



The Fulfillment of Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Deuteronomy 15 **“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.”**

The fulfillment of prophecy gives the believer (born again Child of God) a presence of hope, contentment, and reassurance when he is able to see its culmination in the scriptures. There are a number of prophecies which can be noted as fulfilled which Jesus Himself spoke of in His own gospel.

Moses was a type of Christ on a number of occasions. His prophecy came by the inspiration of God. In Deuteronomy 18:15-19, we find just such prophecy which came true in the very Son of God Himself - Jesus Christ. Notice the words of Peter in Acts 3:22 as he quoted Moses, **“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.”** Before anyone thinks that Moses was like Christ in every aspect, pay close attention to the words **“like unto me.”** Not, just like me, but **“like unto me.”** As Moses spoke true prophecy, so Christ would speak true prophecy. As Moses was a leader of Israel, the chosen nation, Christ is the head (leader) of the church, a home for the elect chosen Children of God. Moses led Israel to their natural home, the Land of Canaan, and Christ, by His Spirit, leads us to our spiritual home, the church of the living God. There are many more ways in which Christ was **“like unto”** Moses. Both Moses and Christ were law-givers, and, they were both mediators.

How then can we know that a prophet was indeed a true prophet? The answer is in Deuteronomy 18:22, **“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”** In Deuteronomy 34:9-11 we find a rendering of where Moses laid his hands upon Joshua to signify that he would follow him as prophet and leader of Israel. However, Joshua was not the one of which Moses had spoken of in Deuteronomy 18:15-19. Notice, when Moses was speaking of Joshua in verse 9 of chapter 34, he followed it by saying, **“And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face...”** This proves that Joshua was not the one Moses had spoken about in Deuteronomy 18, neither were others such as David, Isaiah, or Daniel.

There could be only one **“like unto me”** (Moses), and that would be the one which Peter recognized as the fulfillment of Moses’ prophecy. Peter said in Acts 3:18, **“But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.”** Then in verse 20 he said, **“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:..”**

When we see such bold expressions we should in all sincerity and humbleness, believe them as the truth they are. Luke shares this of our Lord right after His resurrection in Luke 24:25, **“Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:..”** Jesus reminded the Jews, who were nigh to persecute Him, of this, **“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”** (John 5:46-47). Simply put, we are not to be as the unbelieving Jews. **“Think About It!”**