth of the salvation for sinners through Himself as God incarnate.
- C) **He is priest** in being THE mediator between man and God to reconcile sinners to God by offering the perfect sacrifice, Himself. This priest is perfect, never dies, and perpetually intercedes (in action and prayer) on behalf of His very own.
- D) **He is king in that He rules:** always has and always will. He ruled in creation, while not considering His kingship a thing to grasp, He served His subjects by humbling Himself to become like His subjects so that upon His return He would reign as King visible over all of His own and over all that are not His. He will conquer one day. The culmination of all of His offices is WORSHIP!
- E) So, what's **our response** to this truth? WORSHIP!
- a. Worship as prophets who speak the Truth of Christ
 - i. **2 Cor.4:1-6**
 - ii. Know Him (does no good to see Christ as anything less than Prophet, Priest, and King)
 - iii. Know His Word
 - b. Worship as a priesthood being built into a dwelling place for Christ on earth (**1 Peter 2:9**)
 - c. Worship as kings, to look to His return to reign with Him and His glory to be shown to the entire world: BEGINS WITH EVANGELISM -- Evangelism finds its authority in His Kingship... (**Matt.28:18**)