

UNIT 2: Getting to Know God the Son  
 LESSON 9: "Jesus' Work: Prophet, Priest, and King"  
 DATE: November 15, 2015  
 NEXT WEEK: "The Person of the Holy Spirit"  
 (John 14:16-17)

**INTRODUCTION**

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**Application:** As Christians, we are called to mirror Christ's prophetic role to the world. By proclaiming the gospel with our words and demonstrating the gospel with our actions, we fulfill our role as salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

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The primary responsibility of a priest was to make sacrifices on behalf of the people. But as sinful priests offering animal sacrifices the cycle was never ending. Jesus Christ is the better Priest who offered up a better sacrifice that has truly and fully atoned for sin.

1. *The ministry of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 7:23-25).*
2. *The blood of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 10:4, 10).*
3. *The work of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 10:11-12).*
4. *The sacrifice of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 10:14).*

**Application:** As Christians, we are called to mirror Christ's priestly role. The Bible calls us a royal and holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9). As priests, our duty is twofold. The first is reconciliation. We must give the gospel and proclaim the sufficiency of Christ for a lost and dying world. And second is intercession. We pray for others, weep for their salvation, and run with arms outstretched to the places where humans need God's merciful response.

**JESUS IS THE KING WHO \_\_\_\_\_ OVER ALL (REVELATION 19:11-16).**

Even the greatest of the OT kings would fail (David, Solomon, Hezekiah, & Josiah). Jesus is the better King who will reign in perfect peace and righteousness (Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5).

1. *Christ rules in the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers (Matthew 4:17; 12:28).*
2. *Christ will fully establish his earthly rule at His \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:24-28).*

**Application:** As Christians, we share in Christ's reign (Revelation 22:5). The reign and rule of Christ even today at the right hand of the Father should give the church great confidence in the work with which we have been entrusted. All authority has been granted to the Son (Matthew 28:18). So when we go and proclaim the gospel, we do so in His authority and with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**CONCLUSION**

A person's vocation can often tell us quite a bit about that person. So it is with Christ. The Son of God is the greater Moses, the Prophet who mediates the Word of God to us. The Son of God is the greater High Priest, who offered Himself as a propitiation for our sins and now lives to make intercession for His people. The Son of God is the greater David, the King who reigns and rules in perfect righteousness.

"The threefold misery of men introduced by sin—ignorance, guilt, and tyranny and bondage by sin—required this conjunction of a threefold office. Ignorance is healed by the prophetic; guilt by the priestly; the tyranny and corruption of sin by the kingly office. Prophetic light scatters the darkness of error; the merit of the Priest takes away guilt and procures a reconciliation for us; the Power of the King removes the bondage of sin and death. The Prophet shows God to us; the Priest leads us to God; and the King joins us together and glorifies us with God." –Francis Turretin (1623-1687)

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