

MILILANI COMMUNITY CHURCH
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

LESSON 5: CHRIST (Part 2) THE OFFICES OF CHRIST

In the outworking of God's great plan of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ assumes mediatorial offices. By mediatorial offices we mean works carried out by Him as the mediator between God and man.

1. He is the great PROPHET who brings to men the Word of God
2. He is the great PRIEST who offers the sacrifice and reconciles man to God
3. He is the great KING who will rule as the Son of God upon the earth

A. OFFICE OF PROPHET

1. What is a prophet? Exodus 7:1

A prophet is a MOUTHPIECE of God who brings REVELATION from God. He may "foretell" or simply "forthtell" but the key is that he gives revelation from God.

2. Three prophetic discourses of Christ in Matthew
 - a. SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matt. 5-7)
 - b. PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM (Matt. 13)
 - c. OLIVET DISCOURSE (Matt. 24-25)

B. OFFICE OF PRIEST

1. What is a priest? Hebrews 5:1-4

A prophet is GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE with man

A priest is MAN'S REPRESENTATIVE before God

2. Functions of a priest
 - a. He is a MEDIATOR for men before God (Heb. 5:1)
 - b. He offers SACRIFICES (Heb. 5:1)
 - c. He INTERCEDES (Heb. 7:25)

3. Things to keep in mind about our Lord's priestly work
 - a. Was Jesus a priest while on earth? No. He was not a priest on earth because priests came from the tribe of Levi and he was from the tribe of Judah (Hebrews 8:4).
 - b. His priesthood is after the order of MELCHIZEDEK
 - (1) A priest FOREVER (Heb. 7:3)
 - (2) Also a KING (Heb. 7:1-2)
 - c. His priesthood is better than Aaron's priesthood
 - (1) Aaronic priests all died, but He is an ETERNAL priest.
 - (2) Aaronic priests were not confirmed by an oath but He was. but God swore that he should be our priest
 - (3) They had to offer their sacrifices again and again but He is the priest of the New Covenant providing ETERNAL redemption
 - (4) Aaronic priests ministered in an earthly sanctuary. He ministers in the HEAVENLY sanctuary—the genuine one.
 - (5) Aaronic priests were priests with infirmities. He is PERFECT
 - (6) Aaronic priests offered impotent sacrifices that could never remove sin. He offered one sacrifice that ONCE AND FOR ALL removes sin
 - (7) Aaronic priests were only priests. He is a KING as well as a priest.

He told us about God as no one else did. He has offered an offering that has forever removed sin and He ministers on the basis of that once for all sacrifice dispensing to all whom He serves, the benefits of salvation. How wonderful to know that I have a Great High Priest at the right hand of God interceding for me!

OFFICE OF KING

1. Definition of a kingdom: "rule or reign" of a king
2. Three ways of looking at our Lord's kingdom
 - a. He is King over an ETERNAL kingdom. He rules over all of human activity from eternity past to eternity future
 - b. He rules in the HEARTS of those who have been born again into the family of God by faith in Christ
 - c. He has promised a MEDIATORIAL kingdom—the manifestation of his will upon the earth. This kingdom was promised in the Old Testament.
 - (1) Kingdom Predicted Davidic Covenant (II Samuel 7; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:31-32)
 - (2) Kingdom Offered At his coming (Matt. 1:1; 3:2; 4:17; 10:5-7)
 - (3) Kingdom Rejected Crucifixion (Matthew 12, 21)
 - (4) Kingdom Realized Second Coming (Isaiah 11:9; Rev. 11:15; 19:11ff; 20:1-10)

PROPHET: His earthly ministry

PRIEST: His offering on the Cross/His ministry in Heaven today

KING: This will be fully seen when He returns in glory to the earth.

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