

“A WEARY WORLD REJOICES”: GOD IS SPEAKING TO US THROUGH CHRIST
(Christ is Prophet – Heb. 1:1-3)

In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel was led by three distinct kinds (orders) of people. These were known as prophets, priests, and kings.

Prophets: They forth-told (this is what God is saying) and sometimes fore-told (here’s what’s going to happen). Primarily they spoke God’s _____ . “Thus saith the Lord”

Priests: They represented _____ to the people. But, on the other hand, the priest also represented the _____ to God.

Kings in the Old Testament functioned in the realm of exercising judicial power in the civil realm. They were responsible for the safety and security of their people, and led them into battle when necessary.

Only _____ fulfilled all three offices.

Prophet: Heb. 1:1,2; 2:3

Priest: Heb. 1:3; 2:17

King: Heb. 1:2; 2:9

I. God _____. Heb. 1:1

II. God spoke through the prophets - “in many parts and in different ways of old.”

A. “Many parts” – progressive revelation. NOT from false to true, but from parts to the whole.

B. “Different ways” – words, actions, etc.

C. “of old” – not just “ancient”, but the idea that a better revelation is now here.

III. God speaks through His _____ Christ the Prophet – the _____ of God

A. v. 3 – the radiance of God’s glory. God is light (I John 1:5). John 1:4,5 – “In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness could not understand (or overcome) it!!!” Speaking of heaven, Rev. 21:23 - And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light!

John 1: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. v. 14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. v. 18 -No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared (revealed) Him.

Christ reveals the _____ to us.

Our God is a God of.....

1. _____ - the gifts and goodness we don't deserve. II Cor. 8:9 - "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that we, because of His poverty, might be rich.

2. _____ God is Truth. Accurate, honest, trustworthy.

B. v. 3 - the exact representation of His being – the exact image of God

All the moral attributes of God can be categorized as either grace or truth. This is Who God is!

Col. 2:9 - In Him all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form – in other words, Christ is the express image of his person – the exact representation of His Being.

C. He sustains (_____) all things by His powerful Word

Christ, the Prophet, the Ultimate Revelation of God, the Word made flesh, is STILL maintaining all things by His powerful word. Yes, ALL things!

Even the storms in your life.

