

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Prophecy, Part 1

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Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

Reveal Something: ☑ Wisdom, ☑ Knowledge, ☑ Discernment of spirits

Do Something: ☑ Leading, ☑ Serving, ☑ Giving, ☑ Mercy, ☑ Exhortation, ☑ Faith, ☑ Healing, ☑ Miracles, Shepherding, Apostle

Say Something: Teaching, **Prophecy**, Evangelize, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

Romans 12:6-8

*4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

1 Corinthians 12:28 *And God has appointed in the church first apostles, **second prophets**, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.*

Ephesians 4:11 *And he gave the apostles, the **prophets**, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*

- **Prophecy** – (Greek, *prophēteia*) "speak forth" in human words something the Holy Spirit has spontaneously revealed to a believer. Its primary purpose is to edify and comfort people. Though it sometimes can predict the future, it often involves "forth-telling", which is proclaiming God's truth and will.
- Office of **Prophet**

Exodus 4:10-12

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

Jeremiah 1:9 *Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."*

Ezekiel 2:7 *And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.*

Hosea 1:2; Joel 1:1; Micah 1:1; Zephaniah 1:1; Amos 1:3 all had "the word of the LORD that came to..."

- **It was not restricted to men alone.** Mariam, Moses' sister, was called a "prophet" Cf. **Exodus 15:20**; Deborah Cf. **Judges 4:4**; Huldah Cf. **2 Kings 22:14-20**.
- **Punishment for False Prophets**

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. 5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

- Gift of **Prophecy**
 - **Prophecies are words that encourage and build up the church.**

Acts 2:16-18

16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 "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; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophecy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. 5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophecy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Acts 15:32 *And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words.*

- **Prophecy may also bring conviction of sin to unbelievers who happen to visit a church gathering.**

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

24 But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

- **Prophecy was given to communicate things to come and provide direction.**

Acts 11:27-28

27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).

Acts 13:1-3

1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 21:4, 8-14

*4 And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.
8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. 10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"
12 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."*

1 Timothy 1:18 *This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,*

1 Timothy 4:14 *Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.*

- **The gift of prophecy was a proclamation of a revelation from the Spirit that edifies the church, brings conviction of sin, and provides present and future insight.**

Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us the supernatural grace to prophesy. Through it, others would be edified and comforted through God's truth and will.

1 Corinthians 12:31 *But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.* → Chapter 13 to LOVE

Philippians 1:9-10

9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

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