

### **Deuteronomy 18:15-18 (NIV)**

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." 17 The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

Experiencing God's power is a frightening thing for a sinful human. We saw the reaction that the disciples had when they simply heard God's voice. He was commending his Son for his good work. He wasn't even angry. It's unimaginable what facing God's wrath must feel like!

The children of Israel were frightened by the presence of God on Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai. They didn't want to see the fire where he dwelt nor hear his thunderous voice. They wanted Moses to speak for God so they wouldn't be frightened. God took their fear and made another gospel promise to his people. He would raise up a prophet like Moses. This prophet would be from among their brothers and he would have the very Word of God.

As we saw Moses standing next to Jesus yesterday, we can clearly see the fulfillment of God's promise today. Jesus is the prophet whom God raised up. Jesus was born as a man, a Jew, from the line of David. He was like Moses because he spoke to God. But he was greater than Moses, because he was God. God sent his one and only Son to his people to bring them his Word. Jesus worked as God's prophet and proclaimed the good news to all the people. But just like the children of Israel at the time of Moses, many of those people did not listen to him.

It is no different today. Some people will believe just about anything as long as it's not in the Bible. God's Word is dragged through the mud, spit on, and torn to shreds. People are not listening to God's prophet. Like the children of Israel, their unbelief will leave them outside of the promised land of heaven. But as children of God, believers in his Son, we will heed his encouragement. We will listen to his Son. He has the commands of the Lord. He has the good news that God wants to save us and did so by sending Jesus. He tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Dear Christian, Listen to the Word of your Savior. His Word is the light of life.