

Thursday Devotional

October 8th, 2020

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.” – Hebrews 1:1-2

Last night at prayer meeting we discussed how Christ executes the office of a prophet. We saw how Christ was our prophet in the Old Testament (1 Peter 1:10-12), how Christ was our prophet in his earthly ministry (John 15:15; Ephesians 2:20), and finally how Christ is our prophet now by revealing to us His Word and Spirit for salvation (Ephesians 4:11-13; John 20:31). Our devotional this morning comes with this in mind and comes from Thomas Watson and his comments on Christ as our prophet.

- **5 ways Christ’s teachings differ from other prophet/teachers:**

1. Christ teaches the heart. – *“Other teachers can only teach what to believe, Jesus teaches how to believe.”* – Thomas Watson
2. Christ gives us a taste of the Word. – *“Ministers may set the food of the word before you and carve it out to you; but it is only Christ can cause you to taste it.”*
3. Christ makes us obey. – *“Christ not only comes with the light of the Word but the rod of strength that makes the stubborn sinner yield to Him. His grace is irresistible.”*
4. Christ makes men willing to learn. – *“Christ makes his people willing people.”*
5. Christ teaches to the dead (Ephesians 2:1, Dead in sin) and the dead hear. – *“When Christ teaches, he not only illuminates but animates.”*

- **4 Responses to Christ as our prophet/teacher:**

1. See your need of Christ’s teaching.
2. Go to Christ to teach you.
3. Wait upon the means of grace which Christ has appointed. (Preached Word, Sacraments, and Prayer)
4. Walk according to the knowledge you already have.