THE PROPHET OF GOD

Intro: As Peter preached to the Jews after healing the lame man, he quoted what Moses wrote; Acts 3:22-23 “For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.” Moses stated this as recorded in Deu. 18:15-19 “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.” Let us consider this great Prophet of God.

I. GOD SHALL RAISE UP A PROPHET.
   A. God is the One Who will raise Him up.
      1. It will not be done by man.
      2. It will not be done by Himself.
   B. A prophet.
      1. A prophet is a spokesman for God.
      2. It is from the Hebrew (nabi) and carries the idea of to boil forth or bubble up.
      3. It is from the Greek προφήτης (prophetes) which is to speak forth.
   C. Raise up.
      1. This refers, among other things, to the resurrection of Christ.
      2. 1 Cor. 15.

II. OF YOUR BRETHREN.
   A. Lineage of this prophet.
      1. Mat. 1
      2. Luke 3
      3. His lineage is from Abraham - Judah - David
   B. Of man showing His humanity.
      1. Heb. 2:17-18 “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”
      2. Phi. 2:6-8 “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

III. LIKE UNTO MOSES.
   A. There are several comparisons of Moses and Christ
      1. 1 Cor. 10
      2. Heb. 3
      3. Heb. 12
B. Moses compared to Christ:
1. Sent by God:
   a. Moses to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage.
   b. Jesus:
      (1) Mat. 10:40 “He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.”
      (2) John 3:1-2 “There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”
      (3) John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” cf. 1 John 4:14 “And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”
      (4) John 6:44 “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”
      (5) John 12:44 “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.”
2. To deliver:
   a. Moses from Egypt.
   b. Christ from sin:
      (1) Mat. 1:21 “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”
      (2) Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
3. Performed miracles: to attest to it:
   a. Israel had to believe; we must believe in Christ.
   b. Israel had to repent; we must repent.
   c. Baptized:
      (1) Israel unto Moses; 1 Cor. 10:1-2 “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;”
      (2) We into Christ.
4. Led:
   a. Israel by Moses through the wilderness.
   b. We are led by Christ through the wilderness of this world; John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
5. Lawgiver while being led.
6. Mediator
7. Led to the promised land

IV. MUST BE HEARD.
A. Mat. 17:5 “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”
B. Heb. 1:1-2 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”
C. John 12:48-50 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”

D. Heb. 3
1. Moses is a servant in God’s house
2. Christ is a Son in God’s house.
   a. Heb. 10:28-29 “He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”
   b. Heb. 12:25 “See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:
   c. Heb. 2:1-4 “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”

Conclusion: Have you listened to this Savior to be delivered from sin and then led in the proper way by Him?