I.II WHY YOU NEED CHRIST AS YOUR PROPHET: Deuteronomy 18:9-22 - Shepherd School

I. OPENING RAYER: All.

II. SERMON:

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Turn in your Bibles to the book of Deuteronomy chapter 18.

DOCTRINE. Jesus is the promised Prophet you desperately need; He is like Moses but far greater.

INTRODUCTION.

A King rules and governs the people both commanding and protecting them from His and their enemies. Jesus is *the* King of kings and Lord of lords.

A Priest intercedes between man and God, making their worship and their persons acceptable in His sight. Jesus is *the Priest* of all priests.

A Prophet, on the other hand, intercedes between God and man, making the truth known, believed, and loved by those who desperately need it. Jesus is *the* Prophet of prophets. He reveals the truth of God and the being of God to us.

The King has a throne and a scepter, the Priest has an altar and a sacrifice, but the Prophet has a microphone and a loudspeaker!

But,

QUESTION. But why do need Jesus as your Prophet?

A1. You need Jesus as your Prophet or you will be deceived by the false prophet called *your heart*!

 Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

If you follow your heart you are going to hell. The heart does not lead to heaven; the heart leads to Gehenna.

You have to follow Christ, plain and simple. The heart is deceitful above all things. You cannot ultimately trust your reasoning; you cannot trust your affections or emotions; you cannot trust your own will.

A2. You need Jesus as your Prophet or you will be ensnared by the false prophet called *Man's Opinion*!

- Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe."
 - Q. Is Christ the Prophet you listen to, or do you listen to the opinions of men and let their view of you determine what you say or do?

Some are so ensnared by the fear of man that they do not ultimately determine what they say or do based on what Christ's says in His word, but, on the other hand, they determine what they say and do based on how it will make them look in front of those they want to impress.

Galatians 1:10 "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

A3. You need Jesus as your Prophet or you will be led astray by actual false prophets!

- 1 John 4:1 "Many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Christ said "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Conversely, if you do not know the truth, staying buried beneath the lies of sin and satan, you will be enslaved. For these reasons I say to you, you desperately need Christ to be your Prophet. He is the way, He is the TRUTH, and He is the life.

OUTLINE. Four main points, then consider how Christ is like Moses but greater, and then conclude with Seven points of application by way of Directions to honor Jesus as Prophet.

I. JESUS IS THE PROMISED PROPHET (v. 18-19).

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 "18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him."

I) He is true man, a descendant of Abraham, a deliverer, and a mediator.

Deuteronomy 18:18a "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers."

II) He will speak the very words of God.

Deuteronomy 18:18b "And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

III) Whoever does not listen to Him will be destroyed.

Deuteronomy 18:19 "And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him."

- Peter says in one of the earliest sermons of the New Testament Church in Acts 3:22-23, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'"
 - THOMAS BOSTON, in His chapter on Christ's
 Prophetical Office, points out these eight things
 Christ reveals to us as a Prophet:
 - I) Christ makes known to us our original state, that holy and happy condition in which man was made.
 - **II)** Christ reveals to us our misery and wretchedness by the fall.
 - III) Christ reveals to us our woful impotency and inability to help ourselves.
 - **IV)** Christ reveals, as a Prophet, that there is a way found out, and a method laid down in the adorable depths of divine wisdom, whereby poor sinners may be delivered from sin and wrath, and obtain eternal salvation.
 - **V)** He reveals to us that he is a full and sufficient Saviour, able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him.
 - **VI)** He teaches, that we must have union with him through faith, or else we can have no benefit by his blood.
 - VII) Christ teaches us, that we must believe in, and receive him as our only Saviour and Redeemer, resting upon him alone for life and salvation.
 - **VIII)** Another part of the will of God that Christ reveals to us is our sanctification; and we are told, that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

contemporary of the Puritans, points out that Christ fulfills the three-fold revelation that the Old Testament Prophets did:

- I) Christ as Prophet interprets the Law of God. (Sermon on the Mount, etc.)
- II) Christ as Prophet forth-tells the Gospel of God. (The Son of Man came to serve, etc.)
- **III)** Christ as Prophet foretells the Redemptive History of God. (*The Olivet Discourse, The Revelation, promises of persecution and triumph, etc.*)

Remember, men:

The Old Testament Prophets are CHRIST'S PROPHETS!

- 1 Peter 1:10-12 "10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look."

The New Testament Apostles are CHRIST'S APOSTLES!

- APOSTLE means "sent one." An apostle of Jesus Christ is one who has been sent with the authority of Christ to speak the words of Christ!
- Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

It is not simply in the Gospel accounts that the Lord Jesus Christ executes the office of Prophet. He does so in the entirety of His written word! The entire Bible is Red Letter!

However, it is not only in the pages of Scripture that our Great Prophet executes His office—He does so also in the minds and hearts of men by His Spirit through the Scriptures!

TRANSITION. Now we turn to one of those truths, taught in Deuteronomy 18, which I actually already taught you in the introduction.

II. YOU NEED A PROPHET BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY FALSE PROPHETS (v. 9-14, 20-22).

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 9 "When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer 11 or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who

inquires of the dead, 12 for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you. 13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, 14 for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this. . .

18:20-22 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him."

- CALVIN: "The sum, therefore, is, that the people of God should abstain from all the inventions of men, whereby pure and simple religion is adulterated. In general, God wished to deter His worshippers from every fallacy whereby, from the beginning, Satan has deluded and fascinated miserable men; but He enumerates certain particular points, which by usage and custom had obtained the greatest prevalence."
 - 1 John 4:1 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."
- Q. Why does it matter if there are many who tell lies or deceive? Why can we not all believe what we like? What does it hurt?
 - You may as well ask,

"Why does it matter if someone feeds people poison instead of food?" or "Why does it matter if someone pours gas instead of water on a burning house with people inside?"

Truth is life and death.

Lies are like poison to the soul and that is exactly what false prophets peddle.

You need Christ the Prophet so that you can receive the medicinal truth for the healing and sustaining of your souls!

III. YOU AND I NEED A PROPHET BECAUSE THE LORD LOVES TO REVEAL HIMSELF THROUGH WORDS

(Redemptive History).

- God spoke the world into existence.
- God spoke a blessing upon His creation.
- He spoke a word of covenantal blessing and warning to Adam and Even concerning the trees they could and could not eat from.
- After the fall God spoke a word of curse and promise, specifically in

- Genesis 3:15.
- He spoke to the Patriarchs.
- He spoke to Moses and Moses then spoke to the people!
- God spoke through the Prophets,
- through John the Baptist,
- through Christ incarnate,
- through the prophets and apostles in the New Testament!
 - God still speaks today through the faithful preaching of His written
 Word! He has commanded His written Word to be preached, and the
 Holy Spirit opens mens minds and hearts through this ordinary means of grace, speaking to sinners and saints alike.
 - The LORD God loves to speak! Q. Do you love to listen?

IV. YOU AND I NEED A PROPHET BECAUSE THE LORD IS TERRIFYING TO SINNERS (v. 16-17).

Deuteronomy 18:16-17 "16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.'"

- Moses is reminding them how they responded when the LORD spoke from Mount Sinai in Exodus 20.
 - Exodus 20:18-19 "18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.'"

Those who have truly encountered the LORD have been shaken to the core with His holiness and their wretchedness!

— Q. Are you horrified when you think of God's holiness and justice as you consider your own sin?

CONSIDER HOW JESUS IS LIKE MOSES, BUT FAR GREATER!

I) Jesus is a better revealer of God, because He is God!

- Hebrews 1:1-3 "1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature."

II) Jesus is leading His people on a better Exodus!

- Luke 9:28-31 "28 [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his [Exodus], which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem."
- Q. What was this Exodus? What was He about to accomplish at Jerusalem?!
- He was about to go to a cross—to redeem a people for Himself—to lead them out of slavery to sin into a covenant relationship with God!
- Because of his sin Moses did not deserve to enter the promised land so he died; Because of our sin we do not deserve to enter the Kingdom of God SO JESUS DIED.
- Jesus is not only the Prophet like Moses who leads us out of slavery toward the Promised Land, He is also the Paschal Lamb that was slain in our stead so that the judgement we deserve would Passover us.
- Q. Is He your Prophet? Is He your Passover Lamb?

APPLICATION BY WAY OF DIRECTIONS.

- Q. How can I honor Christ as Prophet?
- A. Seven directions.
- I) Honor Christ as Prophet personally by paying careful attention to and bowing down before what He says in His Scriptures through His Prophets and Apostles.
 - Through faith,

Believe what Christ the Prophet reveals in His Scriptures;

Submit to what He commands;

Tremble before what He threatens;

Run away from what He says is sin;

Run towards what He says is righteous;

Rest in what He promises;

Trust in what He foretells;

Feast on His very words;

Meditate on His truths;

Proclaim what He reveals;

Take hold of what He offers you!

- II) Honor Christ as Prophet in your home by teaching your household what He says in His Scriptures.
 - Acts 3:22-23 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'"
 - (i) Hold forth to those in your household Christ as the Prophet who both gives and interprets the Law of God!
 - (ii) Hold forth to those in your household Christ as the Prophet who both purchases and reveals the Gospel of God!
 - (iii) Hold forth to those in your household Christ as the Prophet who both foretells and accomplishes Redemptive History according to the Providence of God!
 - THIS APPLIES ALSO TO YOU WHO WILL BE SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST IN A LOCAL CHURCH!
- **III)** Honor Christ as Prophet in your home by structuring your household according to what He says in His Scriptures.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:7-9 "7 [Man] is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. 9 Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man."
 - What does Christ the Prophet say is the role of men and women, boys and girls, man and wife, leader and helper?
 - THIS TOO APPLIES TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL BE SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST IN A VISIBLE CHURCH!
- **IV)** Honor Christ as Prophet in your vocation by submitting to the motives and diligence He says you should have in His Scriptures.
 - Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."
- **V)** Honor Christ as Prophet in the public square by telling all what Christ says about man, sin, salvation, judgement, and righteousness.
 - Acts 17:30-31 "[God] commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."
- **VI)** Honor Christ as Prophet in the civil government by telling your magistrates what God requires of them in their office.

- Psalm 82:2-4
 - 2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
 - 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
 - 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

VII) Honor Christ as Prophet in all these ways by trusting in and petitioning Him to make effectual the Scriptures in the hearts and minds of those who hear it.

- 1 Corinthians 3:7 "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."
 - You are I can reach the ears and the mind as we teach and preach
 God's Word, but if Christ the Prophet does not reach the heart by the
 Holy Spirit, it is all for nothing.
 - You can plant. You can water. Only God can cause the growth.
- Teach and pray, pray and teach, and Christ will be honored as Prophet.

III. SONG:

B r e a k (start back at 7:10pm)

IV. 1689 Confession: Ch. 6. Pr. 1-2. (finish by 7:35pm)

V. DISCUSSION (finish by 8pm)

A Body of Divinity discussion

Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices discussion

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Closing Prayer

SHEPHERD SCHOOL - SEASON ONE (2025) - THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD

WEEK	Scripture	Book I (read before)	Book II (read before)	1689 Confession	Certificate Essays	Certificate Exposition
1 8/14	2 Timothy 2:1-6 Why Shepherd School + Overview					
2 8/21	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	A Body of Divinity Christ, The Mediator of the Covenant + Christ's Prophetic Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices A Word to the Reader, Introduction, Proof of the Point, By Presenting the Bait and Hiding the Hook by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 1-3		
3 8/28	Psalm 110:1-4	A Body of Divinity Christ's Priestly Office + Christ's Kingly Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Painting Sin with Virtue's Colors, By the Extenuating and Lessoning of Sin, By Showing the Soul the Best Men's Sins by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 4-6	Short Essay on The Hypostatic Union	
4 9/4	Philippians 2:5-11	A Body of Divinity Christ's Humiliation in His Incarnation + Christ's Exaltation by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting God to the Soul, By Persuading the Soul, By Making the Soul Bold by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 7-10		First Exposition Due
5 9/11	Galatians 3:10-14	A Body of Divinity Christ's The Redeemer by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Representing to the Soul the Outward Mercies, By Presenting to the Soul the Crosses, By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 1-3		*Certificate path will meet in the office during 1689 and book discussion this week to discuss sermons
6 9/18	John 4:24 (Omnipresence) Psalm 147:5 (Omniscience)	A Body of Divinity The Omnipresence of God + The Omniscience of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves, By Polluting the Souls Judgements, By leading Men to Choose Wicked Company by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 4-6		
7 9/25	Revelation 1:8 (Eternity) James 1:17 (Immutability)	A Body of Divinity The Eternity of God + The Immutability of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting the World, By Presenting to the Soul the Dangers, By Presenting to the Soul the Difficulty by Thomas Brooks	Ch 2. Par 1-3		

Turn in your Bibles with me to the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18. Deuteronomy, chapter 18. The doctrine that you should learn from this text of scripture that we're going to look at is just simply this. Jesus is the promised prophet you desperately need. He is like Moses but far greater. Jesus is the promised prophet you desperately need. He is like Moses but far greater. So when once we get to Deuteronomy, we're going to be in chapter 18 starting with verse 18. We're going to start there and then I'm going to draw your attention back to verse 9 and then forward all the way to verse 22. But we'll be in 9 through 22 in total. But the first verses that we're going to zero in on are is verse 18. But by way of introduction, let me introduce why you need Christ as your prophet. That's the title of tonight. That's the title of the message. Why you need Christ as your prophet. A king rules and governs the people both commanding and protecting them from his and their enemies. He commands us as king. He rules us. He protects us from his and our enemies. Jesus is the king of kings and the lord of lords. He executes the office of a king. A priest intercedes between man and god. Priest intercedes between man and God. makes man acceptable to God. So you can see like an arrow going up to God. That's what a priest does. He stands in between man and God, making their worship and their persons acceptable in God's sight. And Jesus is the priest of all priests. The Lord Jesus Christ is the priest that takes our sin away, that intercedes for us at God's right hand, who makes us acceptable to the father. A prophet on the other hand intercedes between God and man. So it's like an arrow going down from God to the people. The king rules the people, defends the people, commands the people, protects the people. The priest intercedes between man and God going up. A prophet intercedes between God and man going down. So a prophet makes the truth known, makes the truth believed, makes the truth loved by those who desperately need it. And Jesus is the prophet of prophets. He reveals the truth of God and the being of God to us. He reveals God's truth to us and God's who God actually is to us. The king has a throne and a scepter. The priest has an altar and a sacrifice, but the prophet has a microphone and a loudspeaker speaking from God to the people. But the question is, why do you need Jesus as your prophet? In this season of Shepherd School, we're dealing with the person of Christ. First of all, Christology is the theological term, the doctrine of Christ. And we're dealing with him in his three-fold office of prophet, priest, and king. Tonight, we're zeroing in on Christ's role as prophet, his office of a prophet. And so, why do we need why do you need Jesus as your prophet? Let me give you three answers by way of introduction. First, you need Jesus as your prophet or you will be deceived by the by the false prophet called your heart. You need Jesus as your prophet or you will be deceived by the false prophet called your heart. Jeremiah 17:9, the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick. Who can understand it? If you follow your heart, you are going to hell. It's plain and simple. If your heart is your prophet, you are going to hell. The heart does not lead to heaven. The heart leads to Gehenna. You have to follow Christ. Plain and simple. The heart is deceitful above all things. You cannot ultimately trust your own reasoning. You cannot trust your affections or emotions. You cannot trust your

own will. You have to have Jesus as your prophet or you will be deceived by the false prophet that is your own heart. Second, you need Jesus as your prophet or you will be ins snared by the false prophet called man's opinion. You need Jesus as your prophet or you will be ins snared by the false prophet called man's opinion. meaning not the opinions other men have like it is my opinion that the scripture means this that's not what I mean I mean man's opinion as in the fear of man caring what people think about you and you are determining what is true or what is right or what is wrong based on how someone else is going to perceive you as speaking or being that is a prophet that's some something and someone that speaks to you and you have to listen to or you Listen to man's opinion about you. The fear of man lays a snare. Lays a trap, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. Proverbs 29:25. The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. So I ask you, is Christ the prophet you listen to? Or do you listen to the opinions of men and let their view of you determine what you say or what you do? That's a question that you and I need to constantly examine ourselves with. Am I listening to what Christ says and that is what determines what I say or do? or am I listening to what men say or what I think men might say or think about me if I say or do this and it's really I'm listening to the profit of man's opinion. Some people are so ens snared by the fear of man that they do not or that they rather they do ultimately determine what they say or do based not on what Christ says in his word, but they determine what they say and do based on how it will make them look in front of those they want to impress or how they will look in front of those that they want to keep happy. I can't say that because it will upset them. Uh there are many pastors that I've met that I know who I've even talked to about the doctrines of grace, what we call Calvinism, and they have said to me, "I agree with you, but I can't really teach that explicitly, overtly in my church because it will upset so many people." So, it's what we call a closet Calvinist. It's like they're a Calvinist in their own closet, but they won't just explicitly teach it and preach it and just say, "This is what God's word says and help people understand it." No, they're they're swayed by and they're listening to and determining what they say and do by the opinions of other people and whether or not it'll keep keep the peace or maybe upset somebody. But we can't do that. You cannot be ins snared by the false prophet called man's opinion. Paul gives us this great example in Galatians 1:10. He says, "For am I now seeking the approval of man or of God?" Who should I be trying to be approved by, man or God? Or Paul goes on, "Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. If my goal was to make people like me," he said, "I wouldn't be a servant of Christ. If I want to please man, I would abandon Christ and I would do whatever I did based on man's opinion, how I thought most people would react to it. You need Jesus as your prophet. And maybe some of you are ins snared by that right now, by what other people think about you, what other people think about what you say or what you do or what those around you say and do. And you're more concerned with how someone might receive it or their opinion of you rather than No, this is what God's word says. This is what God says. Third, you need Jesus as your

prophet or you will be led astray by actual false prophets. Not just by the false prophet of your heart or man's opinion. You need Jesus as your capital P prophet speaking God's word to you through the scriptures or you will be led astray by actual false prophets. 1 John 4:1, many false prophets have gone out into the world. The Apostle John, many, not some, not watch out, there are some out there somewhere. You might accidentally run into them someday. He says, "Many false prophets have gone out into the world." If you don't have Christ as your prophet, you're going to be led astray by actual false prophets. Christ said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Conversely, if you do not know the truth, if you stay buried beneath the lies of sin and Satan, you will be enslaved. You won't be free. You'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free. If you don't know the truth, you don't search for the truth, you don't submit to the truth, you don't believe the truth, you don't live according to the truth, then you're just going to stay buried beneath the lies of sin and Satan or perhaps just ins snared by the opinions of men or led astray by the deceptions of your own heart. For all these reasons, I say to you, you desperately need Christ to be your prophet. He is the way, he is the truth, and he is the life. So now let's look at Deuteronomy 18. And I hope you and I are all in agreement of why we need Christ in his office as a prophet. We need Christ to reveal God's truth and God's being to us. So there's four main points that I want to point out to you here in Deuteronomy. And then consider how Christ is like Moses but greater. That's kind of the big picture point of this that Moses is the prophet that God has appointed at this period of redemptive history. And he promises God's people through Moses that I'm going to bring a prophet like you but greater. And that prophet is Christ. So we'll look at four main things we learn here from Deuteronomy 18. Then consider how Christ is like Moses but greater. And then we'll finish and I'll give you seven points of application it by way of direction of how you in your everyday life can honor Jesus as your prophet. So first let's just look at Deuteronomy 18. Look at verses 18 and 19 and see the main point is Jesus is the promised prophet. Jesus is the prophet that was promised. Verse 18, God's word says, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you." them, God's people. Prophet speaking from God to his people like you. The you there is Moses. So he's going to be like you, Moses. From among their brothers, meaning from among the Jewish brothers according to the flesh, descendants of Abraham. Look at the next part of verse 18. I will put my words in his mouth and he shall speak to them all that I command him and whoever will not listen to my words that he speak that he shall speak in my name I myself will require of him. The him there is not the prophet. The him there is those who don't listen to the promised prophet who is Jesus. So first notice these truths that we get. We get three truths there to make note of in verses 18 and 19. The overall truth is Jesus is this promised prophet. But the specifics are this. In the beginning of verse 18, you should learn that he Jesus is true man, a descendant of Abraham, a deliverer and a mediator. That's what he's promised to be. He is a true man, a descendant of Abraham, a deliverer and a mediator. I will raise up for them, for God's people, a prophet like you. Not just a prophet, but a prophet like you,

Moses. And Moses is the prophet of God who delivered the people of God and who mediated between the people to God. So it's a prophet, a descendant of Abraham because he's like you from among their brothers. That means he according to his human nature, he was a descendant of Abraham. He's a deliverer and a mediator. Now look next at the next part of verse 18 and see that this prophet, the Lord Jesus, who's being promised here, will speak the very words of God. He will speak the very words of God. The next part of verse 18, and I will put my words in his mouth. He shall speak to them all that I command him. Third, look at verse 19 where the Lord says to Moses and to the people through Moses, "And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. What should we learn there? Well, the simple truth of what Deuteronomy 18:19 is getting at is whoever does not listen to Jesus will be destroyed. That's what I will require it of him means. If you do not listen to the Lord Jesus Christ, if you do not believe what he said, if you don't believe who he says he is, if you don't trust him as savior, submit to him as king, follow him as your lord, you'll be destroyed. The reason we know that is what is meant there is because in one of the earliest sermons of the New Testament church in Acts 3 22 and 23, the Apostle Peter quotes Deuteronomy 18. And this is what he says about it. The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him and whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people. What is it? I will require it of him. Peter helps us understand. The Lord's saying, I'm going to wipe you out. And in this context, the reason that Peter goes back to Deuteronomy 18 is because all the people listening to him in Acts 3, these are Jews. These are descendants of Abraham according to the flesh. And he's saying, "Look back to Deuteronomy 18 and this promised prophet that was to come." And remember what the Lord said when he raises up this prophet who is Jesus says, "If you don't listen to him, you're going to be destroyed." That's part of his plea for them to turn from their sins and embrace Jesus Christ in faith. Jesus is this promised prophet. We know that because the apostles confirm that especially in Acts 3 that he was talking Moses was talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. Francis Turin who was a successor of John Calvin. If you haven't heard of Turretin, it's a good thing to hear about him and perhaps even pick up his three volume systematic theology. Wonderfully helpful. He is a contemporary of the Puritans. So he's like a generation or two after the reformers and he's in Geneva. He's a successor of John Calvin. And he points out that Christ fulfills the three-fold revelation that the old prophets did. The Old Testament prophets, Turretin is saying what they did primarily is interpret the law of God. They forth-told the gospel of God and then they foretold not forth foretold what was to happen in the future. It's like if you look at the Old Testament prophets, they clarify and teach what the law means. They tell the promises of the gospel of Jesus Christ and they foretell the future of what God is going to do in redemptive history. And Turretin points out if you look at the Old Testament prophets and their office and then you look at Christ and his office even as he's on the earth and even after his ascension through the work of

his apostles, he says Christ does the exact same things the Old Testament prophets did. First, Christ as prophet interprets the law of God. This is what the whole sermon on the mount is. Matthew 5 through7. The whole point of Christ's longest recorded sermon in the gospel accounts is him interpreting the right interpretation of the law of God, of the moral law of God. So that's why when you read through the sermon on the mount, you'll hear Christ or read Christ say, "You have heard it said." And then he quotes an Old Testament passage and then he says, "But I tell you," he's not changing the law in any way. He's clarifying the meaning of the law. He's rightly interpreting it. And especially throughout the sermon on the mount, he's having to clear away all the mud that had been put over the law by the scribes and the Pharisees. So the scribes and the Pharisees would quote passages from the law like an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. That's true, isn't it? Isn't that in Deuteronomy? Isn't that in Leviticus? Yes. But they would wrongly interpret it and apply it to individual persons and say if someone punches you in the face, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you should punch them right back in the face. Is that the right interpretation of that? The answer is no. That was a civil law, the civil penalty of that. And it wasn't for private individuals to exact revenge or vengeance on someone else. But the Pharisees taught that. They taught private revenge rather than within the realm of jurisprudence. And so Christ throughout all of it, they also taught that the seventh commandment just meant having physical intimacy with someone you're not married to. Christ says, 'You've heard it's said, do not commit adultery. I tell you, if you look on a woman lustfully, you've already committed adultery with her in your heart. Why does he say that? Because the scribes and the Pharisees, because Talmudic Judaism then and still today teaches that it's okay to look at explicit images. It's okay to lust after Roman in your heart. That's not breaking the seventh commandment. It's just if you actually physically do someone with something that's breaking the seventh commandment. So they wrongly taught it then. The Talmudic Jews still wrongly teach that today. That's why a majority even of explicit websites are owned by Jews even today because they don't believe it's sinful. It's why Dennis Prager who owns PragerU, encourages men to look at explicit things if that will keep you from committing adultery against your wife. we would all go, that's the same thing. That is adultery. Christ clarifies the meaning of it. And that's Christ's whole sermon on the mount. He's wiping away the mud that the scribes and the Pharisees had put on top of the law. He interprets rightly the law of God. He doesn't change anything. He's just clarifying what the law actually means. So Christ, just as the Old Testament prophets did, rightly interpret the law of God. Christ as prophet then forth-tells not telling the future but proclaims the gospel of God just like the prophets in the old testament did. It's why he says the son of man came to serve not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. What's Christ doing there? He's forth-telling the good news just like the old testament prophets did. And then Turretin points out that Christ as prophet also foretells the redemptive history of God. He foretells what is going to happen in the future in God's plan of redemption in the world just like the Old Testament prophets did.

And so this is why we have the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 and Mark 13 where Jesus is telling what is going to happen in the future to the hearers in his day. He's telling what is going to unfold in redemptive history. That is why we have the book of the revelation. It's the revelation of Jesus Christ so that his saints know what he's about to do in history. He's telling what is going to happen concerning those that he's speaking to in the first century. He also promises persecution and he promises triumph of the gospel. And so Christ as prophet interprets the law just like the old testament prophets. He forth-tells the gospel just like the old testament prophets and he foretells the redemptive history of God just like the old testament prophets. And I want you I want to make two clarifying points that you need to properly understand so that you understand your Bible and that you're not led astray by people who are not necessarily false prophets, but they're just in error. You can be wrong about something and not be a false prophet. Not everybody who is in some kind of theological error do we need to point out and say this is a false prophet. But there are people who are false prophets who teach this. And then there are some people who are just in error. But two clarifying things, two things to remember about all of the revelation of God. The Old Testament is pinned down, written by the prophets. And the New Testament is pinned down and written by the apostles. Prophets in the Old, the apostles and the new. And you need to remember that the Old Testament prophets are Christ's prophets. The Old Testament prophets are Christ's prophets. Peter in 1 Peter chapter 1 makes this crystal clear that the Old Testament prophets were speaking according to the spirit of Christ within them. Listen, just listen to this. Concerning this salvation, the prophets, speaking of the Old Testament prophets, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but serving you in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Things into which angels long to look. Peter says that the Old Testament prophets, it was the spirit of Christ in them that was working through them to proclaim the word in the Old Testament. So the all the prophets are not like well those were the prophets and then there's Jesus and Jesus finally starts executing his office as a prophet when he became a man and comes into Galilee proclaiming repent and believe the gospel. Jesus didn't begin to execute his office as a prophet just when he became a man. Jesus was executing his office as a prophet through the Old Testament prophets even before he came to the earth. The Old Testament prophets are Christ's prophets. And then what may need less clarification is that the New Testament apostles are Christ's apostles. They are speaking the word of Christ to the people of Christ. The word apostle just simply means sent one, one who is sent with authority. So even in the book of acts, you have certain people like Barnabas who are called an apostle, but they're an apostle of the church at Antioch. And so sometimes the word apostle is used in the New Testament and it doesn't mean like Paul or Peter or James or John. It can be attributed to Barnabas and Barnabas is a scent one from this particular church like we would call a church planter like Brandon Scalf. We could say we don't use this language because it can be confusing to people in our day. We could say he's an apostle sent out from Ekklesia Muskogee, meaning he was sent out blessed to go and a group of our members here went up to Tulsa to plant a church. We don't use the word apostle in that sense because there are people today who use the word apostle and they mean the same type thing as like Paul and Peter and James and John. But in the scriptures, there's a distinction between an apostle of a church, which just means like a missionary sent out, and an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. So when we're talking about the New Testament was written by apostles, we're talking about the New Testament was written by apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been sent by and commissioned by the Lord Jesus with his authority to speak his words to his people. That's what an apostle of Jesus Christ means. Romans 10:7 says, "So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ." Through the word of Christ that the apostles of Christ proclaimed to the people of Christ. It's not simply the gospel accounts that the Lord Jesus executes the office of a prophet. He does so in the entirety of his written word. So, you may have a Bible like I'm pretty sure mine is. It's red letter. If you go to the Gospel accounts and there are red letters indicating the words Jesus spoke. But as many have pointed out, that's kind of a failure to actually understand what the scriptures are about. If we were to make the words of the Lord Jesus Christ red letter, every word in your Bible would be red. Every word in the scriptures is a word of Christ. The prophets who revealed the old, those are Christ's prophets. The apostles who revealed the new, those are Christ's apostles.

Now, there's Christ. There he is as the prophet that is promised. There he is in his office as a prophet. The prophets and the apostles, the Old and the New Testament. But now I want you to look at back to verse 9 and turn to one of these truths taught in Deuteronomy 18. Deuteronomy 18 9-14. I want you to look at this and it just answers from the text what I already taught you in the introduction to the sermon and it's the answer to why you need a prophet. You need a prophet. Deuteronomy 18 is revealing because there are many false prophets before Christ is promised as this prophet to come. The Lord details that there are many false prophets and warns his people from listening to them. Just look at it with me in your own Bible. Deuteronomy 18 starting with verse 9. You need f you need a prophet because there are many false prophets. Verse 9. When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, it's talking about Canaan, the promised land under the old covenant, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. Now I want you I want you to realize as you keep reading the abominable practices child sacrifice and listening to false prophets those are equated as abominable things in Deuteronomy 18. Child sacrifice and listening to false prophets. Verse 10. There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering. There's child sacrifice. Also, he says,

"Anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead. So, you got child sacrifice lumped in there with all these ways that you can try to get false prophecies. All of those things, a diver, fortunes, omens, sorcerer, charmer, medium, necromancer, one who inquires of the dead. Why would people do any of those things? To get information, to get truth from somewhere that they can't ordinarily get it. And he's saying, these are the quote unquote prophets that these nations listen to, and you will not do any of these practices. This is not where you go to for truth. That's what he's warning his people about. Look at verse 12. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord.

What things? Just child sacrifice? No. He sums up all these different ways that you can look for truth or get your truth from all of these ways. And he says, "Anyone who does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations, the Lord your God is driving them out before you." It's because they burnt their sons and daughters as sacrifices. And they looked for truth at the end of the day just towards demons and not towards the Lord. Verse 13, you shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For these nations which you are about to dispossess, they listen to fortune tellers and to divers. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this. Why don't Christians do tarot cards or Ouija boards or fortune tellers or anything like that? It can seem strange and some stuff like that is missed on some people who profess to be Christians. I believe recently there was one brother who's preaching at the Gospel Rescue Mission and made something about that kind of point like you don't listen to tarot cards or fortunes or things like the horoscopes all that. It's like that's demonic. And someone came up to him after he preached and was like I'm a Christian. and I've been doing that. He's like, "Well, you need to stop." But so some people miss it. But most Christians in general say, "Yeah, we don't do that. Why don't we do it?" Because the Lord has not allowed you to do this. The Lord has told you where to get truth. The Lord has told you where to look to get the truth that you need to know about yourself and about God himself, about life and about death, about how to live life, how to live a godly life, how to live a life of worth, how to live for the glory of the Lord. And you do not go anywhere else for those truths. You can get a lot of truth in the world that can just help you in general. All things that are true is yours. Somebody doesn't have to be a Christian to write a book that you can greatly profit from. They might say a whole lot of true things. Whatever is true, that belongs to you because all truth is God's truth. But we need to be very careful when it comes to how do we live a life that glorifies the Lord. And you listen to an unbeliever. You need to be very, very careful about those things. How should we think about certain ethical issues? And you're going to listen to an unbeliever, not someone founded upon the word of God. No, no, no, no. Now skip over and look at verse 20.

So he's warned them against looking elsewhere. The false prophets that are in

these nations that they are going to drive out these wicked people that they're going to drive out of Canaan. But then in verses 20 through 22, the Lord after he had promised the prophet Christ that will come, he then warns them about a different kind of false prophet. that's a a little harder to identify in verses 9-14. It's like don't go to a sorcerer or somebody who says I can talk to the dead. Like okay, that's pretty easy to identify. I'm not doing any of that. But what about the person who comes and says, "I'm speaking on behalf of the Lord." How do you identify if they're a false prophet or not? Super easy. Red flags with Ouija boards. Your friend says, "You want to do a Ouija board?" No. Like, that one's simple. But what about you want to listen to this preacher? Like, how do I know if he's a false prophet or not? How are the Israelites in Canaan going to know if the person says they're speaking on behalf of the Lord? Look at verse 20. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. That means someone who says, "Thus saith the Lord," and then they say it to you, "God told me to tell you this," and it's not true. The penalty is, "Okay, you've just forfeited your life." This is why brothers, young men, older men, this is why you and I need to be extremely careful and saying things like, "God told me to tell you this." That gets tossed around in Christian circles all the time. I really feel like the Lord is telling me to tell you this. If someone says that to you, just say, "Nope, stop. Stop." Like because the penalty for that for saying that if you're wrong is death. That's how not meaning that you have to kill the person who's right in front of you or you should try to drag them to the magistrate. But my point is like this that is such a serious thing to presume to speak on behalf of the Lord to speak the very word of the Lord to someone. God told me to tell you this. And people do it all the time. And it's usually something maybe difficult they want to talk about, but they don't just want to come out and say, "Hey man, I think you're acting foolish." Just want to say, "The Lord really press this on my heart to tell you that you're acting foolish." Because what are you going to do with that? The Lord's a liar. You're not going to say that. It's like, "Well, God didn't say that to you." It's like, "You're saying God didn't say that to me?" It's a game. It's sadly a game that many Christians maybe don't even realize they're playing, but they're playing a game and they're I think according to this passage, they're playing with fire. The Lord says, "Somebody who presumes to speak in my name, and it's and what they say is not exactly what I've said, they're to be put to death." So, brothers, just come to somebody and say, "I think this or God's word says this, and let's apply that to this situation." and work from there. Don't come and say, "I think the Lord has told me to tell you this." That's a very dangerous game. Uh, keep going. Uh, that's the end of verse 20. That same prophet shall die. By the way, you can make application to that through those who believe the gift of prophecy is still functioning today in the church. And they try to change this and they say, "Well, Old Testament prophets, yes, if they were wrong, death. New Testament prophets though, they're allowed to be wrong, there's a different standard. Like, no, there's one standard. If you're a prophet and you do not speak 100% truth from God and you're saying, "God told

me to tell you this, you are not allowed to be wrong." The prescription, the judgment is death. That's how serious an offense it is to presume to speak a word from the Lord and it not be true. Verse 21. And if you say in your heart, how may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken? How do we know when someone says, "God told me to tell you this," and then they say it, like, "How do we know the word that the Lord definitely didn't say?" said Moses essentially says, or God says through him, easy. When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him. So every single thing a prophet, a true prophet says comes true. Everything they foretell exactly comes true. Everything they foretell, if it's like revealing some mystery or secret that maybe no one else knows and they say the secret, it is true. When Nathan came to David, as far as we understand, Nathan knew that David had killed Uriah because he slept with his wife, he knew that from the Lord. So, Nathan the prophet knows it and goes to confront David. Tells him this little parable and he's like, then David says, "Well, that man should do terrible things to that man." And Nathan just goes, "You are the man." Now, how did he know that? He's a prophet and he what if he said someone your commander is the man. He was like no he's not it's me. He was like well then Nathan's a false prophet but he didn't get it wrong you are the man. Or they tell the future and it comes to pass and if it doesn't they're a false prophet. So it's easy to spot them because what they say I mean this the easy examples are guys like Kenneth Copeland who today professes to be an apostle and a prophet speaking the word of God and when COVID 19 came around I I think like mid 2020 he goes on TV and says something like I am going to blow COVID 19 away and then he goes co 19 is going to be gone gone no more going to affect people and then a few months later like more people died than ever and everyone's just going again he said something that didn't come true. Deuteronomy 18 says death. That's how serious of a thing that is to predict the future and it doesn't come true. So that's how you identify false prophets. As I said, their words don't come true. False prophets in our day make it really easy because they're always predicting things in the future and they don't come true. Like it's really easy to see. But the thing that's even more sad is not that there are so many false prophets in our day, but that there are so many people who continue to follow false prophets even though the false prophets make false predictions all the time and they're exposed and people just keep following them. But the point of this whole surrounding section is why you need a prophet, the Lord Jesus. Because there are a ton of people who will lie to you. There are a ton of demonic forces tempting you to get truth from them. And the Lord says, "No, you get truth from my prophets and ultimately from my capital P prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ." So you and I need a prophet. Just to hammer this point home and to remember the totality of scripture, my third main point is not found directly in the text, but indirectly. You and I need a prophet because the Lord loves to reveal himself through words. The Lord loves to reveal himself through words, not just through signs or miracles or impressions that you may have in your time of prayer

or Lord just give me a sign if this passes. No, the Lord loves to reveal himself in words. And that's the job of prophets. Prophets speak or write the word of God. God spoke the world into existence. God spoke a blessing upon his creation. God spoke a word of covenantal blessing and warning to Adam, even concerning the trees they could and could not eat from. After the fall, God spoke a word of curse and a word of promise. Specifically, Genesis 3:15, God spoke to the patriarchs. He spoke to Moses and Moses then spoke to the people. God spoke through the prophets. God spoke through John the Baptist. God spoke through Christ incarnate who is God himself. God spoke through the prophets and apostles in the New Testament. And God still speaks today through the faithful preaching of his written word. He has commanded his written word to be preached. And the Holy Spirit then opens minds and hearts through this ordinary means of grace. And the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the word. Not as if the preacher is speaking the words of God. But as the preacher is reading and explaining the words of God, the Holy Spirit speaks to both sinners and saints alike. The Lord loves to reveal himself through words. So if you don't like to read the scripture, you need to learn to like to read the scripture. You need to pray to God that you would love to read the scripture because this is how God loves to reveal himself through words. If you don't like listening to preaching and teaching, you need to learn to love listening to preaching and teaching because that is what God has commanded of leaders in his church. And by implication, that's what he's commanded of those who are under the leadership of a church. Preach the word is our charge. The Lord loves to speak. And so the question is, do you love to listen? You and I need a prophet because the Lord loves to reveal himself through words. Then look at the fourth thing. Go back to verses 16 and 17

and learn this from the context. You and I need a prophet because the Lord is terrifying to sinners. We need a prophet. This is why the Lord raised up Moses. This is why the Lord spoke through the prophets. Because when the Lord spoke immediately to the people without a mediator, the people are terrified because of our un own our own unholiness. Look at what he reminds them of in verses 16 and 17. Just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb, that's Mount Sinai, on the day of the assembly, when you said, "Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, or see this great fire anymore, lest I die." And the Lord said to me, they are right in what they have spoken. Moses is reminding them how they responded when the Lord spoke directly to them from Mount Sinai in Exodus chapter 20. I just want you for a minute just imagine you were one of the people standing near the mountain and seeing this. When all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled. And they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us lest we die." And so God and his kindness raises up prophets because he himself in his perfect holiness is too terrifying for even converted people to behold who are un-glorified. So the Lord raises up prophets and ultimately reveals himself through his only son who is God

himself. So now I want you to just consider with me the whole this whole point big idea is Jesus is like Moses but far greater. I'll raise up a prophet like you. Like you. How is Jesus like Moses but greater? First Jesus is a better revealer of God than Moses because Jesus is God. He's the God man. He's better at revealing God than Moses was. He's like Moses, but greater. Hebrews 1-3. Long ago, at many times, and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets. But in these last days, he has spoken to us by his son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He, Jesus, is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature. Jesus is a better revealer of God than Moses because he is God. Second, how is Jesus like Moses but greater? Jesus is leading his people on a better exodus than Moses. Jesus is leading his people on a better exodus than Moses. There's a scene in Luke 9. It's the transfiguration when Peter, James, and John go up on the mountain with Christ and he's transfigured among them before their eyes. They get to see him in his unveiled glory for a few minutes. And he's there talking with Moses and Elijah. And they're Moses and Elijah have been dead. Elijah for hundreds of years. Moses for over a thousand years. Moses and Elijah are dead. And behold, two men were talking with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Peter, James, and John. See this, who appeared in glory, and spoke of Jesus's exodus, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. If you go to the English Standard Version and look at that word, it'll even say they spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem, and then footnote, go to your bottom. like that word is exodus. The point of what Luke is revealing there is that Jesus is up on the mount of transfiguration with Peter, James, and John. He's speaking with the great example of the prophets and the great example of the law, Moses and Elijah, and he's talking to them about the Exodus he's about to accomplish in Jerusalem. Point is, Jesus is like these guys, but way better. Jesus is like Moses. He's talking with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration. And he's like, "Moses, that was cute. Watch what I'm about to do. I'm about to lead my people out of slavery to sin and death, not just slavery to Pharaoh. I'm about to set my people free and lead them towards heaven, not just towards Canaan." Jesus is like Moses, but way greater. He has a better exodus. He died and was raised from the dead, not to just set us free from physical slavery, but to set us free from slavery to sin, to set us free from the death sentence that hung over us. He's not only the prophet like Moses who leads us out of slavery toward the promised land of heaven. He's also the Pascal lamb that was slain in our stead so that the judgment we deserve would pass over us. Jesus is like Moses but way better. Now, I just want to finish quickly and give you some directions for your life. These are like exhortations, directions. How do I honor Christ as a prophet in my everyday life? Christ is a prophet. I need a prophet. I need to listen to him. He reveals God to me. How do I honor him in his office as a prophet in my everyday life? First, honor Christ as prophet personally by paying careful attention to and bowing down before what he says in his scriptures. You honor Christ as a prophet if you bow down to him personally. Pay careful attention to the scriptures, what he says through his prophets and apostles through faith.

Believe what Christ reveals in his scriptures. Submit to what he commands. Tremble before what he threatens. Run away from what he says is sin. Run towards what he says is righteous. Rest in what he promises. Trust in what he foretells for the future. Feast on his very words. Meditate on his truths. Proclaim to others what he reveals. And take hold of what he offers you. Personally, you must honor Christ as prophet by bowing down before him, paying careful attention to what he says in his scriptures. Second, honor Christ as prophet in your home by teaching those in your household what Christ says in his scriptures. Christ is continually revealing himself to his people through his word by God, the Holy Spirit. and you honor him as prophet with your household when you labor according to how God has designed you and gifted you when you labor to teach the scriptures to your wife, to your children, or to one day young men, your wives and children. Honor Christ in your home by teaching your household what he says in his scriptures. Hold forth to those in your household Christ as the prophet who both gives and interprets the law of God. Hold forth to those in your household Christ as the prophet who purchases and reveals the gospel of God. To those in your household, hold forth Christ as the prophet who foretells and accomplishes redemptive history according to his revealed will. This applies also to you who will be shepherds of Christ in a local church. Not only to your household, but you honor Christ as a prophet when you diligently teach those under your care, under your charge what God says in the scriptures. So honor Christ personally by submitting to him. Honor Christ in your home by holding him forth. But also honor Christ as prophet in your home by structuring your household. Why you do what you do, the duties you have, the duties your wife has, the duties your children have. Structure vour household according to what he says in his scriptures. Why do you do what you do? Just simply, this is where a lot of it rubs wrongly with people today because so many people have no idea how influenced they are by feminism still. Why do you do what you do and your basic duties even within your household, outside the household, why do you do that? And why does your wife do what she does? Is it because thus saith the Lord or is it because I don't know I think this works?

You need to really examine what are my duties as the head of household? What are my wife's duties as my helpmate? What are my children's duties as I'm bringing them up or sending them out? Christ is not honored as a prophet when our homes are not structured according to what he's revealed in the scriptures.

So honor Christ as prophet and structuring of your household. I wonder if your households reflect this truth. Man is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for woman, but woman was created for man. You want to tick off feminists, just quote 1 Corinthians 11:7-9. You want to tick off people who say they're not feminists but actually are functionally still feminists, just read 1 Corinthians 11 7-9 and ask him that. Is your household structured that man is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. She exists to be a

helpmate. Man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for woman. Woman was created for man. What does Christ the prophet say is the role of men and women, boys and girls, man and wife, leader and helpmate. Fourth, honor Christ as prophet in your vocation, in your job, your vocation by submitting to the motives and diligence he says you should have in his scriptures. Colossians 3:23 and 24. What's the motive for working heartily? Because you're serving the Lord Christ. Not so that you can get a pay raise. Not so that others will look at you and be like, "What a great worker." The main motive for working hardily in your job, doing a good day's work, is not how good of a boss you have, not how much you get paid. It's whatever you do, work hardily as for the Lord and not for men. Your boss may rarely deserve a hard day's work. Your boss according to the flesh, but your ultimate boss always deserves a good day's work. Jesus is who you are to ultimately work for, not for men. Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. The inheritance Christ purchased for you on the cross. That's what you get as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. So the motive you're serving the Lord Christ in your vocation. The diligence work hardily. Honor Christ as prophet in your vocation by submitting to the motives and diligence he says you should have. Fifth, honor Christ as prophet in the public square by telling everyone what Christ says about man, about sin, salvation, judgment, and righteousness. Honor Christ as prophet in the public square by proclaiming the bad news of the law and sin and the good news of what Christ has done to save sinners. Sixth, honor Christ as prophet in the civil government by telling your magistrates what God requires of them in their office. Honor Christ as prophet in the civil government by telling your magistrates what God requires of them in their office. Or if you are a magistrate or will be a magistrate someday, you honor Christ as prophet by submitting to his commands, his demands of civil magistrates of those in the civil government. Seventh, and finally, honor Christ as prophet in all these ways by trusting in and petitioning him to make effectual the scriptures and the hearts and minds of those who hear it. What I mean is Christ is not just a prophet who speaks through black ink on white paper. He's the prophet who still today uses the means of the word read or heard. But Christ is the prophet who is actively working in the reading and in the hearing of the word. And he can get through somebody's ear or through their eyes into their heart. All I can do is reach your ears. All a book can do is reach your eyes. But Christ in his office as a prophet uses those means but gets through the eyes into the heart and can change somebody. He gets through the ears of the person listening and gets it down. You can plant, you can water. Only Christ can cause the growth. So we honor him as prophet in all these ways that I mentioned by trusting that his word will take effect and by petitioning him by asking him to cause these seeds we've planted to grow. 1 Corinthians 3:7. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything but only God who gives the growth. You and I can reach the ears and the mind as we teach and preach God's word. But if Christ the prophet does not reach the heart by the Holy Spirit, it is all for nothing. So you must submit, teach, and pray. Teach and pray, pray and teach, and Christ will be

honored as prophet. Pray with me. Our father, we thank you for your word in Deuteronomy 18. We ask you by your spirit to help us honor your son in his office as a prophet in revealing you to us. We thank you for opening our eyes to behold wonderful things from your word. We ask you to continually help us hate our sin more and love our Christ more. It's in his name we pray. Amen.