

Heb 1:1-4 "The Coming of the Kingdom: Prophet, Priest, and King"

**BIG IDEA: Jesus is our perfect prophet, priest, and king.**

**1) INTRO**

- Christmas season is here – Black Friday/Thanksgiving/music
- Introduce Advent/Christmas series in minor prophets
- Advent/arrival of JC as PPK

**2) BACKGROUND OF PPKs IN KINGDOM**

- PPKs are unfamiliar to us...but familiar to ancient Israel
  - People looked for leadership from divinely appointed people – prophets, priests, kings (following the judges)
  - JC came as all three!
- Jesus Christ...HBRW Messiah to GRK Christ – “anointed one”
  - PPKs were anointed w/ oil for their God-ordained role

**3) PROPHET (vv1-2)**

- “Long ago...”
  - This is the OT...God’s progressive revelation...minor prophets
    - How do we read the OT? (OT points to JC!) [Lk 24:27]
- “last days he has spoken to us by his son”
  - Jesus’ coming puts us in the “last days”
    - Deut 18:15 - Moses, “God raise up a prophet like me”
    - JC is the only perfect prophet
  - OT prophets – “thus says Lord”, sin, repentance, forgiveness
    - JC came as all these – announcing end to our sin
    - JC came bringing the message of good news
- Who do we listen to? YA – bad company/good morals, etc
  - Trust – photoshop/CGI, etc

**4) PRIEST (v3b) “...making purification for sins...”**

- In OT, high priest was mediator between holy God and sinful people
  - Once a year at Day of Atonement
    - Sprinkled blood on mercy seat – not gross - giving life
  - God demands obedience to law & pay price of sins
    - Sinful people can’t...so the need for high priest

- Speeding/jaywalking - murder/adultery in SM
- Argentine sailors in submarine – helpless

- But, JC came as final, perfect priest
  - JC came as both priest AND sacrifice – clean/dirty
  - JC atoned for our sins/washed our sins away – Is 53:5-6
- What do we lean on for our salvation? works/abilities/strength
  - May it be JC! – offered himself as perfect, final payment

**5) KING (vv3-4)**

- JC is the perfect king
- Kingship & North Americans
- In OT, monarchy there for peace, prosperity & well-being of Israel
  - Comforting – to have a ruler of righteousness on the throne
    - To fight battles for them – Saul & Goliath
- King David is regarded as the model king
  - But, flawed
- JC is an even greater king...the only perfect king
  - JC fought our greatest battle & defeated our greatest enemy
- What/who do we submit to/surrender to? Our sin/desire or JC?
  - Paul – “a servant/slave of JC”
    - May this be true of us – first of all servants of JC!
  - God & time

**6) APP & CONCL**

- Is JC the center of our lives?
  - Is JC our prophet to teach us?
  - Is JC our priest to sacrifice and intercede for us?
  - Is JC our king to rule and guide us?
- JC is prophet *revealing* God’s words to us, the priest *reconciling* for our sins, the king *reigning* over all things
- Matt 4:17 – “repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”