

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Prophecy *Part 2*

1 Corinthians 14:29

Silent Reflection

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. **Selah (to pause, consider)**

Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Silent Reflection

Gift, a sermon series

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy." Acts 2:14-18

Moving to Vegas, should I go?

In between being awake and asleep I had a prophetic vision.

Last week we had short teaching on "building up; increasing potential" and shared testimonies and encouragements. 2 weeks ago we started our journey looking at New Testament Prophecy through 1 Corinthians 12-14. Basically we learned we are called to "desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy" because it's

potential for building up the church, which is the point of the gifts God has given you!!!

This week I want to define NT Prophecy and hopefully alleviate fears that would keep us from desiring, praying for, and using this gift in a Sunday context.

Please turn to **1 Corinthians 14:29, pg 960** in the Pew bibles. Once you are there, please stand for the reading of God's word. (*READ, PRAY*)

When a prophetic word is spoken, it is to be **weighed** by the **others**.

1. Weigh: to make a judgment on the basis of careful and detailed information—to judge carefully, to evaluate carefully. to make a judgment on the basis of careful and detailed information—to judge carefully, to evaluate carefully. [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament*](#)

The root word means to separate, so it gives the impression of “careful sifting.”

2. Others: the Hearers, not just the *other* prophets

If someone speaks a word for our church, we sift it.

[Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21](#)

[Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1](#)

And yet, we don't “test, evaluate, or sift” the word of God.

[For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 1 John 4:5-6

Written word of God has authority over spoken NT Prophecy.

Similar idea in our text, Read 14:37-38

"The implication is plain: the teaching of the apostle has final authority. The claims to prophecy in the church, then and now, do not have this authority."

John Piper

"Now the point is this: Today the New Testament stands where the apostles stood. Their authority is exercised today through their writings and the writings of their close associates like Luke and Mark and James (the Lord's brother). So, in the same way Paul made apostolic teaching the final authority in those days, so we make the apostolic teaching the final authority in our day. That means the New Testament is our authority. And since the New Testament endorses the Old Testament as God's inspired word, we take the whole Bible as our rule and measuring rod of all teachings and all prophecies about what we should believe and how we should live."¹ John Piper

"It is a Spirit-prompted, Spirit-sustained, utterance that is rooted in a true revelation (1 Corinthians 14:30), but is fallible because the prophet's perception of the revelation, and thinking about the revelation, and report of the revelation are all fallible." John Piper²

"Speaking merely human words to report something God brings to mind"
Wayne Grudem³

¹ <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-authority-and-nature-of-the-gift-of-prophecy>

² <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-new-testament-gift-of-prophecy>

³ *The Gift of Prophecy in the New Testament and Today*. Wayne Grudem (revised edition)

Speaking forth in merely human words something the Holy Spirit has sovereignly and often spontaneously revealed to a believer. Sam Storms ⁴

This should alleviate fears of speaking falsely. WHY? Because you get a sense, a vision, a word, from the LORD and speaking it to others is not "Thus saith the Lord", nor is it meant to be.

Testify- Word from the Lord for my kids. A word for the future of our church.

I'm holding on to these because they give me HOPE.

Do these words from the lord to me have less authority than scripture? Yes. But do they mean less to me personally? Not really. Are they universally binding? No. Do I believe and trust God for them? Yes. Do they align with God's word? Yes.

ALL CHRISTIANS can hear from God.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

How do you learn the voice of God verses your own desires and flesh or even demonic influence?

How do you hear from God? Practice

-Read God's word. Learn with others, trust & obey what is said.

-Listen to God, share with others, trust & obey what is said.

-Prophecy is *this* FOR others and the Church. Why wouldn't you want to increase the potential of others, build his kingdom, etc, through this gift?

Desire it, Pray for it, may God grant you this gift to His glory and your joy!

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⁴ <https://www.samstorms.org/enjoying-god-blog/post/no-the-spiritual-gift-of-prophecy-is-not-the-same-as-preaching>