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The Prophet

The Call

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

People may be operating in an area that isn't God's will for their lives but He is permitting it. There is a difference in God's perfect will and God's permissive will. Many people operate outside of God's Will and are seeing results only due to God's permissive will. Allowing you to do it. But we want Gods' perfect will.

Example: Exodus 15:26/Exodus 23:25-26: The Lord is the God who health the and then "I will takes sickness and disease away from the....."

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

(27) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. (28) And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? (30) Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Paul is talking to the Church at Corinth and names Ministries not “spiritual gifts.” Again, these are a combination of gifts found in Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:3-8

Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Again, who gave the gifts? Jesus Christ did. Is there anywhere in scripture that supports that Jesus Christ is not giving gifts today to the Body of Christ? No – not one scripture.

Acts 13:1 (NKJV)

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

All five of these men were prophets and teachers or else were either a prophet or teacher.

Are there prophets today?

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Some would tell us that the office of the prophet today doesn't exist because that was Old Testament.

There is no scriptural evidence that supports for this.

For what purpose were the gift given in Ephesians 4:11-12? For the perfecting of the saints...work of the ministry.... For the edifying of the body of Christ.

The ministry gifts will be necessary until Jesus Christ comes for His church.

What constitutes the office of the Prophet?

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A prophet speaks by direct divine inspiration, an immediate revelation not something he/she thought of .

To stand in the office of a prophet, one is first of all a minister of the Gospel, separated and called to the ministry with the calling of God upon his/her life. The prophet is a “ministry gift.”

A prophet is first of all a preacher or a teacher of the Word.

A laymen (congregant) may prophesy, but they are not a prophet just because one prophesies.

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Paul encouraged the entire church a Corinth to covet to prophesy (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Then Paul defines what the simple gift of prophecy is: But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3)

Are all prophets (1 Corinthians 12:29) No!!

Distinguish between prophesying – through a Prophet might prophesy – and the ministry of the prophet.

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Acts 21:8–11 (NKJV) 8 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea,¹⁰ and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. 10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

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The four daughters of Phil did prophesy. That means they were operating in the simple gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 14:3)

Agabus was a prophet

- Is one who has visions and revelations.
- Paul said he was taught the gospel by revelation of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament a prophet was called a seer because he could see and know things supernaturally.
- For one to be in the Office of the Prophet, he/she must be called to minister to people and baptized in the Holy Spirit. He/she must be operating in 2 of the 3 Revelation Gifts plus prophecy (Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Discerning of Spirit)

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- **Word of Knowledge:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places, or things. Always present or past tense.
- **Word of Wisdom:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Always speaks of the future.
- **Discerning of spirits:** Supernatural insight into the realm of spirits. Seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.

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- Any Spirit-Filled believer might have occasional manifestations of these gifts as the Spirit wills and as the need arises, but a prophet would also stand in the place of preacher or teach of the Word and have a more consistent manifestation of these gifts operating. A ministry gift on a higher level.
- A prophet is one who has visions and revelations.

- **3 Types of revelations and three types of visions:**
- **A spiritual vision:** a person has a vision in his spirit, or sees in his spirit.
 - Example: Acts 9:1-8 Paul didn't see the Lord with his physical eyes for they were shut. He saw into the spirit realm.
- **A trance:** When one falls into a trance, his physical senses are suspended for a moment. He/She is not aware of where they are or anything that contacts the physical realm
 - Example: Acts 22:17-18, Acts 10:10

- **An open vision**: This is the highest type of vision. When this happens, one's physical senses are of suspended. His physicals eyes are not closed. He/she possesses all their physical capabilities, yet they see and hear in the realm of the spirit.
- Examples: Revelation 1 – John saw Jesus Christ.

The Prophet (Seer) of the Old Testament

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One who would see and know things supernaturally.

1 Samuel 9:15-21 Saul was out looking for the donkeys

What gift was Samuel operating in?

Sometimes the Revelation gifts are not easy to operate in because of what is being released. As a Prophet you must love on people to be obedient and at the same time learn when to speak and when not speak and be able to accept one if they receive or not receive the word.

- A prophet may speak forth his revelations through the gift of prophecy. This is on a higher level than simple prophecy.
- A prophet may also bring forth his revelation just by telling what the Holy Spirit is saying.
- Revelations are to be judged. (1 Corinthians 14:29)
- The Lord doesn't make mistakes, but sometimes prophets do depending on whether they are in the flesh, their own spirit or out of sympathy.

Sometimes the prophet operates in the place of forthtelling
Agabus: Acts 11:28; 21:10,11)

God can and has used the prophet to forthtell something
and to speak of acts happening in the now. But YOU
CANNOT turn on and off the ministry of the prophet as you
please.

- There is a similarity between the prophet's ministry of the Old Testament and the new Testament. However, the prophet under the New Testament does not have the same status as the prophet under the Old Testament.
- People under the Old Covenant went to the prophet for guidance. (Kings, priest and prophet were anointed by the Spirit of God to stand in their respective offices.)
- The rest of the people had no tangible Presence of God in their lives. The Presence of God was shut up in the Holy of Holies.

- Unless God just saw fit to move and demonstrate Himself in the natural realm, as in the case of Gideon, people would go to the prophet for guidance.

- Under the New Covenant it is unscriptural to seek guidance through the ministry of the prophet.
- We have a better covenant (Heb 8:6)
- We have the same Presence of God within us that was kept shut up in the Holy of Holies. He is living within us and our bodies become the temple of God under the new Covenant (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16)
- He is within us to lead us (Romans 8:14)
- Every believer needs to learn to follow the Spirit of God for himself. He shouldn't go to anyone else for guidance.

- There is people who endeavor to control people's lives through personal prophecy. They think they have the Holy Spirit leading them but the reality is that they are operating in the spirit of deception and manipulation.
- Know in your own spirit that God is leading you. If whatever someone else says confirms what you have in your spirit, fine, if not forget it.

- Acts 21:11-14
- Agabus foretold what would happen, but he did not say one thing about what God's will was in this matter.
- Paul didn't miss God. Acts 23:11

- Put the Word of God First. Do not build your ministry on the supernatural manifestations. Invite them and have them but build your ministry on the Word of God.

- It's dangerous to feel obligated to perform. (example: Getting invites to be part of conferences for me to show up early and prophecy over people)
- When the Holy Spirit is not in in manifestation, they try to operate something themselves. If the manifestation is there fine, if not, do not try to manifest it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Why? You open yourself up to deceptive and manipulative spirits.

- Discern the difference between the Spirit of God and familiar spirits
- There is no use in being scared of evil spirits, actually it is familiar spirits which are operating.
- When God led Israel out of Egypt Aaron threw his rod down and it became a serpent. The magicians did the same and Aaron's rod swallowed up the magicians rods (Exodus 17:12)
- Acts 16:16-19: A familiar spirit will speak of you in the ears of others they are controlling.

- When people know things about others and entertain that it is the Word of Knowledge, they could be operating through familiar spirits.
- How can you tell the difference?
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3. When the Holy Spirit is in manifestation, He always makes Jesus Christ Lord. He doesn't attract attention unto man and make him lord.
 - Does the manifestation bring glory to Jesus? Does it bring blessing to the people: Does it bring them nearer to God? Or does it exalt man or bring attention to man?

Misconceptions people have relative to the prophet's office?

- Many people think that a prophet is supposed to do nothing but prophesy – the foremost ministry of the prophet is to preach and teach.
- A prophet does more than prophesy. He/she is giving forth the revelation of the moment (Acts 11:28)
- A prophet does more than have revelations.
- The laying on of hands goes with the prophet's ministry.
- A healing ministry goes along with the prophet's office.
- Luke 4:27; 2 Kings 5:3;

Jesus stood in the office of a prophet – various healings took place.

A prophet's healing ministry can operate through various ways: Elisha told Naaman to go and didn't lay hands on him (2 Kings 5:10) Why couldn't he do this for all the lepers? Jesus ministered healing without laying on of hands (Luke 17:12-14) He told the lepers to go and show yourselves to the high priests.

Jesus spit on the ground and made clay of the spittle and rubbed it on a blind man's eyes and said "God wash it off in the pool of Siloam (John 9:6-7)

Jesus had healing power out of him which healed the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34) 31

Many think that a prophet should always know everything about everyone and everything that is happening around about him.

The Lord only tells a prophet what He wants him/her to know. He does not tell a prophet everything. (2 Kings 4:27)

Some think that because one is a prophet, they can ask him at any time, "Have you got a word for me?"

If you do have revelation, seek God for wisdom on how to handle it properly. You can grieve the Spirit of God and He will not show you anything else because He can't trust you.

If you have been called to the office of the Prophet it will not be all at once. It will be a little here, a little there. Maturing, experience, submission and humility. Could take years! (1 Timothy 3:6)

What God takes years to build, Satan can destroy in a day. Live a life of humility and surrender.

Don't be taken up with names and titles. If you have to be called "Prophet _____" then you probably are not a prophet. If you have to be called Apostle _____ then you probably are not an Apostle. If you have to be called Pastor _____ then you probably are not a pastor.

You see, God looks for the meek, humble and submissive people to use because He knows they will not take glory from Him!!!! (1 Peter 5:5-7)

The Prophet (Seer) of the Old Testament

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The prophets of the Old Testament was assigned to Kingdoms and Kings

Prophets to the nations: Obadiah and Jonah

Prophets to Israel and Judah: Joel, Amos and Hosea.

Prophets Amos and Hosea

Judah alone: Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk,

Lamentations (during the Babylonian captivity)

Daniel and Ezekiel during the Assyria an Babylonian captivity.

Persian Captivity: Prophets of the Return: Haggai and Zehcariah

Restoration of Israel: Malachi

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You will be 100% accountable to every word you give someone. Make sure it is from God and not from your spirit, your emotions or experience in life. .