

Greater Than: Moses

Deuteronomy 18:15; 34:10; Acts 3:22–23; Exodus 4:10-15; Hebrews 1:1–2; 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Matthew 17:1-8; James 1:22

Jesus is the fulfillment of Humanity and all of the roles humans have played throughout the history of time. So far in this series, we have covered Humanity (Adam), and Priest (Melchizedek). Today we are going to be talking about the Prophet.

The Prophet:

When you think of the greatest prophet in the Old Testament, one name rises above the rest: Moses. He confronted Pharaoh, brought down plagues, and parted the Red Sea. Moses also received the Law on Mount Sinai and spoke with God “face to face”.

Deuteronomy 34:10 says, “*Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.*” That’s a strong statement. What’s fascinating is this: Moses himself said someone greater was coming. Moses promised a greater Prophet.

Read Deuteronomy 18:15. This was not a vague statement or a humble brag. It was a prophetic word and Israel waited for this prophet for centuries.

In John 1:21, when John the Baptist appeared, the religious leaders asked him, “Are you Elijah? Are you THE Prophet?” John the Baptist then, of course, replies “No, but I was sent to prepare the way for the prophet.”

In Acts 3:22–23, Peter directly says that Jesus is the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 18. Jesus was not like Moses. He was greater!

Moses:

A prophet is not primarily someone who predicts the future. A prophet is someone who speaks God’s words, reveals God’s will, and calls people back to covenant faithfulness.

Moses did this in powerful ways. First, he *revealed God’s law* by bringing the Ten Commandments to the Israelites, delivering the covenant with God, and telling Israel what God required.

Next, Moses *spoke God’s words directly*. In Exodus 4, Moses is arguing with God because God is trying to convince Moses to lead His people while Moses lists a lot of excuses on why he can’t do it. Read Exodus 4:10-15. God wanted to use Moses as the mediator between himself and the people of Israel, but Moses refused. One of the excuses was that Moses had a slow tongue. (Many say this was likely a speech impediment, but it may have been something different. Since Moses was raised and educated in the Egyptian Palace, Hebrew would have been his second language. Therefore, he may have been a bit slow in speaking the language.) So Moses didn’t speak his own message. He carried God’s message to Aaron, who then gave the speech to the people.

Finally, Moses was a *mediator between God and the people*. The Israelites were afraid of God’s voice at Sinai so Moses stood between God and the people. He heard from God and delivered the message to the people. That’s the prophetic role.

Jesus Greater Than Moses:

Read Hebrews 1:1–2. God used to speak through prophets. Now He speaks through His Son. Jesus is not just another messenger. He is the full revelation allowing us to communicate with God through Jesus.

So let's compare. First, *Moses brought the Law while Jesus fulfilled it*. Moses went up the mountain and brought down the Law. In Matthew 5, Jesus goes up a mountain and says, "You have heard that it was said... but I say to you..." He doesn't just interpret the Law. He speaks with authority over it.

Moses said, "Thus says the Lord" when addressing the people while Jesus said, "I say to you."

Next, *Moses delivered from physical slavery while Jesus delivers from sin (spiritual slavery)*. Moses confronted Pharaoh and led Israel out of Egypt; Jesus confronts sin, death, and hell. Moses parted the Red Sea; Jesus parted the curtain in the temple. Moses led people toward a promised land; Jesus leads us into eternal life.

The Exodus was temporary. The cross is eternal.

Third, *Moses reflected God's glory while Jesus IS God's glory*. When Moses came down from Sinai, his face shone because he had been in God's presence. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6. Moses reflected God's glory. Jesus radiates it.

Finally, *Moses was faithful in God's house while Jesus is over God's house*. Read Hebrews 3:5–6. Moses was a servant. Jesus is the Son of God.

The Most Important Line:

Read Deuteronomy 18:15. Moses is telling the people that God will raise up a prophet like him in the future. Then notice the last of this verse: "*You must listen to him.*" Moses instructs God's people to listen to this prophet.

Now let's read Matthew 17:1-8. Did you catch all of that? Peter, James, and John were with Jesus on a mountain with Moses and Elijah. Could this be a passing of the torch so to speak?

Then a booming voice says, "This is my Son, whom I love... *Listen to Him.*" Moses is standing right there. And God says: Listen to Jesus. That's the transition from law to love. The Law fulfilled as the greater prophet has arrived.

Why This Matters for Us Today:

This isn't just theology. It's deeply personal. We live in a world of competing voices. In fact, we are drowning in voices: social media, news, podcasts, influencers, politics, cultural narratives, etc. Everyone is speaking.

The question isn't, "Are you listening to something?" The question is, "*Who* are you listening to?" God's command is still the same: Listen to Him.

If Jesus is the greater prophet, His word outranks every other voice. Jesus doesn't just inform — He transforms. Listening to Jesus requires obedience. In the Bible, "listen" doesn't mean "hear sounds." It means to obey.

Read James 1:22. If Jesus is the ultimate prophet, then ignoring Him isn't a minor mistake. It's rejecting God's final word. That's why Acts 3:23 says anyone who does not listen to that prophet will be cut off. Why? Because when God speaks fully and finally through His Son, there is no higher appeal. And Jesus is still speaking today just like he did back then!

Jesus speaks through Scripture, the Spirit, conviction, the church, trials, and circumstances. The question is: Are we positioning ourselves to hear Him?

Illustration:

Imagine living in a time when messages were delivered by runners on horses. A king sends messenger after messenger with partial updates on a situation going on asking you to correct the situation. Then one day, the king himself arrives and asks you to change the situation. Would you ignore the king to keep listening to the messengers? No of course not!

That's what Hebrews 1 (from earlier) is saying. God used to send messengers or prophets to communicate to His people. But now the King has come Himself!

Final Challenge:

If Jesus is the greater prophet: His words matter more than culture, His truth matters more than preference, His voice matters more than comfort, and His call matters more than convenience.

So here's the question: What voices do you allow to shape your life most? Because whatever voice you listen to most... forms you. Moses said: "You must listen to Him (Jesus)." The Father said: "Listen to Him." Today, that invitation still stands.

Jesus is greater than Moses and the greatest thing we can do is listen.

Reflection Questions:

- What voices do you allow to shape your life the most?
- Do those voices lead you toward the Father or away from Him?
- Do those voices encourage following God's ways?
- What steps can be taken to make sure the voices you are listening to are lining up with God's voice?