

Prophetic - 1

Introduction and Identity January 2022

- A) Meaning of “prophetic” or to prophesy. (10-12 minutes)
- a. To foretell.
 - i. This is speaking about the future and what is to come to pass as inspired by the Spirit of God.
 1. Amos 3:7; Matt 13:14; Matt 5:17; 11:13; 13:7.
 - ii. Old Testament prophets prophesied to kings, leaders, nations, etc. mostly judgement but there are also promises and prophecies of God’s ultimate plan of redemption-Jesus.
 1. There are over 350 prophecies about Jesus birth, life, death, and resurrection. They were all fulfilled. [Luke 18:31 and Luke 24:44]
 - b. To forthtell.
 - i. To speak into to the future to cause it.
 1. It is not speaking into existence your new car or spouse or whatever.
 2. It is partnering with heaven, inspired by the Spirit of God either through His written word or the word He speaks to your spirit to bring about things, to pray against things, to speak for empty spaces to be filled with the kingdom of God, etc.
 3. We will learn more about this and even began to learn to operate in this as we go through these gatherings.
 4. We have the breath and Spirit of God in us and God spoke the world into existence, so why not us? [Hebrews 11:2]
 5. Ask for what you want...
 6. Power of life and death in our tongues
 7. Be cautious not to ask amiss
 - c. To communicate the heart and voice of God to others for edification, exhortation, and comfort-to build up people. This is the heart of New Testament prophecy and sometimes this can be foretelling, forthtelling, etc., but that is not the purpose or motivation-conveying the love of the Father and calling out the gold in a person is.
 - i. **[1 Cor 14:1-3]**
 1. **Edification: to build up; the act of one who promotes another’s growth in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, happiness.**
 2. **Exhortation: admonition (advise, urge), encouragement (give support, confidence, or hope. Also stimulate to develop).**
 3. **Consolation: comfort (bring peace and calm to someone).**
 - ii. Change from Old Testament prophecy to New Testament prophecy. We do not prophecy hell, fire, brimstone, or judgement.
 1. Jesus paid the price for sin. John 1:16, 17

2. We are ministers of reconciliation. 1 Cor. 14:1-5
3. It is the goodness of God that brings people to repentance. Romans 2:4
4. We are to call out what was not as though it were in people. Speak identity and purpose. 2 Peter 1:21
5. Father's heart. Prodigal son. Luke 15:11-32.

B) Why we can prophesy: Identity – because it is who we are. (15 minutes)

[Distinguishment between office of prophet, gift of prophet, and being prophetic later]

- a. We are designed as spirit beings with a flesh body and a soul (mind/will/emotions).
1 Thessalonians 5:23
- b. We are born again by His Spirit and are new creations as children of God. 2 Cor 5:17
- c. The Spirit of God now lives in us. Romans 8:10, Galatians 2:20, 1 Cor 6:19, 20
- d. We also have opportunity to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Joel 2:23 and Acts
- e. We are instructed to keep our mind on things above. Colossians 3:1-2
- f. We are instructed to renew our mind to be transformed. Romans 12:2
- g. We have the mind of Christ. 2 Cor 2:16.
- h. We are called to be Spirit minded; to put off carnal thinking and to be renewed in our minds. Christ. Ephesians 4:22, 23 [read 11-25]
- i. What does this have to do with the prophetic?
 - i. It is time we come into active agreement with who God says we are; to think correctly about ourselves and who God created us to be.
 - ii. It is important to know our identity as children and friends of God: to know our value and worth so we understand we are created to be “prophetic”. It should be very normal for us as believers to operate at some level of prophetic gifting because it should be normal for us to have:
 1. Communication with God. John 10:27; John 14:26
 2. Heart to love on others. Ezekiel 36:26; 1 John 4:7
 3. Ability to perceive spiritual things. I Corinthians chapter 2
 - iii. Too many in the body of Christ have treated the prophetic in unhealthy ways.
 1. Something special and they find their value and identity in it.
 2. Something weird so they look spiritual.
 3. We do not seek the gift of prophecy or to learn about living from the prophetic to give us an identity, to affirm our ego, or to give us a place or position in the church. We prophesy because we are created to be able to do so on this earth...
 4. And there are people around us (in the church and outside) that are so desperate for a touch from heaven. How could we not want to be able to convey the loving thoughts of a good heavenly Father to others.

'But the one who prophesies speaks to people for edification, exhortation, and consolation. '

1 Corinthians 14:3