

# PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

Part 8



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## “The Resurrection & Ascension — Jesus as Prophet, Priest, & King”

### Background

- The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus confirmed all that the prophets had foretold about Him as well as His own claims about Himself.

### The Threefold Office in Christ's Incarnation:

Acts 2:22-23 — 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

In His incarnation, Jesus fulfilled the Threefold Office as our \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ The example of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ showed that this was required for mankind individually.

⇒ The example of \_\_\_\_\_ showed that this was required for God's people corporately.

### The Threefold Office in Christ's Glorification:

Acts 2:36 — “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

In His glorification, Jesus fulfills the Threefold Office as our \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. The Prophet who Reveals God to us.

Heb. 1:1-5 — 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, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

GOD

—JESUS—

MANKIND

- In His person and work, Christ reveals to us God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 10:45; John 3:16)
- Through His teaching, He demonstrated the reality of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 5:17-48; John 3:19-21)
- He ultimately reveals God to us through the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 2:33 — Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

## 2. The Priest who makes it possible for us to come into God's presence.

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- His priestly work makes \_\_\_\_\_ possible.

—JESUS—

Acts 2:38-39 — 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

MANKIND

- Christ's priesthood is \_\_\_\_\_ than the OT priesthood.

Heb. 7:23-25 — 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

- Christ's priestly work is eternally \_\_\_\_\_ for His people.

Heb. 9:11-12 — 11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

## 3. The King who rules over us in the present and has secured our future.

- Through His death, burial, and resurrection Jesus has taken His place at the right hand of God where He \_\_\_\_\_ sovereignly over the events of this world and the circumstances of our lives.

Heb. 2:6-9 — 6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

- As Israel was to recognize Yahweh as their Savior-King at Sinai, Christians are to recognize Jesus as their great Savior-King.

**Contrast: Not Mt. Sinai but Mt. Zion**

Heb. 12:18-21 — 18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

Heb. 12:22-24 — 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

“you have come” - This is the perfect active indicative form of the Greek verb *proserchomai*, meaning “to come or go to”

*“The Greek perfect is one of the more interesting tenses and is often used to express great theological truths. The Greek perfect tense describes an action that was brought to completion and whose effects are felt in the present—the present of course from the time frame of the writer. Because it describes a completed action, the action described by the perfect verb normally occurred in the past.”* — Bill Mounce, Greek for the Rest of Us

- ⇒ All that the Bible anticipates for us in Revelation 20-22 is the current possession of the believer spiritually because Jesus, our Savior-King, has secured it for us.

12:28-29 — 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

“receiving” - This is the present active participle for of the verb *paralambano*, meaning “to receive control of”

- ⇒ Christians can worship God confidently in the present because we know that we are a part of His Kingdom which cannot be shaken in spite of the current circumstances that we face.