

The 7th Hand | Part 3 | Prophecy

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TODAY: The 7th Hand - Prophecy

1 Corinthians 13 - love better than gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. 2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. 3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. 4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. 5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophecy.

DEFINE:

Prophecy - predict the future? (Can be, but not the totality)

Prophecy - speak the words of God

1.) All our living problems are listening problems

ILL. Tomatis Effect w/ Professional Opera Singers -

- Opera Singers all of a sudden can't hit certain notes?
- They typically sing at
- Opera singers DAMAGE THEIR HEARING and can't hit notes because they can NO LONGER HEAR THEM.

Dr Tomatis Three Laws:

1. The voice can only reproduce the frequencies [sounds] that the ear can hear.
2. By restoring the ear's ability to hear, the voice immediately and unconsciously re-introduces the missing frequencies.
3. If the change in hearing is maintained long enough [by means of the Electronic Ear], it is possible to change audition and phonation [voice] permanently.

ILL. Olaf Presents - Famous Disney Movies (note his singing - it won't be hard)

PLAY VIDEO:

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gVe1U8VmEsV9v2maPgpwXAluFaHq2y_X/view?usp=sharing

Olaf has no ears

It's obviously a joke because somehow he can hear but...

Q: How do we restore hearing and therefore living?

- A few foundations
- God is still speaking
- Learning to Hear is a journey
- A simple tool for practicing

2.) Believe that God still speaks

This is a hurdle for many people

Bible starts and ends with God speaking

Wrote a 1,000 + page best seller - He likes to communicate

He created with a spoken word

He is the LOGOS

Presupposition is that God is a speaking God - you have to believe this...

John 10:27

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”

*“The fact that we do not hear does not mean that God is not speaking to us... We know that messages from radio and television are passing through our bodies and brains at all hours of the day: messages that an appropriately tuned receiver could pluck from the very air we breathe... We are not *attuned* to God’s voice. We have not been taught how to hear it sounding out in nature — for as we read in Psalm 19, ‘The heavens announce the glory of God’” Dallas Willard*

ILL. God Talking to Humanity in the Garden - Restored

Genesis 2:16

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” 4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:8-10

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

John 20:11-18 - Speaking to Mary in the Garden - Personally

- The FIRST thing Jesus does upon resurrection is speak to a human being in a garden - calling her by name!

John 20:11-18

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

He says all this while talking to her in a garden

After calling her by a personal name =

RELATIONSHIP & HEARING RESTORED!

Then POINTS to the coming of the HOLY SPIRIT who will lead...

John 16:13

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come

Romans 8:14

"As many are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God"

1 Peter 4: 11

“If anyone speaks, let him speak with the very words of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ...”

God is still speaking - Do you believe that?

3.) Embrace the journey of learning to listen

ILL. Phone call - I know my wife's voice. Why?

- I've learned it - Over time
- The tone
- The temperament
- We've got inside jokes

Eli & Samuel - 1 Samuel 3

- The Lord spoke to Samuel (boy).
- Samuel had not yet learned to discern the voice of God.
- He mistook it for the voice of Eli.
- Verse 7 says, “Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.”
- In other words, he had not learned to discern the voice of God. I think this is where some of us find ourselves.
- This happened three times, and the wise old Eli finally figured out what was going on. God was trying to get Samuel's attention.
- So Eli gives him a little piece of advice
- It's a defining moment.
- Eli says to Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say,
- “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”
 - Learning to listen requires repetitive experiences with God
 - Learning to listen requires help from others (Eli)
 - Learning to listen requires surrendered & expectant posture
 - Learning to listen requires making space to hear

God speaks in SO many different ways!!

- Silence & Solitude
- Sabbath
- Daily Prayer
- Daily Bible Reading
- Community
- Stewardship/Obedience
- WHISPER - 7 Language (not an exhaustive list) - Batterson
 - Scripture
 - Desires
 - Dreams
 - Doors
 - People
 - Promptings
 - Pain
 - Whisper Series

The River of the Spirit flows through the banks of Scripture

One more learning tool...

The Process of Prophecy

1. Revelation - What was said/revealed?

- a. First step, should always be followed with...

2. Interpretation - What was meant by what was said/revealed?

- a. Godly wisdom and understanding of the scriptures help us accurately interpret revelation. Human error can occur here, resulting in a misapplication of the prophecy.

3. Application - What do I do with what I have received?

- a. It is critical that proper interpretation has been achieved to discern how to apply revelation. A true word applied incorrectly has the same result as a false word.

1 Thess. 5

19 Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not treat prophecies with contempt **21** but test them all; hold on to what is good, **22** reject every kind of evil.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

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Encounter: Listening Prayer - prayer for desire

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May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing,
at the wonders He has shown you.

Maybe He bring you home rejoicing,
once again into our doors.