

**I. The Need - Dt. 18:15-17**

1. God will raise up a prophet
- Rea        -is this a prophecy about a prophet?
2. The people had requested an intermediary
- Rea        -mediator
- realizing that's God's personal presence was too much for them
- Rea        -afraid they would die (at least they respected God) - even God said this request is "good" (verse 17)
3. So "listen"
- at Numbers 12:6-8 God told them to listen
- here it is the same
- Rea        4. He will be "like me" (verse 15) - like Moses
5. Ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ
- a true mediator
- a true priest - like Aaron
- a true king - eternal
- Jesus is of the lineage of Israel
- Rea        **Ideas and Questions:**
1. We need a mediator - some, however, do not admit this need - therefore there is no need for Jesus - what might you say to someone who says they need no mediator?
2. The role of a priest is that of a mediator. He takes sacrifices to God, and brings teachings from God. The word "priest" means "between."
3. Like it or not often we stand "between" the Lord and the unsaved person. We need to look and ask like the Savior or they get an unclear/ confused view of God.
4. Why do you think that God chooses to work "through" people?

**II. The Provision - Dt. 18:18-19**

1. From Israel, not a foreigner
2. I will put my words in his mouth
- Rea        -at Isaiah 6, Isaiah's mouth was purged - discuss why
- he will speak God's words, not that which the culture likes him to say
- Rea        3. Isaiah 50:4-6 speaks of ill-treatment of a true prophet - we might call that persecution. A true prophet usually does not last long. An example might be John the Baptist.
- Rea        4. I'm not sure even the church wants to hear from a true prophet. We'd rather hear "peace, peace" when there is no peace. Do you think your church would "put up with" a true prophet? We have any number of prophets who serve as good examples of what it means to "speak for the Lord." Do you think our "witnessing" nowadays is different from this role of "prophecy?"
5. Jesus saw Himself as "sent from God" - Mt 10:40.
- He spoke with the authority of the Father - John 14:10
6. At Luke 20:9-16 Jesus saw Himself in the long line of God's prophets
- Rea        -in fact, the final and climatic prophet
- Rea        **Ideas and Questions:**
1. It was pointed out to me by a denominational leader a few years ago, that preachers

- rarely preach from the prophets in our day. I think that's true... - why is that?
2. We need a strong prophetic word in 2020
  3. Would such a prophet need be ready to die?
    - he probably would not be accepted by the leadership of our denominations
  4. Would such a prophet be accepted by today's Christians?

### **III. The Test - Dt. 18:20-22**

1. Death is the penalty for a false prophet (**verse 20**)
  - false prophesy is defined in this verse
  - A. Speak in the name of a pagan god
  - B. Speaks when God has not sent him
  - C. He makes a prediction and it does not come true (**verses 21-22**)
- Rea 2. The predictive element of "prophecy" has fallen by the wayside - is that a "God thing" or is it because we just don't have prophets today? In the New Testament the "gift" of prophecy is there, along with many other "gifts" that we teach have "passed away."
  - Also we ought remember that prophecies came to pass in the Old Testament over a long time period.
  - Verse 22 speaks of a prophet speaking "presumptuously" - what does that mean?
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
  1. The Old Testament prophets were in line with the revelation that has gone before them. They did not "come up with" new concepts of God. They did not use their "creative imagination" to impact lives.
  2. The Old Testament prophets were often negative - preachers who are negative don't survive either. The Old Testament prophets spoke easily and often about sin... but I guess we don't sin any more like they did??? Prophets always call on folks to repent - that too is not called for often. Some go for months without even mentioning that. So if a person doesn't "repent" can they be forgiven?
  3. Have you ever heard a truly prophetic voice?

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