

PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

1 Corinthians 14.1-5

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

Throughout church history, many, many gifted theologians have differed on what New Testament prophecy and prophets are. The Puritans believed it to be gifted preaching and spiritual application of the Scriptures, some believe it's direct words and direction from God, others believe it's subtle inklings and impressions.

However, it seems that there is continuity between the Old and New Testament prophets. Paul puts prophets on par concerning their authority and importance alongside apostles, saying that the church is built upon their foundation.

Ephesians 2.19-21, 4.11-13

CONTINUATIONISM VS. CESSATIONISM

Continuationism

- The gifts are all still for today.
- Still speak in tongues, prophesy, and have signs and miracles today.
 - Ranges from Pentecostal, to Charismatic, to "Cautious but Open."

Cessationism

- Certain gifts such as prophecy, tongues, and some miraculous gifts have ceased.
- Their purpose in establishing the foundation of the church had been fulfilled.
 - Ranges from complete Cessationism to "Cautious but Open."

It seems unlikely that God would appoint infallible apostles to partner with fallible prophets. It seems that the New Testament prophets were one in the same as the Old Testament prophets, but that the office of apostle and prophet fulfilled its purpose at some point in history.

WHAT ABOUT TODAY?

There is still an experience that many believers encounter, that is probably not biblical "prophecy" but is nonetheless a real experience.

Speaking and Thinking Naturally Supernatural:

Speaking spontaneous spiritual counsel to a friend, praying for someone who comes to mind, feeling led to speak or act.

Sovereign Speech:

Bringing up certain topics out of the blue in conversation, "coincidences," etc.

Faith Filled Exhortation:

Feeling a strong conviction to share with someone. Be careful not to over-spiritualize a strong conviction or opinion.

No-Go Zone:

For others and yourself, be very, very cautious of declaring "the Lord told me."

Some of this is semantics, and some is not.
Regardless, semantics often matter greatly.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 100:4-5

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read 1 Corinthians 14.1-4. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read Ephesians 2.9-11, 4.11-13? What do these verses reveal about God's heart for the church that can remind us of the Gospel?

Repent and Confess

Most, if not all of us, have pinned something on God that probably wasn't Him. When you consider how you make decisions, or how you speak to others, what practices or habits might you need to confess and repent of?

Ask for Provision

What might you ask God for in light of this text?

Your Life Mission

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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