



# Prophecy

And it's operations

## The Biblical View of Prophecy

There is always an increasing interest in the wonderful and powerful operation of one of the Gifts of the Spirit: the Gift of Prophecy — that ecstatic utterance of the Spirit through the lips of a man or woman. Let us not be confused with the office of a prophet. Not all who prophecy are Prophets – but all can prophesy.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF A PROPHET AND THE GIFT OF PROPHECY?

### GIFT OF PROPHECY.

The prophetic utterance or the Gift of Prophecy or the interpretation of tongues to the church is one of -

#### **Edification**

(the building up of the hearer in faith and love and the Holy Spirit)

#### **Exhortation**

(the urging of the hearer to press toward the mark with greater love and spiritual activity)

#### **Comfort**

(the bringing of solace and consolation (relief from emotional distress) to the weary, the buffeted, the afflicted.

It is designed to motivate and encourage believers to go on with God and to find their place in the Body. The gift of prophecy is one of the nine gifts available to every believer. (*1 Corinthians 12:7-11*)

*“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”*

The best gift is the one you need at the time...

## **THE PROPHETIC OFFICE:**

Let's look at what the word prophet means. The Greek word prophet that is used here is made up of two words

1. Pro, meaning fore, in front of or prior to
2. Phemi, meaning to show or make known, to speak or say.

It therefore has a sense of foreknowledge or foretelling, so that prophecy is often considered as prediction. It is actually a lot more than, but the key issue here is that it involves an utterance or communication through words. In a nutshell, prophecy is speaking ahead of time, what God is planning to do. It can also involve preparing the ground for what God is planning to do. It can also be directive in nature.

## **THE PROPHET IS PART OF THE 5 FOLD MINISTRY.**

**Ephesians 4:11& 12 (NIV)**

*<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

God says in the Old Testament that He does nothing without first revealing His secrets to the prophets.

*Amos 3: 7 "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets."*

This is because it is the responsibility of the prophets to release into the earth, the plan of God. Whatever God does, He is going to do through the prayers of His people. The prophetic ministry is especially geared to handle this responsibility. Thus God reveals His plan and purpose to the prophets so that they can pray forth His will into the earth.

## Ephesians 4:14 (NIV)

*<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming*

## IS PROPHECY ALWAYS PERFECT?

1 Corinthians 13:9, 10 teaches: *"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part."* The Word teaches that prophecy is in an imperfect state and is *"in part"*

1 Thessalonians 5:20:21 says: *"Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; holdfast that which is good."* To despise not prophesyings is a direct word of command. But the words that follow *"Hold fast that which is good"* clearly imply that there will be some which will not be good, and is therefore not to be held absolute.

An operation of 'the Word of Knowledge' is simply a revelation concerning the past and present

We are not to despise the gift nor its operations; yet we are to recognize the imperfect channels through which it comes.

Prophecy, therefore, must be carefully proved and judged before it is accepted as an accurate and true word from the Spirit of God.

## WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF PROPHECY?

The Scriptures clearly teach that prophecy may be prompted by one of three sources:

### 1. The Human Spirit

one speaking out of his own heart (Eze 13:2,3).

### 2. A Lying Spirit

from the evil one (2Chr 18:21).

### 3. The Holy Spirit

The true spirit of prophecy from above, prompted by the Holy Spirit.

### 4. A Mixture Of All Three

Or a prophecy may be a mixture of any of the above three.

There is the classic example of the Apostle Peter speaking the inspired Word of Knowledge when he said:

Jesus testified that flesh and blood had not revealed it to him, but the Father. The source of that utterance was the Father.

Then, a few minutes later, Jesus turned and rebuked Satan speaking through the lips of the same apostle.

Jesus was showing how easily and quickly the wrong spirit could speak through the lips of one who loves the Lord, and the person not even be aware of it.

That which Peter spoke was most kind-sounding to the unwary ear. Jesus caught its deadly intent to inject self-pity.

### **WHAT ARE SAFE REALMS OF THE GIFT OF PROPHECY?**

1 Corinthians 14:3 states: *"He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort"* These are the three usual realms of prophecy in which the learner may practice his gift with all humility and without fear, yet in holy reverence: to edification, exhortation and comfort.

### **IS CONDEMNATION FROM GOD?**

John 3:17 teaches that *"God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world."* Romans 8:1 states: *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."*

When instead of comfort there is condemnation, it should be rejected. He bore all our condemnation on the cross.

The prophecy of condemnation can never be the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit may rebuke, exhort and chide; yet He does it with great tenderness, always influencing one into repentance and love, ever showing the way out of the problem. The Holy Spirit never leaves one in a deep hole of depression and condemnation, with neither mercy nor hope to lift him out again into the loveliness of His tender forgiveness.

Such condemnatory prophetic utterances, which are usually harsh of tone and devastating to the hearer, should be recognized as from another spirit, and not the Spirit of Christ.

When the Jews judged a prophecy the first thing they discussed was not – was it true and correct but “was it given in the dispensation of Christ” (with the love) how was it presented.

## **WHEN SHOULD CAUTION BE EXERCISED?**

There are three other realms of prophecy which are more open to deception; and because of their very nature, we should be cautious. These three realms are:

### **1. When It's A Word Of Knowledge**

*"The secrets of the heart made manifest" (1 Cor 14:25)*

an operation of the Word of Knowledge is simply a revelation concerning the past and present

#### **When It's Foretelling...**

Things to come — an operation of the Word of Wisdom  
*revelation of God's plan and purpose for the future.*

#### **When It's Guidance —**

an operation of the Word of Wisdom.

Because wrong "guidance" can work the most havoc in the lives of God's children, it is the realm which wrong spirits most delight to enter.

## **IS PROPHECY ALWAYS HELPFUL?**

Many lives have been injured and brought into confusion by the wrong use of prophecy; yet the Word clearly tells us: *"Despise not prophesyings"* (1 Ths 5:20). It is up to us to find the right path up this glorious truth.

Great amazing benefits are wrought through the precious Gift of Prophecy. It is no wonder that through counterfeit utterances the enemy wishes to deceive, and to cause this beautiful operation of God to fall into disrepute.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

Personal prophecy must never take the place of you seeking God on a personal basis for yourself. It must never be a substitute for prayer and fasting and studying the Word. Neither must it replace the inner voice of the Holy Spirit in your life.

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Personal prophecy will always confirm something you already know about. Something God has already been talking to you about. It is to be used as a signpost along the way. It should never reveal something new.

Personal prophecy is not the only way God reveals His will to us, although it can play an important role.

Personal prophecy will always be in part, progressive and conditional:

- “In part” – because “we prophesy in part”
- “Progressive” – consider the life of Abraham and the promises given him.
- “Conditional” – whether conditions are mentioned or not (Gen 22:12, 16-18)

## WHO SHOULD VERIFY PROPHECY?

*"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established"* (2Cor 13:1). The law of confirmation is an important "must" in the judging and proving of a prophetic word. God is ever ready to confirm His Word, even with signs and wonders.

No important prophetic word — especially that which deals with guidance or which would affect our life — should be accepted without full confirmation by:

- 1. Others who move in Prophecy;**
- 2. The Scriptures;**
- 3. Another confirmation from God.**

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The following scripture illustrates prophecy confirming what God has said: *"Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have [already — past tense] called them."* This implies that there was a prior word to them (Acts 13:2).

### **WHO SHOULD JUDGE PROPHECY?**

The prophetic word should be open for judgment by those who are established as prophets and men of God. We are solemnly warned: *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 Jn4:1).*

The Scripture says: *"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge" (1Cor 14:29).*

The spirit of the utterance had better be left to the judgment of men qualified in the field of prophecy.

That is why we ask that prophecies be submitted to the pastor before being given to anyone. Or in the case of a guest speaker they will have been given the approval prior to ministering. If someone has a prophecy and is not willing to submit it to the pastor or leaders then what they have to say is not worth hearing.

Many problems arise from a visiting, so called "prophet" coming into the city through the back door – so to speak and then giving directive words to unsuspecting vulnerable Christians. If they were a true prophet then God would have them come through the churches or recommended to the pastors from a reputable ministry. The sheep are protected in their fold by their shepherd and he makes sure no wolves come in, in sheep clothing to harm you.

### **WHEN SHOULD PROPHECY BE REJECTED?**

It is always a sign of warning if someone refuses to have his word of revelation, prophecy or utterance brought to judgment and to confirmation by the written Word of God.



It is better to reject it immediately; for regardless of how good the prophecy might sound and how wonderful the ecstasy of the moment, if it be contrary to the Word, then do not receive it under any condition.

The true child of God welcomes judgment. The Spirit of Christ within him makes him "*easy to be entreated*" (James 3:17).

The true child of God is ever ready to acknowledge that he is imperfect in his flesh and is not at all infallible. At best, we only know "in part" and prophesy "in part."

**FROM PROPHECY TO FULFILMENT**  
**THERE IS A PROGRESSION** from when we receive a prophecy to the time of fulfilment.

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**PERSONAL PROPHECY IS** intended to bring encouragement, hope and comfort to people, especially those trying to find direction in life.

**PERSONAL PROPHECY WILL** always be in part, progressive and conditional. Seldom does a prophecy come to pass or come into being, straight away. God's time terminology, is much different from our own concepts. Even though He's never in a hurry, He's always on time. Remember when Jesus said He's coming back SOON, regarding His second coming that was 2,000 years ago.

**IN THE SEASON OF WAITING** there could be conditions to be met or a building of character and understanding of the word in you.

*An example of a condition would be; God may say, "I will increase your business as you learn"* Learning would be the condition.

There is always timing and one thing is for certain, there is a battle or fight in the fulfilment of the word that God has given you. The devil is not omniscient (He is not all knowing). Only God is all knowing, God knows past, present and future in a moment.

God doesn't acquire knowledge—He's all knowing. But the devil, is a created being and only has acquired knowledge. The devil hears what has been spoken to us and over us, by God through the prophetic word.

**The devil is only after God's word in you** in **Mar 4:15 NIV** *Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. "As soon as we hear the word, Satan comes to try and steal the word from us."* The scripture goes on to tell of the different ways the word can be stolen from us. The enemy forms a strategy on the basis of what has been declared over us.

**Joh 10:10 NIV** *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**Word of Caution** - When the word comes, **let two or three Judge it**, take it to Godly counsel, the pastor or to a church leader.

### **LET'S LOOK AT EXAMPLES**

**1Co 10:1,5,6** *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

**6** *Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*

These things have occurred as examples to us – learn from them.  
Don't try to reinvent the wheel.

### **THE EXAMPLE OF: ISRAEL IN EGYPT.**

**Exo 3:7-9** *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.*

**After 400 Years of captivity** - God is about to do something (timing).  
The will, plan, purpose and intention of God was freedom for His People.  
(The principles in Lev 26 The five levels of blessing and the five levels of discipline)

**Exo 4:28-31** *And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. 29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And **the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.***

The people are broken - **God speaks His purpose to His prophet Moses.** Moses speaks to his spokesperson Aaron, they then get the leaders together and then they declare the word of the Lord.

- The prophetic Word was Judged and then confirmed.
- They then speak to the people of God and say: God HAS Heard your cry.
- It's a great word for where they were at (There is hope, our prayers answered, joy begins to rise, thanksgiving).
- **(V29,30)** God gave Moses and Aaron some signs to perform, so the people would believe (Remember; they didn't have the bible, they didn't have the Holy Spirit as you and I—they needed to know it was God).
- **(V31)** They bowed down and worshipped - they received the word (the prophecy) as from God. God has spoken to us, they received hope, purpose, destiny - something happened in their hearts, and there was excitement.

### **GOD ALWAYS CONFIRMS WHAT HE IS DOING.**

Later in **Exo 6:6-8 NIV** *"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. (7) I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. (8) And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"*

**The same word, given with the same intent by the same (prophet) prophetic ministry to Israel.**

God was building Israel's faith. *Rom 10:17 NIV* *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

### **BUT GOD'S PLAN MUST BE RECEIVED.**

*Exo 6:9 NIV* *Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.*

Same word by the same prophet - first time it was received with great joy. The second time, they didn't listen to the word because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.

First time they bowed low in worship. Second time they didn't receive it.

### **WHY?**

**Answer.** *Exo 5:2 NIV* *Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."*

Between the first word and the second word - **Pharaoh said NO!**

**Pharaoh** can be a type of the devil - our enemy. He increased the pressure.

*Exo 5:10-11 NIV* *Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. (11) Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'"*

They had heard the Word of God - But this is what Pharaoh says!

**NO STRAW. WORK HARDER.** The situation is worse than before the word from God. There's a plan, a strategy, from the enemy that has been formed by the enemy on the basis of what has been said or declared over us or concerning us. The enemy wants to make your situation worse than before.

*Exo 5:20-23 NIV* *When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, (21) and they said, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."*

*(22) Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? (23) Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."*

## **THE DEVIL WANTS THE PROPHET AND THE PEOPLE TO REJECT THE PROPHECY**

This is the same people who had bowed low in worship but now they want to bad mouth Moses. THEN Moses the prophet asks God- why are you doing this to me, you're making me look bad. Not only don't the people want to hear the prophetic message But NOW the prophet doesn't want to speak and also thinks he's got it all wrong. Because the situation had become worse.

Moses and Aaron think - We thought it was God, it looked like God, we did what He said, but we might have missed it. The strategy of the enemy was so effective that the people and the prophet thought it was not of God. **It seemed like they were worse off because of the word** - so they began to back away from their destiny, they weren't listening, their hope was fading, disappointment and frustration set in.

*Exo 5:9 NIV "Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."*

When the enemy makes things worse, it's only to try and stop you listening to what God wants for you. The plan of the enemy is to stop you from listening to the word of the Lord or even doubting that it is a word from God.

**The devil tries to get you to question God.** *Gen 3:1-3 NIV 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.'"*

### **Did God say this was going to be a Church of Hope and Healing?**

- The serpent said to Eve, hath God said - (same plan of the enemy).
- The devil changes the wording of God - so as to sow a seed of doubt.

## **GOD GIVES MOSES THE PLAN**

Keep going back and demonstrating My Glory, until the Passover lamb is sacrificed and the blood is applied. (The Nile turns to blood and the fish die; frogs everywhere; flies - all of the plagues were against the god's of Egypt)

It doesn't really matter what Pharaoh has said because God had already said what His purpose and intention were.

**Confess and believe what God has spoken and be saved.**

*Rom 10:9-10 NIV That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

**Confession** - to say the same as what God says (it is vital what we say). We can say what the enemy says or what God says or what we think but we must say the same thing as God.

Some people get to a point where they don't want to hear from God because they don't want to have to contend for the faith.

### **Joseph another example**

*Psa 105:19-22 NIV (God sent Joseph ahead) till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true.*

*(20) The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.*

*(21) He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed,*

*(22) to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.*

### **The prophetic word refires us for the day of it's fulfilment.**

Joseph was able to forgive - his brothers. Joseph was blessed no matter where he was. Joseph always had a good Godly response and there is more written about Joseph than any other patriarch.

*Num 23:19-20 NLT God is not a man, so He does not lie. He is not human, so He does not change His mind. Has He ever spoken and failed to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it through?*

*(20) Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it!*

**Num 23:25-26 NLT** *Then Balak said to Balaam, "Fine, but if you won't curse them, at least don't bless them!" (26) But Balaam replied to Balak, "Didn't I tell you that I can do only what the LORD tells me?"*

**1Co 1:9 NLT** *God will do this, for He is faithful to do what He says, and He has invited you into partnership with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Through Grace** - (God counted you free from all sin - till His return). "God will surely do this for you, for he always does just what he says, and he is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, even Christ our Lord."

**Isaiah uses a farming term** to explain the spiritual law of God, concerning seed time and harvest. (How to get a harvest- we need soil, seed, water, sprout and then the harvest)

**Isa 55:10-13 NLT** *"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. (11) It is the same with My word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (12) You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! (13) Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the LORD's name; they will be an everlasting sign of His power and love."*

**V11** "It shall accomplish all I want it to" Don't argue with the laws of God. If God said "He will - He will."

**Rom 8:2 (Amp)** *"For the law of the Spirit of life (which is ) in Christ Jesus (the law of our new being) has freed me from the law of sin and of death."*

There will always be a fight for the fulfilment of the word.

Paul writes to Timothy - **1 Tim 1:18** *"Now Timothy, my son, here is my command to you: fight well in the Lord's battles, just as the lord told us through his prophets that you should."*

**1Co 2:6-16 NIV** *We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. (7) No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. (8) None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— (10) but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. (11) For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (12) We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (13) This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. (14) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: (16) "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" **BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.***

**Eph 1:7-9 NIV** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (8) that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. (9) And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,*

We must fight for the word with the word. We are not fighting God - but we have an enemy that wants to take your Destiny.



## WHEN YOU RECEIVE A PERSONAL PROPHECY

1. *Write out your prophecy and meditate on it and ask the Lord about parts which may be unclear to you. Take your prophecy to your spiritual covering (pastor/ church leader) and go over it with him/her.*
2. *If you have other prophecies from previous times, compare the content to see if there is a consistent theme coming through. (Out of the mouths of 2 or more witnesses).*
3. *Realise that first interpretation is not necessarily a true application. Several interpretations may be possible for the same word.*
4. *Witness to your prophecy with your spirit - not your mind your emotions, your personal opinions or goals. Realise too, that God can use a prophet to speak new revelation as well as confirming words.*
5. *Do warfare with your prophecy. (1 Timothy 1:18)*
6. *Don't do anything differently unless you're definitely directed. You need to continue doing whatever you've been doing unless God has given explicit instructions to act upon.*
7. *You need to receive the prophetic word with faith and acceptance. (Hebrews 11:6)*
8. *Along with faith, must come obedience. "Be ye doers." (James 1:22)*
9. *Patience is required to see the fulfillment of God's Will*
10. *You must receive your word in a spirit of humility, meekness and submission so that you don't negate the words God has spoken, by having a wrong spirit.*

## SEVEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1. *What is the overall message of this prophecy?*
2. *What does this word say about my future?*
3. *What does this word say about my gifts, talents or abilities?*
4. *Does this word say anything about my relationship with people?*
5. *Does it mention any training I will need?*
6. *What does this prophetic word say is my responsibility in its fulfillment?*
7. *Do I need to also from my spirit go beyond the prophetic word? e.g.  
"Lord, Is there anything else You want to say to me about this? What should I do from now?"*

**A prophetic word is not to reveal all that God has for me, but is to be a “signpost along the way.”**

## CONCLUSION

Let us not despise nor shun this tremendous operation of the Spirit of God—but let us be *"wise as serpents"* Let us not enter into controversy or squabbles; yet let us not receive any or all utterances which are supposed to be God's infallible Word without proper confirmation.

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Let no one take authority over you by saying: **"Yea, yea, thus saith the Lord."** If God has spoken, then He has spoken; you need not fight to prove it. **All prophecy needs to be tested.**

So then, brethren, let us be wise and seek to glorify our God, neither despising prophesying nor ignoring and shunning them. Let us enjoy their mighty blessing and power in all wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In great humility of mind, let us *"go on unto perfection"* (Heb 6:1).

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