



### Prophecy (1 Cor 12: 10)

The word "Prophecy" means "to bubble up, to flow forth or to cause to drip like rain"

Prophecy foretells future events. Only our almighty Father alone has the power to do so because He is Omniscient which means "all knowing" (**Is 44:7**)

The Holy Spirit through the Gifts will show us things to come (**John 16: 13**), to protect us and prepare us for future events.

• **Prophecy operates in eight ways:**

1. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:67)
2. When anointed people are moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1: 21)
3. When there is true worship (1 Sam 10: 5 - 6)
4. When other prophets are present (1 Sam 10: 9 – 10)
5. When hands are laid on you by God's servants (Acts 19: 6)
6. Through a word, tongues or interpretation of tongues (Ps 39:3)
7. Through a vision (Acts 21: 11)
8. Through a dream (Gen 37: 5 – 11)

• **Prophecies come under five categories:**

1. **Given to a person (1 Kings 13: 2)**

A prophecy was given regarding the birth and ministry of king Josiah. It was fulfilled in (**2 Kings 23: 15 – 17**)

2. **Given to a family (Gen 12: 2)**

A prophecy was given to Abraham that he would be a great nation. It is continuing to be fulfilled.

Here is a prophecy for your family –

*"As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore." (Isaiah 59: 21)*

*"For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessings on your offspring;" (Isaiah 44: 3)*

3. **Given to a Nation**

- A prophecy given to Nineveh through Jonah (**Jonah 3:4**)
- A prophecy given to nations (**Rev 10: 11**)

4. **Given to the World**

A great famine throughout the whole world through a prophet Agabus (**Acts 11: 28**)

5. **Given to the Church**

Prophecy given to the seven churches in Asia through the apostle John (**Rev 1: 1 – 4**)

## • The purpose of Prophecy

- Brings revival and life (*Acts 2: 16 – 18, Ezek 37: 1 – 14*)
- Gives guidance and direction (*Acts 13: 1 – 3*)
- Edifies, exhorts and comforts (*1 Cor 14: 3*)
- Gives vision and a goal (*Gen 37: 5 – 11*)
- Prepares and protects in future events (*Acts 11: 28*)

## • How to judge Prophecy

We are not to despise prophecies but prove all things (*1 Thess 5: 20 – 21*).  
When a prophecy is given we must test it before we receive it.

### TEN TESTS TO JUDGE PROPHECY

1. Does it agree with scripture?
  - *Galatians 1: 8*
  - *Isaiah 8: 20*
2. Does the prophet have godly fruit?
  - *Matt 7: 15-16*
  - Born again, Spirit filled, humble, and godly?
3. Does it glorify Jesus?
  - *John 16: 13 – 14*
  - *Rev 19: 10*
4. Does it bring edification, exhortation and comfort? (*1 Cor 14: 3*)
5. Has any of the prophets previous prophecies come to pass?
  - *Deut 18: 22*
  - Genuine prophecy will be fulfilled in its time (*Ecc 3: 11*)
6. Does it bring peace in your heart?
  - *Colossians 3: 15*
7. Does it lead you towards God?
  - *Deut 13: 1 – 3*
  - True prophecy does not lead you away from God
8. Does it bring liberty?
  - *2 Cor 3: 17*
  - *Rom 8: 15* – True prophecy will not bring you into bondage.
9. Does it agree with your spirits inner witness?
  - *1 John 2: 20*
10. Does it bring faith into your heart?
  - *Rom 10: 17*

## • Times when genuine prophecies was not fulfilled

God doesn't lie (*Numbers 23: 19*), but due to His mercy and compassion God doesn't bring the prophetic judgment to pass. This is God's character.

- True repentance
  - Niveveh (*Johan 3:10*)
  - Mercy triumphs over judgment (*James 2:13*)
- Requested by obedient servants of God
  - Moses (*Exodus 32: 10 – 14*)
  - King Hezekial (*2 Kings 20: 1 – 6*)
- Disobedience

Out of the 12 tribes of Israel, only 2 tribes (Joshua's and Caleb's tribes) inherited the promise land. Ten tribes lost the promise land due to disobedience. (**Num 14: 34**)

- **Presumption**

When a prophet has not heard from God, we shouldn't listen to him. (**Deut 18:22 Ezek 13: 3**)

- **Promotion**

A person who prophesies can also be promoted to the office of a prophet. Some can be ordained from their mothers womb as a prophet. (**Jer 1: 5**) Others can be promoted, if they are faithful to the Lord, like the apostle Paul after his conversion started as an Evangelist and was promoted to apostle, teacher and prophet for his faithfulness. (**Acts 9: 20, 13: 1**)

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### The Power gifts of the Holy Spirit (Doing)

- **Gift of Faith**
- **The working of Miracles**
- **Gifts of Healings**

#### **Gift of Faith**

The gift of faith is a supernatural Faith for a SPECIFIC TIME AND PURPOSE. It is a gift of power to accomplish a CERTAIN TASK in whatever situation you are in at that particular time.

- **Receiving the Gift**

The gift is given by the Lord when needed for a specific task immediately or in the very near future. It begins with the word of wisdom- telling us how a task should be done. This will speak the gift of faith into operation to boldly carry out the task according to what God has already planned.

- **Manifestation of the Gift**

Often the gift is in operation with other gifts, such as the working of miracles and / or the Gifts of healings. It may be manifested by making a powerful command.

- (i) Jesus said to the storm, "peace be still"
- (ii) Jesus spoke with a loud voice at the tomb of His friend, "Larzarus come forth"!

- **The Gift releases boldness**

The gift of Faith empowers us to make bold exploits by supernatural revelation.

- Jesus said to the fig tree, "*let no fruit grow on you ever again.*"! (**Matt 21:19**)
- Peter said to Sapphira, "...the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out", then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. (**Acts 5: 9 – 11**)
- Peter said to Elymas the sorcerer, "*O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.*". And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. (**Acts 13: 10 – 11**)
- David and Goliath.
  - Young David received a word of wisdom that released the gift of Faith when faced with the giant Goliath. David boldly said to king Saul, "*Let no man's heart fail because of him, your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.*" (**1 Sam 17:32**)
  - Then David said to the Philistine, "*you come to me with a sword, with a spear and with a javeline. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.*" (**1 Sam 17: 45 – 46**)

- **The Fiery Furnace**

"*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered and said to the king, 'O, Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O*

## Working of Miracles

The working of miracles is a supernatural intervention in the ORDINARY COURSE OF NATURE, a supernatural demonstration of the power of God by which the laws of nature are ALTERED, SUSPENDED OR CONTROLLED.

### • It's Operation

- The working of miracles often begins with supernatural knowledge through the word of knowledge. Next the word of wisdom comes into operation where we see ourselves working a miracle before it happens. The gift of Faith is then released where we begin doing what we saw in the spirit.
- It is called the "working of miracles" because we are an active participant in the miracle. What we "saw" ourselves doing, we boldly begin to "work out" as we minister in that situation.
- It's easy because of the quick progression of the gifts of the Holy Spirit's operation, as it is to speak in tongues.

### • Moses and Pharaoh

- *"when Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.'" (Exodus 7: 9)*
- *"And Moses said to the people, ' Do not be afraid, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." (Exodus 14: 13 – 16)*

### • Elijah & Elisha parting the Jordan.

- *"Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground." (2 Kings 2: 8)*
- *"He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water and said, 'Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"*

*And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over." (2 Kings 2: 13-14)*