

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 4, Week 4 :: The Perfect Prophet

Treasure Story: Numbers 12

Have you ever been called a prophet? We often call people prophets who say that something is going to happen before it does. While it is true that prophesying does involve foretelling events, being a biblical prophet involves much more, such as proclaiming the truth of God. In our Treasure Story today, Moses is presented as one of the most faithful prophets ever to have lived. God Himself confirms Moses' importance and role as a prophet. Yet, as effective a prophet that Moses was, even his service could not rival the prophetic office of Jesus. In the New Testament, the book of Hebrews clearly shows how Jesus' prophetic ministry excels even that of Moses.

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"He [Jesus] is a Prophet, who, possessing all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, condescends to instruct the ignorant sons of men. He opens to our view, the mysteries of redeeming mercy, and reveals the glorious designs of sovereign grace. He teaches man his true condition, and discovers to him how God can be just, and the justifier of such a sinner as he feels himself to be."

- James Smith, a sermon entitled "The Glories of Christ!," 1842

When we think of the roles that Christ fills in our lives, it is not uncommon to overlook His role of prophet. But in this role, He proclaims the truth of God to us and keeps us from being overcome by sin and error. When we obey what Christ has commanded us to do, we are doing what God desires because Jesus only says what pleases the Father (John 8:28). Here are a few thoughts concerning Jesus' role of prophet and how He keeps us from error:

- **Obedying His Commands:** What are some of the things that Jesus commands us to do? Read Matthew 6:33 or Mark 12:30-31 with your children and write down the commands that you find there. Once you have recorded a few of these commands, set aside a day for you and your children to focus on making sure that you obey those commands that day. Over time, make sure that you continue to obey them every day.
- **Where Do I Find Truth?** Take some time to think about where you go when you are looking for answers. Do you rely on yourself, society, experts, or friends and relatives? Ask your children where they go for truth when you are not around to help them. Develop the habit of going to God in His Word and read the statements and commands of Jesus to find truth that you know is 100% reliable and authoritative.

My Mission As Parent

- Do you see Christ's role as proclaimer of truth as vital to your everyday life? Think about how much more you are helped and He is honored when you rely on Him for truth instead of yourself or the world. Consider how this sets a pattern for your children when they have questions about what is true.
- How quick are you to obey the truth you have been given from Christ in His Word? Think about how the song "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" can help encourage you and your children to obey Jesus and abide in the truth (nethymnal.org/htm/t/i/tissweet.htm).

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Lord to help you develop a healthy distrust of any truth source that does not have Jesus as its foundation.
- Ask the Lord for help to remember the things that Jesus has commanded and to obey them faithfully.
- Pray with your children and ask the Lord to help your family to rely on Jesus as your prophet and source of God's truth.