

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Rev 19:10)

Prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. It can take the form of spoken words or pictures which are supernaturally inspired by Jesus. He is the source of all prophecy.

IS PROPHECY FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT?

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all..... to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.” (1 Co 12:7, 10)

The Holy Spirit distributes gifts to the Body of Christ for the profit of all. One manifestation is the gift of prophecy, given to individuals as the Lord determines.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PROPHECY?

“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” (1 Co 14:3)

God uses the gift of prophecy to build up and encourage members of the Body of Christ by releasing supernaturally-inspired utterances that generally fall into three categories:

1. **Edification** – When prophecy manifests as edification, its purpose is to bring improvement, instruction, or enlightenment in a morally or spiritually uplifting manner.

2. **Exhortation** - When prophecy manifests as exhortation, it is meant to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something.

3. **Comfort** – When prophecy manifests as comfort, its purpose is to ease and bring freedom from emotional pain or constraint.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

All prophecy should build you up and encourage you to go forward in your relationship with the Lord or bring comfort in a difficult situation.

A genuine prophetic utterance never contradicts the written Word of God. The prophetic should always nurture your personal relationship with God.

The prophetic gift of 1 Corinthians 14:3 does not include the release of directive words or words of correction. That is the venue of someone called to the "Office of Prophet."

God loves you and has a plan to prosper you and to give you a hope and a purpose. He wants you to be able to hear His voice. (John 10:27)

However, specific timeframes are not given in the prophetic. Those trained in the prophetic know that it is a cardinal rule not to set times for the fulfillment of prophecy. Much of what God says through prophecy is conditional and may be predicated on our response or actions. We must be careful not to speculate as to the timing of the fulfillment of the prophecy.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPHECY

We believe that the prophetic gifts and ministries are an important part of the Body of Christ. We have designated teams who will provide personal prophetic ministry.

RESPONDING TO PERSONAL PROPHECY

You must be the judge of the prophetic words you receive. You are responsible for seeking the Lord as to their authenticity and application.

All prophecy is partial. According to 1 Corinthians 13:9, **"we know in part and we prophesy in part."**

Prophecy is also often progressive. As we mature in the Lord, He will highlight and explain more or confirm details concerning His plan and will.

Personal prophecy is often conditional. We must steward the words given to us; else we may alter, diminish or cancel the prophecy.

Prophetic words require faith and trust to obtain and fulfill. We cannot "make it happen", but we can cooperate with God to assure it will happen in His timing.

Prophetic words should always be judged within the larger context of 1) His written Word, 2) what the Lord is speaking to you in other ways, and 3) other prophetic words you have received. We encourage you to share the prophecy with your pastor or other mature believers that you trust for Godly input and guidance.

If you want a copy of the word you receive, please bring your own recording device. Prayerfully listen to the prophecy again and again and ask God to bring you further revelation as to His plan and destiny for your life.

IS PROPHECY SIMILAR TO A PSYCHIC READING?

Absolutely not! The Bible condemns spiritism, mediums, the occult and psychics (Leviticus 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:10-13). Horoscopes, tarot cards, astrology, fortune tellers, palm readings, and séances fall into this category, as well.

Sometimes psychics know things that should be impossible for them to know. Where do they get this information? The answer is, from the enemy. ***"Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."*** It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness, their end will be what their actions deserve. (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

Satan pretends to be kind and helpful. He appear as something good. Satan and his demons will give a psychic or medium information about a person in order to get that person hooked on spiritism, which is something that God strictly forbids.

John 10:10 tells us ***that "satan came to kill, steal and destroy."*** Do not give him an opportunity to afflict you by dabbling in the occult or the new age.

True prophecy comes through Jesus Christ, who is the Spirit of Prophecy. He wants you to succeed in both the call He has placed on your life and in every aspect of daily living. Prophecy can play an important part in helping that plan unfold by providing edification, exhortation and encouragement as you go forward in fulfilling your God-appointed destiny.



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PROPHETIC MINISTRY



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer 29:11)

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Prayer for Healing and other needs is conducted on Thursdays from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. No appointment is necessary. Ministry is first-come, first-served.

There is no fee for prophetic or healing ministry; however, we are only able to operate because of free-will offerings which cover rent and other ministry expenses. Your tax-deductible contributions are very much appreciated.

Please bring in your own recording device if you would like a copy of your prophetic ministry.