

A Christian's Response to Halloween

Deuteronomy 18:9-22

God has told us there are forbidden practices.

“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable customs of those nations. No one among you is to make his son or daughter pass through the fire, practice divination, tell fortunes, interpret omens, practice sorcery, cast spells, consult a medium or a familiar spirit, or inquire of the dead.”

(Deuteronomy 18:9–11, HCSB)

Question: Why are these practices forbidden?

“Everyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and the Lord your God is driving out the nations before you because of these detestable things. You must be blameless before the Lord your God.” (Deuteronomy 18:12–13, HCSB)

Answer: It demonstrates a lack of faith in God to lead my life.

“Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34, HCSB)

Answer: Some things God doesn't want me to know apart from Him revealing to me.

“The hidden things belong to the Lord our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law.”

(Deuteronomy 29:29, HCSB)

Jesus Christ is the Prophet of Deuteronomy 18.

1. Jesus proved to a Pharisee by knowing His thoughts that He was a prophet.

“When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching Him—she's a sinner!” (Luke 7:39, HCSB)

2. Jesus claimed to be the prophet Moses foretold

“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, because he wrote about Me.” (John 5:46, HCSB)

3. Jesus accepted it when they called Him a prophet, and corrected them they accused Him of not being the prophet. (Matthew 21:11, John 1:45, 6:14, 7:40, Luke 7:16, 24:19, among others)

4. Jesus called Himself a prophet

“Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.” (John 4:44, HCSB)

5. After His ascension, the disciples said that He was the prophet

“Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your brothers. You must listen to Him in everything He will say to you.” (Acts 3:22, HCSB)

Anything we do at Halloween, like the Safe House, should be used to point people to Jesus Christ (18:18).