

The Holy Spirit

Prophecy: Building Up the Body



Spiritual Gifts - Prophecy

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I inform you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. There are different ways of working, but the same God works all things in all men. ESV

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11 continued

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in various tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who apportions them to each one as He determines. ESV

Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1-4

Pursue love, and **earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy**. 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. On the other hand, **the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation**. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but **the one who prophesies builds up the church**. ESV

Prophecy

Who

What

Where

When

Why

How

Prophecy – who?

Genesis 20:7 - Abraham

for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. ESV

Also: Enoch, Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Samuel, Saul, David, Asaph, Nathan, Gad, Elijah, Elisha, Micaiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Anna, Jesus, Paul, Philip's Daughters, Agabus, John...and about 120 others.

Prophecy – who?

Number 11:24-29

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ESV

Prophecy – who?

Number 11:24-29 continued

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? **Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!**” ESV

Prophecy – who?

Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17)

“And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit **on all flesh**;
your **sons and your daughters shall prophesy**,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions. ESV

Prophecy – what?

Exodus 7:1

And the LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ESV

נָבֵא – Naba – to speak or sing by divine inspiration

נְבִיא – Nabiyy – divine spokesman

Prophecy – what?

Foretelling – telling in advance

1 Samuel 10:2

When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'" ESV

Prophecy – what?

Forthtelling – to declare, make known, make public

Ezekiel 2:3-4

“Son of man,” He said to me: “I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me. To this very day they and their fathers have rebelled against Me. They are obstinate and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you are to say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says.’ ESV

Prophecy – where and when?

1 Corinthians 14:29-33

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, **and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets**. For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Prophecy – why

Ephesians 2:19-22

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. ESV

Prophecy – why

Romans 12:4-6

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ESV

Prophecy – why?

Ephesians 4:11-13

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ**, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ESV

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Prophecy – how to give?

Romans 12:6

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1 Corinthians 14:32

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Prophecy – how to give?

- Above all, based on God's love and our love
- Rooted in God's redemptive purposes
- No dates, mates, or babies
- From a strong identity, not for one
- Short and concise

(from Ben Armstrong)

Prophecy – how to receive?

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. ESV

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ESV

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