

In the Old Testament, three different kinds of people take center stage in the story of God's salvation of his people Israel: prophet, priest, and king. Normally, the three offices of prophet, priest, and king were distinct from each other, with no overlap. But the Lord Jesus Christ perfectly fills all three roles simultaneously: He is the Prophet, Priest, and King, to the great blessing of the world.

Jesus fulfills all three of these roles. This evening we will consider His role as *King*. Last week we looked at His role as a *Priest*.

❖ Jesus is not just a “priest forever,” but also a king eternally.

“Jesus, The King”

- ❖ As prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ was sent to mankind, representing God the Father.
- ❖ As priest, the Lord Jesus Christ goes to the Father, representing mankind.
- ❖ As king, the Lord Jesus Christ is the sovereign ruler over all of creation.

I. THE KING'S REIGN DECLARED

- ❖ Gabriel's announcement to Mary of Jesus' birth included the declaration of the King:

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**

33 And **he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

❖ The Lord Jesus reigns over all.

Heb. 2:8 **Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.** For in that he put **all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is not put under him.*** But now we see not yet all things put under him.

❖ The Lord Jesus “*is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times he shall shew, ***who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;***

❖ The Lord Jesus confirmed His Kingship to Pilate:

Mt. 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And ***Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.***

II. THE KING'S RESPECT DESERVED

❖ The Lord Jesus, as the King eternal, deserves “honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Tim. 1:17 Now unto **the King eternal**, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

❖ The Lord Jesus is a great King over all the earth and above all gods.

Psa. 47:2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; **he is a great King over all the earth.**

Mal. 1:14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for **I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.**

Psa. 95:3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and **a great King above all gods.**

❖ Throughout eternity, the saints will rejoice in their respect in praising the “King of saints.”

Rev. 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of **the Lamb**, saying, **Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.**

Rev. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for **he is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

❖ The city of Jerusalem will be known as “the city of the great King.”

Mt. 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by **Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.**

❖ The Lord’s kingdom is one of righteousness.

III. THE KING'S RIGHTEOUSNESS DEMANDED

Judges 21:25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

- ❖ Mankind likes to be a king over its own domain. As King, the Lord Jesus Christ demands the highest level of spirituality – His righteousness.

Isa. 32:1 **Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,** and princes shall rule in judgment.

Jer. 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

- ❖ For any person to have hope of eternity with Christ, God's standard of holiness must be attained:

Rom. 3:25 Whom **God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are **past**, through the forbearance of God;**

1 Jn. 2:2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.***

1 Jn. 4:10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be the propitiation for our sins.***

❖ Faith in Christ, and His propitiation, produces the imputation of His righteousness to us:

Rom. 4:6 Even as David also describeth **the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,**

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith,
Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

The imputation of Christ's righteousness to repentant believers is the only provision to be acceptable before God and His holiness:

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

❖ When Jesus judges the world, He will separate the sheep from the goats, and His sheep will inherit the kingdom from THE KING:

Mt. 25:34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father,** inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Summary

- ❖ The Lord Jesus Christ holds three offices: Prophet, Priest, and King.
- ❖ As prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ was sent to mankind, representing God the Father.
- ❖ As priest, the Lord Jesus Christ goes to the Father, representing mankind.
- ❖ As king, the Lord Jesus Christ is the sovereign ruler over all of creation.
- ❖ Spiritually born into His kingdom, believers are His subjects in all things.

Phil. 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Conclusion

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

We have a king, and we are citizens of a heavenly kingdom. Because our citizenship is in heaven, we are pilgrims in a foreign land. Our church is, in effect, a colony of Christ's heavenly kingdom.

Here we have a direct command from our King to carry His message. We are to make disciples. We are to share the gospel and teach others to observe *all* that the king has commanded. This can be a scary and uncomfortable thing. But when we recognize that this world is not our home, we begin to wake up to the fact that this world isn't anybody's home. Not eternally speaking.

Those of us who are citizens of Christ's heavenly kingdom: Are we living a life that tells others that Jesus Christ is the most valuable thing in our lives? Are we allowing every other throne in our lives to fall before the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords?

Missionary C.T. Studd, who gave up wealth, fame, comfort, and many relationships to be a missionary in China once said, "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." <https://reasonabletheology.org/jesus-christ-our-king/>