

A Prophet Like Moses
Dt 18:15-22
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I don't know about you, but I always get a kick out of some of the predictions people make. For example, here's are a few of them that were made for 2018:

- There will be a revolution in North Korea which overthrows the current regime.¹

The next 2 were made in 1968 making predictions for 2018.

- A new form of energy will be discovered on Venus.
- Nuclear reactors will bear the brunt of energy production while natural gas fades.²
- A new disease will strike Uganda & parts of Russia & then spread to Alabama & Texas.³
- Prince Harry & Meghan Markle will cancel their wedding.⁴
- Trump will be impeached.⁵

I don't believe any of those things have happened, but there's still time! Here's a prediction for 2019 which I'm including only because of the disclaimer this guy gives. He predicts that powerful earthquakes will rock the U.S. to the core. *We're going to get serious seismic activity.* & then the disclaimer: *Remember, I'm fallible, please, because don't go panicking when I make these predictions.*⁶ Sounds just like a prophet of God in the OT, right? Not hardly. God's prophets were 100% right 100% of the time. No wiggle room or disclaimers. Think these guys would be making predictions if their lives were tied to their predictions being correct? I don't think so but that's the biblical standard. Which brings us to Dt 18. In this passage Moses speaks to the people of Israel warning them against false prophets & promising that God would raise up a prophet like him from the midst of the people. He also explained the tests they should apply to distinguish true & false prophets. First, the warnings in Dt 18:9-14 which says God detests witchcraft, sorcery, divination & every form of fortune-telling. God's Word is precise, pointed, & penetrating. The people of God must utterly & completely separate themselves from every form of divination. This completely rules out everything to do with astrology, psychics, Ouija Boards, Tarot cards, palm-reading, voodoo, channeling, reincarnation, white magic, black magic, Satanism, talking to

¹ Craig Hamilton-Parker, www.ancient-code.com/8-predictions-2018-man-foresaw-brexit-trump-winning-elections

² Charles Scarlott, www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/the-1968-book-that-tried-to-predict-the-world-of-2018

³ Baba Vanga, nypost.com/2017/12/26/mystic-who-predicted-isis-9-11-had-two-predictions-for-2018/

⁴ www.psychics4today.com/2018-psychoic-predictions/

⁵ www.news.com.au/lifestyle/thought-2017-was-weird-here-are-some-crazy-predictions-for-2018/news-story

⁶ Craig Hamilton-Parker, www.express.co.uk/news/weird/1055856/Predictions-2019-psychoic-prophecy-world-war-3-donald-tump-brexit

spirits, omens, charms, totems, talismans, praying to the dead, communicating with the spirit world, crystal balls, & on & on. All of it is completely forbidden to God's people.

What about those who claim to bring messages from God? How can we tell when the person speaking is truly from God? Vss 20-22 give us 2 tests we can use. The 1st is the test of truth: **20**

A true prophet of God speaks the true words of God. That means you must check out a prophet's words against the true Word of God, the Bible. His words must match both the letter & the spirit of the Bible. If anything he says contradicts the Bible in any way, forget it. He isn't speaking from God. The 2nd test is the test of accuracy. **22**

The test is simple. Check out his prediction against the actual results. If what he says comes true, he's speaking for God. If not, you can ignore him because he isn't speaking for God. A prophet was truthful & accurate. {According to some there were at least 2 other tests of a prophet. 1) Does the prophet have a divine commission (Jer 29:9)? 2) Do the people benefit spiritually from the prophet's ministry (Jer 23:13-14, 32;1 Pt 4:11).⁷} Jesus certainly meets those qualifications as well.

If you claim to speak for God, there's no margin for error. The word **prophet** literally means one who speaks on behalf of another. Applied to the biblical prophets, it means one authorized by God to speak on behalf of God. So when Isaiah spoke, he could claim divine authority for his words. He was literally acting as God's spokesman. That's why his words had to be 100% accurate & truthful. As long as he spoke only for himself, he could make any number of mistakes. But when he claimed to speak for God, he had no margin for error. *Being the spokesman for God is the central characteristic of a prophet.*⁸ Maybe we could summarize & simplify by saying biblical prophets had 2 primary functions: 1) They delivered God's message to their generation. 2) They predicted the course of future events. In the 1st role, the prophet upheld God's righteousness & condemned iniquity & injustice of every kind. He preached & proclaimed God's message. They dealt with social issues, immorality, injustice, ungodliness, & also revealed the standards of God's holiness. They condemned the oppression of the poor, the orphan, & the

⁷ Donna Ridge, *False Prophets in Holman Illustrated Dictionary*, p 554

⁸ Earl Kalland, *Deuteronomy*, p 121

widow. They condemned extortion & unjust interest rates & taxation. They condemned greed & materialism. They condemned using false weights & improper balances. Because of the bold denunciation of sin, the prophets were often unpopular. Many were hated & persecuted & some were even put to death (Mt 23:34). In the 2nd role, the prophets predicted the rise & fall of nations, the outcome of battles, & the coming judgment of God on disobedient kings & kingdoms. Some of their predictions were immediately fulfilled, but often centuries would pass before other predicted events would occur. But in every case, the prophets were held to the strict standard of 100% accuracy. Usually there was a direct fulfillment, something immediate but it also pointed to something in the distant future. This meant that often the prophets themselves wouldn't live to see their words completely fulfilled, leaving them mocked by their contemporaries but vindicated by God in time.

Why are we talking about prophets? Because our Advent series this year is called *By Prophet Bards Foretold*, looking at some of the prophecies of Jesus in the OT. 2 weeks ago we looked at Gen 3:15 & Jesus as the Seed of the woman who came **to destroy the works of the devil** (1 Jn 3:8). Last week we saw Jesus in Ex 12 as the Passover Lamb who came **in order to take away sins** (1 Jn 3:5). Today we see Jesus as the Prophet like Moses from Dt 18. Jesus came to this earth as a Prophet so He might preach to us (Mk 1:38), to bless us as we turn from our wicked ways (Acts 3:26), & to give us understanding **so that we may know Him who is true ... This is the true God & eternal life** (1 Jn 5:20). The OT begins with God's promise to send a deliverer who will be the seed of a woman & who will crush the head of the serpent/Satan (Gen 3:15; Rom 16:20). It then narrows successively telling us He will be: the seed of Abraham (Gen 12:1-3; 22:18), of the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10), a prophet like Moses (Dt 18:15-17), the descendent of David (2 Sam 7:12-17; Is 11:1), Yahweh's Anointed (Ps 2), One the Lord delivers from death (Ps 16; 22), a King-Priest (Ps 110), virgin conceived (Is 7:14), the Suffering Servant of the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12), the coming Son of Man (Dan 7:13-14), the Ruler born in Bethlehem (Mic 5:2), the pierced One who will cleanse from sin & uncleanness (Zech 12:10-14). & He's pictured as the provided Sacrifice in Gen 22 & the Passover Lamb of Ex 12. The portrait is breathtaking & overwhelming in both its

promise & in its particulars. It's like one has discovered a string of beautiful pearls linked together to form a magnificent necklace. Each one invites careful study & inspection. For our purposes we're focusing our gaze on the promise found in the 2nd giving of the Law, the promise of a Prophet like Moses found in Dt 18:15-22. PRAY

God promises, through Moses, to raise a line of godly prophets in Israel. That line would culminate in one Person who would be the **prophet like Moses** of vs 15:

Vs 18 gives us the same promise in God's own words: 18

Moses was the greatest of all the OT prophets since he spoke with God face-to-face & because he was the man God used to work the miracles in Egypt & in the wilderness. No other prophet after him would approach his greatness (Dt 34:10-12). God would use other men such as Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Zechariah, & Malachi, to name but a few. These men fulfilled the roles of speaking truth by denouncing sin & predicting future events. With regard to the 100% accuracy test, anyone can check their words & see if their predictions came true or not. (Josh McDowell's *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* is a good summary of fulfilled prophecy & I recommend it to anyone who wants to study more.) What does all this have to do with Christmas or with our series, *By Prophet Bards Foretold*. This prophecy is of a future Prophet who will have 4 characteristics listed here:

1. He's raised up by God (meaning He has a divine calling).
2. He'll be like Moses (thus having intimate knowledge of God).
3. He'll be from among the people (an Israelite).
4. He'll speak with divine authority (as a result of the preceding factors).

The Jews had always understood that this prophecy would one day be fulfilled in a literal way by the coming of **the Prophet** who would either come just before Messiah or would, in fact, be the Messiah. That expectation helps explain the dialogue between the Jews & John the Baptist in Jn 1:19-21. When they ask who he was, he said, "I am not the Christ." They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" & he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" & he answered, "No." When they said, **the Prophet**, both the Jews & John the Baptist understood the reference to be the prophecy of Dt 18. The same thing happened to Jesus. When He performed the miracle of feeding the 5K, the crowd responded by saying, **this is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world** (Jn 6:14).

Again, the reference is to Dt 18. Later when He spoke to the multitudes at the Feast of Tabernacles, some of the people exclaimed, **this certainly is the Prophet** (Jn 7:40). Same thing. They were thinking back to the promise of Dt 18. Jn 5 records a long dialogue between Jesus & His adversaries where they question His credentials to be the Messiah. At the end of the debate, He summarizes His position by referring them to Moses. He basically accused them of not believing Moses' words: **If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me** (46). Where did Moses write about Jesus? There are several possible answers, but none more obvious than Dt 18. Fast forward to the afternoon of Easter Sunday. Jesus suddenly appears to the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus & they don't recognize Him. When Jesus asked what they were talking about, one of them said they were discussing Jesus of Nazareth, **a prophet mighty in deed & word in the sight of God & all the people** (Lk 24:19). Of all the words they could have used to describe Jesus (Master, Savior, Lord, Messiah, Redeemer) they called Him **prophet**. When Jesus revealed His true identity, He called them foolish for failing to believe all that the prophets had spoken. **& beginning with Moses & with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures** (27). We can assume His explanation included Dt 18. If there's any doubt remaining about Jesus being the Prophet like Moses of Dt 18, consider Acts 3. In this passage Peter heals a crippled beggar in the temple courtyards. When a crowd gathers in amazement to watch the formerly-crippled man walk under his own power, Peter preaches a powerful sermon. He tells them this miracle had been done by the power of Jesus, the same Man who'd been crucified just a few weeks earlier. As part of his proof that Jesus is the promised Messiah, Peter quotes Dt 18:15, **Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own brethren; to him you shall give heed to everything he tells you.'**

How is Jesus a prophet like Moses? Let's look & see. 1st briefly & then a little more in depth.

Moses

Raised up by God
Spoke to God face-to-face
Was from the people
Performed miracles &
Gave the law

Jesus

Sent by God (Jn 3:16)

Had intimate fellowship with God (Jn 1:18)

Son of Mary, legal son of Joseph, from the people (Mt 1:1-18; Lk 3:23-38)

Performed miracles (4 gospels) &

Brought grace & truth (Jn 1:17)

Jesus was a Prophet like Moses, wasn't He? Let's look deeper.

1. They were both born under an oppressive foreign rule. The opening chpts of Exodus tell us about the oppression of the Israelites under Egyptian rule. The Egyptians are described as evil taskmasters & Moses was born under an oppressive, foreign rule. In like manner, the record of Jesus' birth begins with a reference to Caesar Augustus & his requirement of a census of the inhabited earth. The people of God were under an oppressive, foreign rule of Rome at the time of Jesus' birth.

2. Both Moses & Jesus were threatened with death by a wicked king. In both accounts, the government decreed that the male Jewish children under the age of 2 be killed (Ex 1:22; Mt 2:16).

3. Think about the similarities in the faith of the parents. Moses' life was saved & preserved through the faith of his parents as his mother hid him in the ark & protected his life. Jesus' life was saved when an angel warned Joseph in a dream that they should take the child & leave for Egypt because of the threats of Herod.

4. Both of them as toddlers are protected in Egypt. With Moses, it happened in the house of Pharaoh as his daughter raised him. & in direct fulfillment of prophecy, Jesus is taken to Egypt by His parents & is protected there (Hos 11:1; Num 24:8; Mt 2:13-15).

5. In a picture of what Jesus would endure at the hands of His own people, Moses was rejected by the Jews, His own people. It happened as he was on the mountain with God, receiving the Ten Commandments that the Israelites asked for a god to worship because they didn't know what had happened to Moses. The rejection of Jesus came to fullness on the day of His crucifixion when the Jews called for his execution & for Barabbas to be released (Mt 27:20).

6. Both were criticized by their own family. Miriam & Aaron spoke against Moses because he marries a woman they disapprove of (Num 12:1). The family of Jesus accused Him of being out of His mind (Mk 3:21; Jn 2:12).

7. Both fasted 40 days & nights. During the time God wrote the Ten Commandments we're told Moses didn't eat bread or drink water. For 40 days & nights he went without food to bring God's covenant to God's people (Ex 34:28). Immediately after His baptism, Jesus fasted 40 days & nights in the wilderness as He prepared to begin a ministry that would bring a new covenant to God's people (Mt 4:2).

8. They both had intimate conversations with God. Dt 34:10 says the Lord knew Moses **face-to-face**. Moses had a close relationship with God, as certainly Jesus did. As a matter of fact, that face-to-face relationship caused the faces of both men to shine. When Moses came off the mountain after meeting with God, he glowed supernaturally (Ex 34:35). After the transfiguration the Bible says the face of Jesus **shone like the sun, & His garments became as white as light** (Mt 17:2).

9. Both heard God's voice. In Exodus we read that God spoke to Moses directly from heaven & a voice was heard. 3x during the earthly ministry of Jesus, God spoke from heaven to declare His approval of His Son (Mt 4:16-17; 17:5-6; Jn 12:27-30).

10. They were both willing to bear the sin of their people. Ex 32 tells us **Moses returned to the LORD, & said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, & they have made a god of gold for themselves. But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"** (Ex 32:31-32). Moses prayed to God to forgive the sins of His people & was willing to bear the consequences of their sin & their guilt. Jesus said, **Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing** (Lk 23:34). Jesus prayed to God to forgive the sins of His people & He was willing to receive the consequences of their sin & their guilt (1 Cor 5:21).

11. They both revealed God's name. Listen to Ex 3:13-14:

Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, & I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; & He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Moses revealed God's name to God's people. Did Jesus? What does He say in Jn 17?

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours & You gave them to Me, & they have kept Your word... I am no longer in the world; & yet they themselves are in the world, & I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me (6, 11-12).

Jesus also revealed God's name to God's people, but in a much better way!

12. Both miraculously fed the people. During the wilderness wanderings, the Jews got hungry & God supernaturally provided food for them through Moses. They awoke one morning to find the ground covered with a white substance. They asked Moses what it was. Moses said to them, **It is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat** (Ex 16:14-15). God, through Moses, fed God's people in large numbers, supernaturally. Doesn't that remind you of the feedings of 4K (Mt 15:32-39) & 5K (Mt 14:13-21) as Jesus supernaturally fed the multitudes?

13. Both Moses & Jesus performed signs & wonders. Think of the miracles performed through Moses. The initial ones before Pharaoh, the 10 plagues, the ones providing for the Israelites in their wanderings in the wilderness. Moses is described like this at the end of Dt, after his death.

Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, for all the signs & wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, & all his land, & for all the mighty power & for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel (34:10-12).

Moses did miracles, signs, & wonders as no other had ever done. What about Jesus? He says, **the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John (the Baptist); for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish--the very works that I do--testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me** (Jn 5:36). Jesus performed a multitude of signs, wonders, & miracles, as no one else has ever done.

14. Their tombs were guarded by an angel. In Jude's letter (9) we read that Michael the archangel guarded the tomb of Moses & when the women came to anoint the body of Jesus, the Bible says they were met by an angel who announced to them His resurrection (Mt 28:1-7).

15. Both made a covenant with blood. We read of Moses,

Then Moses took the book of the covenant & read it in the hearing of the people; & they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, & we will be obedient!" So Moses took the blood & sprinkled

it on the people, & said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words” (Ex 24:7-8).

Moses made a covenant with blood & covered God's people with that blood. What does the writer of Hebrews tell us?

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater & more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; & not through the blood of goats & calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption (Heb 9:11-12).

Jesus also made a covenant with blood, His own blood, & covered His people with that blood. Do you see how Jesus was a prophet like Moses? I'm sure there are other similarities, but I'll let you find those on your own.

There were many great men of God in the OT, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Samuel, David, but there was only one prophet like Moses, the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Messiah of Israel. The evidence is clear & overwhelming. Jesus is the Prophet like Moses promised in Dt 18. He is the ultimate fulfillment of a promise made 1500 years before His birth. In Jesus we can hear God's voice & not die. In Jesus we see God & not die. In Jesus is the Word of God that **became flesh, & dwelt among us, & we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace & truth (Jn 1:14)**. Who could have imagined the Prophet the Lord God would raise up would also be God's unique & only Son? One question remains: What does this fulfillment signify for us today? Why should it matter to us that Jesus is the great Prophet sent by God? Let me suggest 3 answers to that question.

1. He Declares the True Word of God When Jesus finished the SOTM, His hearers commented He spoke **as one having authority, & not as their Scribes (Mt 7:29)**. When I preach a sermon, I offer Scripture, references, footnotes, & quotes of godly men, all to back up what I'm saying. I have to because I have no authority in my own power to teach the things of God. But Jesus needed no footnotes or other scholars! He had divine authority as the heaven-sent Prophet of God. Consider 4 statements about His words.

1. He claimed divine authority for His words (Mt 28:18; Jn 12:49).
2. He said His words would bring eternal life (Jn 3:16).
3. He declared that His words would not pass away (Mt 24:35).
4. He ordered His words carried around the world (Mt 28:19-20).

In other words, the ultimate destiny of all of us depends on our response to Him. These aren't the statements of a religious leader. Only a Prophet of God can make such claims for Himself. Therefore, when He speaks, we must listen because He speaks the true words of God.

2. He Diagnoses the True Human Condition In Mk 7 the religious leaders ask Jesus why His disciples don't follow the traditions of Judaism & eat with impure hands. Jesus offers a lengthy answer & then finishes by saying,

That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting & wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride & foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within & defile the man (20-23).

In Jn 3 Jesus explained why men turn away from the truth even when it stares them in the face: **Light has come into the world, & men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil (19)**. There's something evil inside every human heart that makes us instinctively hate the light & love the darkness. We turn away from the truth because it exposes the darkness inside us. But Jesus saved His most scathing words for the ultra-religious leaders, the Pharisees. In Mt 23 he calls them a variety of names: **hypocrites (13), blind guides (16), fools (17), whitewashed tombs (27), serpents & brood of vipers (33)**. Because Jesus is the true Prophet of God, He understands the secrets of the human heart. Nothing is hidden from Him. Though men cover their sin with a veneer of morality, it doesn't fool Jesus. He sees through the sham, exposes the sin, & calls it what it really is. He knows the truth & declares the truth, even when His words offend His hearers.

3. He Predicts the True Course of Future Events Jesus made predictions about His next Coming, His 2nd Advent. He described in detail the moral condition of the world in the Last Days, the attacks on Israel, the rise of false religions, & His own return to the earth. His words on this can be found in Mt 24-25, Mk 13, Lk 17, & Jn 14. Since these events are yet future, we can't check them for accuracy. But we know they will happen just as He said. But Jesus also made some specific predictions that were fulfilled in His lifetime or shortly thereafter. These we can check for accuracy.

1. He predicted that one of His inner circle would betray Him. Fulfilled by Judas (Mt 26:21, 47-49).

2. He predicted His crucifixion. Fulfilled on Good Friday (Mt 16:21-28; 27:33-56; Mk 8:31-33).
3. He predicted His resurrection. Fulfilled on Easter Sunday (Mt 12:39-40; Jn 2:18).
4. He predicted the coming of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-17). Fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2).
5. He predicted the fall of Jerusalem (Mt 24:1-2; Lk 21:5-6). Fulfilled in 70 AD by the Roman army.

Once again, we see Jesus passes the test with flying colors. Everything He predicted came true exactly as He predicted it. This is precisely what we'd expect of the true Prophet of God.

Let's go back one final time to Dt 18. When Moses promised a **prophet like me**, he added this important phrase in vs 15: **You shall listen to him**. He also added a warning from God in vs 19: **I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name** (NIV). Several centuries later, Moses, along with Elijah, would appear on a mountain in the presence of Jesus, Peter, James, & John. At that mountain, Jesus was transfigured & His face **shone like the sun & His clothes became white as light** (Mt 17:2). Then God the Father spoke out of a cloud, declaring, **This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!** (5). With those words, which echo the words of Moses, God unequivocally declared that the prophecy of Dt 18:15 had been fulfilled in the Advent of Jesus Christ. **Listen to Him!** God expects His people to respond in obedience to His Word, Jesus Christ. When a prophet speaks, you only have 2 choices: Listen to what he says or disregard his words. There aren't any other options. If you say, *I'm going to think about it*, that's the same as disregarding Him. If Jesus is the Prophet of God, then each person must either listen or disregard His words. You have to make a choice. There can be no neutrality about Jesus. You're either with Him or against Him. You either follow Him or you ignore Him. You either listen to Him or disregard Him. What's your verdict about Jesus? Is He the Seed of the woman? The Passover Lamb of God? The Prophet greater than Moses? Is He really the Son of God? Have you staked your life on His words? I urge you to consider the claims of Christ upon your life. Is Jesus really the Son of God? If He is, then you can do nothing less than give Him your heart, mind, & life. Crown Him King of your life & join the millions who willingly worship Him as Savior & Lord.

The writer to the Hebrews makes this point in the opening vs of his epistle: **Long ago, at many times & in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets** (1:1, ESV). While God communicated in various ways in the OT, His preferred means was through His prophets, &

among those OT prophets, Moses was the most significant. Moses was God's chosen mouthpiece & mediator as God orchestrated the deliverance of His people out of bondage in Egypt. Moses' significance in redemptive history cannot be overstated, & the shadow of the Exodus stretches throughout all of Scripture. The Exodus was a redemptive event that typified the future redemption secured by Jesus. This means the primary role of Moses in revelation was to set the stage for Jesus, the One who surpasses & eclipses him.⁹

In Jn 5:46 Jesus said, **if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.** Jesus was greater than & better than Moses. Again, who would have thought the great Prophet to come would also be God's Son who gave His life for us? Spurgeon, captured perfectly what all Scripture is teaching concerning this prophet like Moses. He carefully & wonderfully informs us of what we need to know & what we need to do, when confronted with this Prophet raised up by God.

*The Lord knew that man would always be unable to hear his Maker's voice & He, therefore, determined not only to speak by Moses, but to speak by His servants, the Prophets, raising up here, one, & there, another. & then He determined, as the consummation of His condescending mercy, that at the last He would put all the words He had to say to man into one heart & that word should be spoken by one mouth to men, furnishing a full, complete & unchangeable revelation of Himself to the human race! This He resolved to give by One of whom Moses had learned something when the Lord said to Him in the words of our text, **I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you, & will put My words in His mouth; & He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him.** We know assuredly that our Lord Jesus Christ is that Prophet like unto Moses by whom, in these last days, He has spoken unto us!... Hear the Voice of God by this greatest of all Prophets... Brothers & Sisters, I beseech you not to reject the message which Jesus brings, seeing it is not His own, but the sure message of God! Trifle not with a single word which Jesus speaks, for it is the Word of the Eternal One! Despise not one single deed which He did, or precept which He commanded, or blessing which He brought, for upon all these there is the stamp of Deity!¹⁰*

Jesus is the Seed of woman, the Passover Lamb, & the Prophet greater than Moses. Is He your Savior?

⁹ Anthony Selvaggio, *TableTalk*, Dec 2018

¹⁰ Sermon titled, *The Prophet Like Unto Moses*, delivered 8/3/1879