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Prophetic Credentials II - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/22 12:40

brethren

i am led of God to bring this to the fore once again. i received a most convicting message from our Lord through my brother-in-law James (Jimm here on S.I.) yesterday. it cut very deep through the many layers of false humility which i had built up over the years and exposed all this. while there is some measure of true Humility that our Lord has blessed me with, there is much of my own humility (and other abilities) which i oft operate in which must die that God's own attributes may be shone forth.

this is the word from on High through bro James

There has been much anticipation in my spirit to write in you in order an account of the mighty working of God at home lately. I have been greeted with a full inbox of issues that need urgent attention, not from me but from God. The Lord has rebuked me concerning false humility saying that part of true humility is being sure of who you are in God and exactly what He called you to. So according to the word of God, "He that receiveth you receive th me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward." (Mat10:40-41)

Praise the Lord because the release of His wisdom and power is not dependant on us but on His own graces which He gives freely to all who seek Him in Christ. The Father of mercies has given us Jesus so that we may dispel in our lives and in the world those things which are not from Him, such things are lies and have no place in us and cannot and will not abide the truth. May the eyes of our hearts be opened to see Jesus in all that we do and all that is with our inner-most beings. God wants to be at the center of our consciousness and from there the rivers of waters will flow. Nothing glib or superficial will release the Truth of God in such a abundance that transformation and renewal are propagated by its flow. We of all people must be lovers of the Truth, hearers of the Truth and above all expressions of the Truth.

The Truth is the Word of God, who we know and receive as God. God is manifest to us in His Son Jesus so that we may see and receive the Word in our hearts and minds and being One who can be expressed in a human vessel so that when we receive the Word we can release the words of life in the same magnitude, conviction and authority as He who is the Word is releasing it. This is not because we are producing something similar or comparable to the Word of God (God forbid) but it is because He who was in the beginning when the God head released the word. "let there be light..." now abides in us and has by no means lost His authenticity and divine creative ability which calls those things which are not as if they are

Come forth Ye apostles and prophets! - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/22 18:39

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the issue at hand is of knowing and acknowledging one's office (for others role or responsibility) be it, apostle, prophet, preacher, teacher or evangelist and more importantly conducting oneself accordingly in obedience to our Father. Some members here have received revelations from God and shared them and quickly noted they aren't prophets (for example) Granted not all are prophets or apostles and so on but we each need to know our office/role. Some of those people who have said "i'm not a prophet or anything" are indeed prophets and know so but are afraid of or don't want to deal with the grief/drama which comes with the work. if you are such a one, acknowledge it, God will give us grace enough to do what HE requires of us regardless of circumstance. Since we are a body which should function in unison in Spirit, we ought to know what the offices/roles of our brethren are also. there has never been (or at least i've not seen) any issue if someone says "i'm a preacher" or "i'm an evangelist" but it seems to me most people who acknowledge and say "i'm an apostle" or "i'm a prophet" catch all kinds of grief. most are accused of trying to win acclaim for themselves and indeed some are. this makes it hard for those of us who are called to such. usually when God does this there are no witnesses so we look foolish saying "i'm a prophet" coz people then say "says who?" or take issue with it all. perhaps part of our aversion to th

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The word says whoever receives a prophet/righteous man in the name of such will receive the corresponding reward. it seems to me that if one walks up to me and says "i'm a righteous man" or "i'm a prophet" and i take him at his word i'd get the reward which comes with it. whether or not there is truth in what was just said remains to me seen. however the word says also that whoever receives such receives Christ and whoever receives Christ receives the Father. Brethren the reward is a small thing but this receiving of Christ and thus the Father is where it's all at! To receive a prophet, an apostle or whatever is to acknowledge the authority in which that person speaks and this is also to acknowledge God Himself speaking through that person because without God at work or moving in that person, nothing will happen. that way when we hear the person say "thus sayeth the Lord" we listen and take note and not do what Israel did so many times before and reap the reward of that... There is a gravity which we must reckon with concerning our God and when He speaks because He expects His decrees to be followed and so we dare not reject anything He says or treat it flippantly lest we disobey God, fail to glorify Him and receive whatever blessings come with that (His glory is our benefit) and instead reap the judgement which comes with the rejection of His word.

Some would say "none of the prophets in the bible said they were prophets" scripture doesn't say that they said so but i don't think they were silent about it even though their conduct was Godly. they talked the talk and walked the walk too. Paul made no bones about his apostleship which was because God called him to it and he also walked the walk and people took him seriously enough to think that just maybe God is speaking through this guy.

For those who are called to be apostles and prophets, acknowledge your calling and don't be afraid of it because God called you to it. At the end of the day His opinion will be the one which determines everything. Rejection comes with the work but it is not you who is being rejected (as i came to find out) but God Himself since He is the one who called you, appointed you and sent you forth. God's grace is sufficient to see His work done in us and through us, if that weren't the case, we'd be dead in the water...

brethren these 2 callings/offices/roles are dear to me because our Lord has called me to both. i say this not to seek acclaim but because God said this is what i am so i can't duck and dodge the responsibilities thereof any more. it is also an exhortation to those out there who are called to these almost forgotten offices/callings/role to accept and acknowledge them and not be ashamed or afraid but to go forth in all boldness for our Lord requires that we play our roles. our Father requires that we do what He asks to glorify His name in and through the body of Christ in edifying, exhorting, instructing and so on. This is not to downplay the other 3 offices/callings/roles but to highlight that all 5 need to be firing on all cylinders.

Lord your will be done to your glory. AMEN.

False Humility - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/22 19:27

Brethren

now that our Lord has had me come out in the open about what He has called me to, i'm led to speak on this issue of false humility. This has crippled the Church. Rather than be plain about what we are called to, we keep it on the low because we don't want to be perceived as seeking acclaim. that's what i believed until our Lord showed me that i had been acting not out of Humility but out of fear and disobedience. i was fearful of the drama which would surely come from saying that i am an apostle and prophet of our Lord and sought to save myself this grief by not saying anything about it. i was out to save my own skin at the expense of God's glory! talk about heading down the wrong road...i'd perverted Humility and turned it into humility, or rather operated out of my own humility in a self-serving, glorifying and gratifying manner to justify my quietness on this thereby allowing me to get off easy. of course God will see His work done by His Spirit else it would have been over for me.

let us not pretend to be humble or operate out of our own humility as opposed to true Humility. let us not use this false crutch to let ourselves off the hook or keep from rocking the boat when we know we ought to sink it. the end result of this is judgement from on high for disobedience. Let us not speak falsely or flippantly either because this will result in the same. Let us speak as we are led by God to the Glory of His name which is our reason for being and the benefit of us His children.

to God be the glory forever. AMEN.

Re: Come forth Ye apostles and prophets! - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/23 10:54

Hi IRONMAN,

Since earlier days here and even our own ... seemingly at odds with each other over this matter of prophets... Just want to say I have come to appreciate and recognize the change in your ... perspective as it has evolved. Just noting that change and hope that many of us are not only willing but have been changed through all that goes on through our coming together to work through matters. My own perspective is and has often been altered and adjusted, been put to the challenge, another consideration, another contemplation.

And the proverbial ... *but* :-)

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Still think a great deal of what is taken issue with is the definition of what a prophet now is, in this day. Apologize for the length here but for some consideration;

1Co 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

1Co 14:1-40 -

Two Verses in this Chapter 14 demand a little attention (1Co_14:1-2 Â— the 3rd and the 6th (1Co_14:3; 1Co_14:6). Verse 3 (1Co_14:3) is the effect, or rather the quality, of that which a prophet says, and not a definition. He edifies, he encourages, he comforts, by speaking. Nevertheless these words shew the character of what he said. Prophecy is in no wise simply the revelation of future events, although prophets as such have revealed them. A prophet is one who is so in communication with God as to be able to communicate His mind. A teacher instructs according to that which is already written, and so explains its import. But, in communicating the mind of God to souls under grace, the prophet encouraged and edified them. With regard to Verse 6 (1Co_14:6, it is plain that coming with tongues (by the use of which the Corinthians like children, loved to shine in the assembly) he that so spoke, edified no one, for he was not understood. Perhaps he did not understand himself, but was the unintelligent instrument of the Spirit, whilst having the powerful impression of the fact that God spoke by his means, so that in the Spirit he felt that he was in communication with God, although his understanding was unfruitful. In any case no one could speak for the edification of the assembly unless he communicated the mind of God.

Of such communication the apostle distinguishes two kinds Â— revelation and knowledge. The latter supposes a revelation already given, of which some one availed himself by the Holy Ghost for the good of the flock. He then points out the gifts which were respectively the means of edifying in these two ways. It is not that the two latter terms (1Co_14:6) are the equivalents of the two former; but the two things here spoken of as edifying the church were accomplished by means of these two gifts. There might be "prophecy" without its being absolutely a new revelation, although there was more in it than knowledge. It might contain an application of the thoughts of God, an address on the part of God to the soul, to the conscience, which would be more than knowledge, but which would not be a new revelation. God acts therein without revealing a new truth, or a new fact. "Knowledge," or "doctrine," teaches truths, or explains the word, a thing very useful to the assembly; but in it there is not the direct action of the Spirit in application, and thus not the direct manifestation of the presence of God to men in their own conscience and heart. When any one teaches, he who is spiritual profits by it; when one prophesies, even he who is not spiritual may feel it, he is reached and judged; and it is the same thing with the Christian's conscience. Revelation, or knowledge, is a perfect division and embraces everything. Prophecy, and doctrine, are in intimate connection with the two; but prophecy embraces other ideas, so that this division does not exactly answer to the first two terms.

The apostle insists largely on the necessity for making oneself understood, whether one speaks, or sings, or prays. He desires \hat{A} — and the remark is of all importance in judging men's pretensions to the Spirit \hat{A} — that the understanding be in exercise. He does not deny that they might speak with tongues without the understanding being at all in it \hat{A} — a thing of evident power and utility when persons were present who understood no other language, or whose natural language it was. But, in general, it was an inferior thing when the Spirit did not act upon, and therefore by means of, the understanding in him who spoke. Communion between souls in a common subject, through the unity of the Spirit, did not exist when he who spoke did not understand what he said. The individual speaking did not himself enjoy, as from God, what he communicated to others. If others did not understand it either, it was child's play to utter words without meaning to the hearers. But the apostle desired to understand himself that which he said, although he spoke in many tongues; so that it was not jealousy on his part. He spoke more foreign tongues, by the gift of the Holy Ghost, than they all. But his soul loved the things of God \hat{A} — loved to receive truth intelligently from Him \hat{A} — loved to hold intelligent intercourse with others; and he would rather say five words with his understanding, than ten thousand without it in an unknown tongue.

What a marvellous power, what a manifestation of the presence of God \hat{A} — a thing worthy of the deepest attention \hat{A} — and, at the same time, what superiority to all carnal vanity, to the lustre reflected upon the individual by means of gifts \hat{A} — what moral power of the Spirit of God, where love saw nothing in these manifestations of power in gift but instruments to be used for the good of the assembly and of souls! It was the practical force of that love, to the exercise of which, as being superior to gifts, he exhorted the faithful. It was the love and the wisdom of God directing the exercise of His power for the good of those whom He loved. What a position for a man! What simplicity is imparted by the grace of God to one who forgets self in humility and love, and what power in that humility! The apostle confirms his argument by the effect that would be produced on strangers who might come into the assembly, or on unenlightened Christians, if they heard languages spoken which no one understood: they would think them mad. Prophecy, reaching their conscience, would make them feel that God was there \hat{A} — was present in the assembly of God.

Gifts were abundant in Corinth. Having regulated that which concerned moral questions, the apostle in the second place regulates the exercise of those gifts. Every one came with some manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost, of which they evidently thought more than of conformity to Christ. Nevertheless the apostle acknowledges in it the power of the Spirit of God, and gives rules for its exercise. Two or three might speak with tongues, provided there was an interpreter, so that the assembly might be edified. And this was to be done one at a time, for it appears they even spoke several at once. In the same way as to the prophets: two or three might speak, the others would judge if it really came from God. For, if it were given to them of God, all might prophesy; but only one at a time, that all might learn \hat{A} — a dependence always good for the most gifted prophets \hat{A} — and that all might be comforted. The spirits of the prophets (that is to say, the impulse of the power in the exercise of gifts) were subject to the guidance of the moral intelligence which the Spirit bestowed on the prophets. They were, on God's part, masters of themselves in the use of these gifts, in the exercise of this marvellous power which wrought in them. It was not a divine fury, as the pagans said of their diabolical inspiration, which carried them away; for God could not be the author of confusion in the assembly, but of peace. In a word we see that this power was committed to man in his moral responsibility; an important principle, which is invariable in the ways of God. God saved man by grace, when he had failed in his responsibility; but all that He has committed to man, whatever may be the divine energy of the gift, man holds as responsible to use it for the glory of God, and consequently for the good of others and especially for the assembly.

Women were to be silent in the assembly: it was not permitted to them to speak. They were to remain in obedience and not to direct others. The law moreover held the same language. It would be a shame to hear them speak in public. If they had had questions to ask, they might inquire of their husbands at home.

With all their gifts, the word did not come out from the Corinthians, nor had it come unto them only; they ought to submit to the universal order of the Spirit in the assembly. If they pretended to be led by the Spirit, let them acknowledge (and this would prove it,) that the things which the apostle wrote to them were the commandments of the Lord: a very important assertion; a responsible and serious position of this wonderful servant of God.

What a mixture of tenderness, of patience, and of authority! The apostle desires that the faithful should come to the truth and to order, conducted by their own affections; not fearing, if necessary for their good, to avail himself of an authority without appeal, as speaking directly from God \hat{A} — an authority which God would justify if the apostle was forced unwillingly to use it. If any were ignorant that he wrote by the Spirit with the authority of God, it was ignorance indeed; let such be given up to their ignorance. Spiritual and simple men would be delivered from such pretensions. Those who were really filled with the Spirit would acknowledge that what the apostle wrote came immediately from God, and was the expression of His wisdom, of that which became Him: for often there may be the recognition of divine or even human wisdom when i

it is found, where there was not the ability to find it, nor, if it were perceived in part, the power to set it forth with authority. Meanwhile the man of pretension, reduced to this place, would find the place profitable, and that which he needed.

We shall also observe here the importance of this assertion of the apostle's with regard to the inspiration of the epistles. That which he taught for the details even of the order of the assembly, was so really given of God, came so entirely from God, that they were the commandments of the Lord. For doctrine we have, at the end of the Epistle to the Romans, the same declaration that it was by means of prophetic writings that the gospel was disseminated among the nations.

The apostle resumes his instructions by saying, that they should desire to prophesy, not forbid to speak with tongues, and that all should be done with order and propriety.

John Darby

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Had a rather peculiar dream last week and may the brother forgive me here for divulging this by use of his name, it was a dream after all... The setting was some gathering of ... SermonIndex'ers (!) that is kind of vague, outdoors I seem to recall. Let me give this caveat of clarification here first. I am not 'interpreting' this, just stating it as it came across, would hate for anyone to run off with it... The bulk of the saints were having some form of conversation over many things, not unlike this forum (the forum come to life in the physical?) Some of it seemed rather pleasant, some heated and hostile, some ...silly... kind of on the surface level, chit-chat, that sort of thing. For whatever reason was just detached from it all, off alone, kind of watching it from afar. Someone came up close by and Robert Wurtz (our brother here) had said just a couple of things that were of his usual well articulated and heartfelt candor to him... But the thing that stuck and struck though it really is of no surprise.... While he was standing there near me, without saying a word to me personally, I could not only feel, but know that he could see right through me. Better yet, that fact was both comforting and welcome, an easy transparency, sins, failings and all.

The whole point here is just that character is one thing, spiritual character, quite another.

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*The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. Mat 10:24,25*

God is growing us up - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/23 18:00

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bro this is the beauty of fellowship. our Lord brings us together and rubs us against one another to get the dross off and make us shine like diamonds (as bro Rahman would say) :-D i praise our Lord and thank Him for this dealing in which His wisdom is poured into us and His Holiness and Righteousness is wrought in us to the praise and the glory of His Most Holy name. AMEN.

bro Mike i will say that from the first when our Lord called me to be a prophet, the only thing i knew of this was the foretelling of the future. i suppose that is the contemporary view? i think that's the thing most people think of. however as our Lord dealt with me, i found that most of the time i was sharing in His anguish, joy, and anger. On occasion He would show me things concerning the future but i found that this office has to do with the mind and heart of God and the communication thereof to us His children. Sometimes it has to do with future events. summed up as this in your post:

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again the beauty of fellowship at work, i should have qualified that statement and i'm glad you caught that. i did mean what i said about taking the person at their word and if there is truth remains to me seen. now when that one speaks, THEN we can put their word to the test to see if it is from God or not. And i agree with you that this precisely is the big problem; we are not diligent concerning this. then on the flip side there is the tendency to write everyone off who says that they are a prophet as being a false one, this is equally bad. i guess to clarify, take the person at his word and when he/she speaks test the word, have God try it for you. we should also not lean on our own understanding so much prayerful consideration is needed. if the word is from God then receive it, if it is not, reject it.

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i suppose i am somewhat partial to the prophet :-P however like i said in the last post (or at least i should have or think i did :-?) i'm not trying to downplay the other offices but i am focusing in on the apostle and prophet because that is what i am led of God to do. i have no experience really in the other offices, it would be good if representatives of the other 3 offices would share also i think.

bro you and me don't talk much on these boards so if i'm wrong here please forgive me. it seems to me you oft respond with quotes from other theologians. is that because they say what you would have said? i guess i'd like to hear more of w



hat our Lord has revealed to you personally since i kinda know you from these boards. if our Lord leads you to do so then that's cool, i was just curious.

love you much bro

**Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/24 4:26**

My apologies, I didn't get to read through your whole post, it was rather long.

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crsschk wrote:

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Do you suggest that only the prophetic are in communication with God and are able to communicate His mind?

Dont take that as a hostile question. I just dont want to assume that you implied something if it was not what you intended to imply.

Note that the 5-fold ministry is only needed, "UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:13 emphasis added.

So according to this verse and others like it, there will be a day that we will reach the "measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." When that day comes, according to Eph 4:13 we will no longer need these offices, and my reason for thinking that is because we will all be able to function in all of the offices if the Spirit may so lead us, being in the fullness of Christ, Who walked in all of the offices. For example if every one was capable of hearing from God as well or better than the prophets, there would be no need for them. Some of that is my own speculation based on the verse. It bears witness with my spirit though.

One thing that I have seen throughout different ministries is that though people may be in the same office, they do not always minister and function the same way.

Be Blessed

**Contemplation - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/24 8:31**

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Oh absolutely the opposite, actually there can seem to be an underlining sense that some who believe themselves to be 'prophets' believe this of themselves.

Think the whole of what has been couched in the language of "Five-fold" ministry is an overdone extrapolation and needs a re-examination. It does seem to come back to that which is descriptive over that of 'position' or title.

Something both puzzling and troubling that the emphasis has been placed on to use the modern parlance, '*What is my S.H.A.P.E...*

Where is the office of being put on a shelf for a season, or the office of suffering, the title of persecution, the gift of ... not speaking and being in adverse situations, financially destitute, living under daily threat or living with an unbelieving family

and suffering quietly. What tends to get overlooked in this whole matter is the emphasis on "me".

Mat 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

Mat 20:21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Mat 20:22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

Mat 20:23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Mat 20:24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Mat 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Mat 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Re: Contemplation - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/24 9:21**

My, shut the guy up for awhile and all of a sudden he is full of opinion ... ;-)

Wrote this out yesterday IRONMAN and it was just ridiculously hot in this neck of the woods, the brain melting away along with the thoughts...

With a few adjustments.

Something Ron (Philologos) stated a bit back comes instantly to mind... That the 'offices' are more descriptive than titles if I am recalling that correctly. (Redundant, I realize)

Best I can tell, there are no more 'apostles' at least in the truest sense of the word, of course it gets muddy depending on what is poured into that meaning, especially in our day.

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Generally speaking, yes. A better articulation usually. Just as often though, if not more often, it is something that I am yet musing on, rather than a conclusion.

Quote:  
-----i guess i'd like to hear more of what our Lord has revealed to you personally since i kinda know you from these boards. if our Lord leads you to do so then that's cool, i was just curious

Could fill a number of pages here to answer that ... Actually I probably already have! :-)

Seriously, I guess I don't tend to look at things in that way or express them in that manner. Still am of a mindset that is quite distrusting of the muddy mix that is evident in sorting through the natural from the spiritual, the things 'revealed' by the Lord through the Holy Spirit... That is to say that a great deal is held in abeyance, is inconclusive, that there is a '*knowing*' that supercedes even our own particular understanding and even defies a proper articulation. It's practically speaking, underneath, deep within the soul and I do find much better ... pieces if you will of it drawn out in a lot of these old dead guy's who are still speaking...

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I do think there is a healthy curiosity that compels us to search after and find out the meaning of things. At the same time I think that we as Christians can be at odds with what the Lord may be truly after in and through us by being distracted after matters that He has no interest in revealing to us.

If anything the Lord is 'telling' or showing this poor fool is that the ultimate and foremost matter to be dealt with is the heart, the transparency thereof, the exposed nature that *is* by way of a changed disposition and that alone is enough to deal with. Seems everything comes through this realm of coming clean in honesty, in Spirit and in truth, the sword that the Jesus wielded was to the core of matters in all that He said, taught and exemplified. To come to that place in prayer and in outworking is both a comfort and a challenge. On the one hand there is a blessed giving up in attempting to produce oneself into principals and 'oughts' and 'shoulds' and on the other the work required to give up that which needs to be given up. There was some talk on passivity that is not what is meant by surrender. Conforming the mind, casting down evil imaginations, *doing* 'good', *working out* your own salvation, all require effort. But coming to a place where you realize that hiding is the definition of stupidity, that surrender of oneself will is not a detriment but a blessing, that reliance on the Holy Spirit isn't a proscription but a present necessity ... Oh, there is a blessed relaxation that can steal away when we cease striving in our own strength, even in the midst of taxing demands in whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in.

Another needed 'revelation' that would be criminal not to mention. There is still the evil heart to deal with, the temptations that come and sadly enough even still ensnare. The change is much more now ... less ... of failing God and more of grieving Him. I picked up on a sentiment from Oswald Chambers recently where he expressed that as humans we are often 'wanting' punishment that measures out some sort of equality to that sin which we have committed and actually can feed our pride (Will have to dig that out to be sure I am repeating it correctly). What seemed to stick is that often times the punishment expected is to have no practical, evident punishment whatsoever.

It could be said the punishment is forgiveness, sometimes that is more lasting and demanding, recognizing that kind of love ... how can one go on sinning against that?

Much yet to learn, how thankful for another day to be molded into that Image.

#### Re: Contemplation - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/24 11:18

Quote:  
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crsschk wrote:  
Oh absolutely the opposite, actually there can seem to be an underlining sense that some who believe themselves to be 'prophets' believe this of themselves.  
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:-) That's why I asked. I didn't want to misunderstand you. I notice how people can argue back and forth making assumptions based on what they perceived the other person to be saying. And that often causes people to argue the same point without even knowing that they actually agree.

#### Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/24 12:17

Ironman's  
Quote:  
-----it seems to me that if one walks up to me and says "i'm a righteous man" or "i'm a prophet" and i take him at his word i'd get the reward which comes with it. whether or not there is truth in what was just said remains to me seen.  
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Jesus' word to the church at Ephesus

Quote:

-----Â“thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:Â”  
(Rev 2:2 KJVS)  
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Personally, I reject Ironman's claims to apostleship and prophethood.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/24 12:36**

bro Ron  
you wrote this:

Quote:

-----Jesus' word to the church at Ephesus  
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and quoted this scripture:

Quote:

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in response to this which i said:

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bro Mike brought that up in his response (which is one of the reasons i love fellowship, if one of us slips us, God sends someone to set us aright) stating that it was a dangerous precedent. i should have qualified the statement initially but i didn't, hence the confusion. i did qualify it however in bro response to bro mike by stating that we take the man at his word and then try him rather than reject him right away without taking the time to do so. and this trying ought not to be based on our own understanding but only that of our Lord lest our predispositions and dislikes of that person affect our judgment. also we ought not feel threatened because we are 1 body and no part is more important than another. the word doesn't say if we accept him in the name of a prophet but it doesn't say that we ought not try him and i left that part out. my apologies brethren.

Quote:

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when i saw you'd posted and even before i read your post i knew you'd say that! :-D love you bro!

Lord your will be done. AMEN.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/24 12:59**

bro Mike

Quote:

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i guess when one is 5ft 4 and 130lbs playing rugby with guys twice his weight, he must be fearless and come out swinging harder than anyone else to survive! :-P

well bro really our Lord had shut me down for a while in order to deal with me some more about all this. much has been achieved but there is much left to do. i praise God that HE who has started a good work in me will see it to completion though. AMEN.

Quote:  
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oh ok i see, thanks for the clarification.

Quote:  
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ditto bro!!!

Quote:  
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i see. this explains a lot. i can identify with that inability to express certain things i know to be true, as a result i have to keep much to myself and my wife, james and bro rahman seem to be the 3 who can understand these things.

Quote:  
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indeed bro, this walk with our Lord is quite unlike what i thought it would be. definately far more strenuous/demanding than i thought because it requires death to self (go figure) praise G0d He gives us grace enough to endure.

Quote:  
-----Much yet to learn, how thankful for another day to be molded into that Image.  
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indeed bro, praise God He will see us moulded into that most wonderful Image of Christ. AMEN.

Love Suffereth Long, and is Kind ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/24 14:00

Bro. Ron wrote;

"Personally, I reject Ironman's claims to apostleship and prophethood."

Ha! ... Ha! ... i post this in the spirit of jest and levity, but as soon as i saw this thread i knew it was bro Ironman, as i also knew this was sure to bring you (bro Ron) at it like one of those octopus thingies in the Matrix ... i guess it's safe to say, and i qualify this in attempts to stay out of your scope by stating if in fact God has called bro. Ironman as prophet, you won't be recieving his reward huh? ... :-P

Bro. Ironman in response to brother Ron's reiterating his rejection of your belief of your calling(s) you responded; "when i saw you'd posted and even before i read your post i knew you'd say that! love you bro!"

i'm not posting here to the topic of this thread because from the first Prophetic Credentials thread our Lord freed me from the rigors of this subject by saying to me "Just Be", besides He's moved me so far past this until it's now a part of what i've come to see as that door behind me (tho it may not be so in His use of bro Ironman) ... The reason for this post is i feel led of Holy Spirit to point out this one most important little word between we brethren - "love" ...

1Cor.13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

To most, if not all of us here on SI, i'd say we all come here under the categories of believers and/or diligent seekers ... It is my personal belief that God inspired bro Greg to put up SI just so He by His Spirit could gather all who come here to be rubbed up against one another in forum to the benefit of our learning new truths to be taken on and the rubbing off of things we may now consider truth but He'll eventually free us from ... i also believe that of those who have been on this forum for a while, tho we may differ in some areas of faith, also pretty much love our Lord and are trying as best we can to be who and what He wants us to be and are seeking after His Kingdom ...

i know we all don't agree on everything, and sometimes as in any family we members can get on one another's nerves to the point of sometimes holding and displaying contempt for one another ... i know this has been true of me, but i praise God that thru this forum especially He has rubbed and polished me to a point that i hold no secret animosities, contempt or grudges with anyone here, or whom i know personally, because of disagreements or disbelief in where i believe my own walk with our Lord has and is taking me ... On this forum our Lord in me has truly brought to light the practice of 1 Cor. 13, for no matter what even thru all our denominational and doctrinal differences all of us who truly love our Lord can (i pray) agree that we're His, that makes us family, and that we should show love to one another ... In my own life i've always wanted to be like Paul for our Lord, but i've always heard Him say that He wants me to be like John for Him in reference to His Church ... It's taken me some time to surrender to this, but in my doing so i sure can certainly see why our Lord is so right in this ... He said in John.13: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have lo

ved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." ... If we don't show the love of 1 Cor. 13 to one another how will all men come to know that we are His disciples?

The love of our Lord Christ Jesus to us all, in us all, and thru us all, as a faithful witness to all men that we are in fact His followers ... Amen ... :-D

**Re: Love Suffereth Long, and is Kind ... - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/24 17:38**

Hi Rahman

What happened to that revival you were predicting at your church a little while ago?

**Revival is still in the wings... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/24 18:50**

bro Ron wrote

Quote:

-----Hi Rahman

What happened to that revival you were predicting at your church a little while ago?

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i suppose that's what the jews in the days of old said when the things they were warned of didn't come to pass in the timeframe they invisioned. :-?

when the revival does come i pray we'll all celebrate together!

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/24 23:09**

Quote:

-----My, shut the guy up for awhile and all of a sudden he is full of opinion ...

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Just a point of clarification here... was speaking of myself.

**Re: Revival is still in the wings... - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/25 4:36**

Quote:

-----i suppose that's what the jews in the days of old said when the things they were warned of didn't come to pass in the timeframe they invisioned.

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Is all prophecy conditional? If so, what would be the point of...“And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”

(Deut 18:21-22 KJVS)

In March 2004 Rahman wrote Over 20 years ago (1983) our Lord spoke to me in a Holy Ghost filled service, the likes of which i've not experienced since, this word ...

"My final REVIVAL is coming and it will begin here"!

Since i recieved this word in the below posted church i took it to mean this church group;

MT. AIRY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
<http://www.mtairycogic.com/html/home.htm>  
7800 Ogontz Ave.  
6401 Ogontz Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19126  
Bishop E C Morris - Pastor

Our Lord has really been impressing on me of late to not be afraid to NOW boldly proclaim what He told me all those years ago, and so i've begun to do just that to every saint i know, come in contact with, and thru this post on SI ...

Seems to me He's about to bring to pass my over 20 year burden, or i'm about to be proved one self deluded false prophet (i quake in fear at this thought) ... i pray earnestly for the former, and hope to God it's not the latter, but either outcome will be freeing to me, as my Christian experience has certainly not been an easy one in this regard ...

So in the meanwhile please pray for this pastor, this church, and myself, as the spiritual warfare associated with such an intention of God surely has Hell in an uproar ... and keep your spiritual ears atuned for the unmistakable rumbling of REVIVAL to come forth out of Mt. Airy COGIC, in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. ... Soon!

i hear Him saying in my spirit (even now as i write), exactly what i'm now boldly proclaiming ... His final revival is coming, and it will begin at Mt. Airy COGIC, in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. ... And when it kicks off, as brother Ravenhill said, "No one will have to announce the fire" ...

Philadelphia, Pa. and the surrounding area is about to become the flash point city for REVIVAL, and it's gonna spread! .. . Man, is it gonna spread! ... Our Lord has called me out, i'm answering His challenge, and i don't believe He's brought me this far, to leave me! ...

Time will tell whether i'm of God, or belong in a box Muselix ...

At the beginning of 2003 He told me to get my house in order, to gird up my loins, a conscious clearing out of and keeping out sin in my life ... At the beginning of 2004 He said to me, "Now is the time" , and this past weekend thru much spiritual battle He's told me to boldly proclaim what He said to me 21 years ago ... So i'm obeying because i believe, and i know that whatsoever is not of faith is sin, so if i am mistaken i know He'll forgive me because it's out of faith ... Maybe I just have a longer memory than some...

**Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/25 6:59**

Not all prophecy is conditional but from what I have encountered, alot of it is. But hey, mabey the position that I'm in causes me to come in contact with more conditional prophecy than unconditional.

**squiddies... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/25 8:46**

bro Ron

Quote:  
-----Is all prophecy conditional? If so, what would be the point of...  
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i guess if our Lord has not given a specific time we can't write it off. if i remember well, much of what the Lord's prophets of old said happened much much later after it had been said.

Quote:  
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you do have a way of digging up stuff and wielding it like a heavy blunt object :-P ...i don't see a set time in which our Lord said it would begin so i don't think you can use that scripture to write off bro Rahman...well i guess you can if you want to. anyhow Lord your will be done.AMEN.



love you bro!

**Love is not easily provoked ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/25 10:52**

Bro Ron you wrote;  
"Hi Rahman  
What happened to that revival you were predicting at your church a little while ago?"

You're a mean one Mr. Grinch! ... :-P

Tho i'm sure you meant this question as a taunt bless God i'm still operating here in the spirit of love, so i'm pleased regardless of how you meant it to reply in my long running testimony here on SI of what's going on in my spiritual life ... But before i get to that since i've not escaped your crosshairs let me further elaborate on why my initial post ...

In my initial post regarding showing love to one another i was attempting to point out that tho we as saints may not agree with one another's faith path, instead of our showing contempt, perhaps we could just disagree on these points in love and not call one another "liars" veiled in scripture as you did in reference to bro Ironman "thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:Â" ... Which i thought was not only mean-spirited but mis-applied seeing that bro Ironman has not yet presented himself to any congregation as an apostle and therefore has not yet been tried to be found true or false ... So in your quest to "whack him" i think you used the wrong stick ... As i've said before, as our Lord has taught me via this forum, if we think our brother way off on the deep end and we see ourselves as right, then instead of publicly displaying our contempt, as a faithful witness perhaps it would be better to overtly show love while covertly bombarding heaven on our brothers behalf ... Bro Ron there was a time when i had as much contempt for you as i believe you still have for me, and any others who you think are operating in a misguided pentecostal sort of way ... But i don't have that anymore, because regardless of all our differences the fact that Jesus calls us His makes us family, and that same Jesus says that we are to love one another ...

Another thing i'd like to point out is that when i first came here to SI it seemed an unspoken rule that you were the resident final authority and last word on any subject that you chose to engage ... That's why i likened you to one of those octopus thingies in The Matrix that were bent on nothing short of total destruction of anything that wasn't of the mechanical Matrixi (i think one of the major problems with today's Christianity is that we've become far too mechanical) ... But i praise God that this no longer seems to be the case here on SI especially since you took the time off to go over and start your own forum ... It's not the same over there as it is here on SI is it? ... SI is a Holy Ghost inspired site/forum for Himself to tear us ALL down where we need to be torn down, and to build us up where we need to be built up, and none of us here that are led to this site can escape that ... There is no spiritual growth to be gained from rubbing against oneself, or with those of like thought ... As impossible as it might seem to some we can all learn from one another, and need one another, which is why Holy Spirit thru Paul wrote of the unity of the Body ... Holy Spirit truly is the final authority and the last word for all us believers individually and collectively, and as soon as Church leaderships comes to a new and heartsore repentance toward this inescapable fact then our Lord can go on and get us about His business - which leads me to my answer to your initial question ...

First off i praise God that what i believe He's said thru me regarding REVIVAL coming to my church resonated in you spirit for whatever the reason to stick ... As i stated this is something that i heard in my spirit some 20 years ago ... Our Lord did not give me a specific time and when years began to turn into decades i've went thru all kinds of spiritual highs and lows regarding this, but there was always a turn of circumstance or some event that when i began to tire i'd always get propped up spiritually to keep on going, to keep on proclaiming and most importantly to keep on praying for this coming REVIVAL that i believe our Lord has said to me is coming ... Brother Ron i had to chuckle at your saying "a little while" in reference to this REVIVAL ... It may seem a little while ago to God, and to you, but trust me as the one kicking against all odds about this thing i sure hasn't seemed like a little while to me ...

i recently put up a thread about an experience i call the waiting room ...

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=10395&forum=35&50](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=10395&forum=35&50)

... and our Lord is certainly taking me thru some necessary changes in this period ... This waiting room experience has much to do with my now waiting on our Lord to bring to pass all that i believe He's said to me ... The other day our Lord

recalled to me a thread i posted about two years ago ...

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=1887&forum=40&1](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1887&forum=40&1)

... its remembrance prompted by a series of events in which having a sense of real peace has come over me regarding your question to me ... See for the last couple of months i've been going back and forth about whether to continue believing in this coming REVIVAL ... i began to entertain the thoughts of those who have said to me "what if it's not God"? ... But i came to the conclusion that it's easy to think "what if it's not God?" as opposed to "what if it is God?" ... It's the latter take that i see as "faith", and the peace that's come over me about the coming REVIVAL to my church, America, the planet, as well as the coming economic upheaval, is that i made a conscious decision to stop being double minded about these things and to believe 100% that not only has our Lord made known these things to me but has empowered me by His Spirit to keep on keeping on ... So recently i've not only stepped up my "expectation" regarding this coming REVIVAL, but my petitioning to Him for it also ...

Bro Ron i'm still waiting and praying, and i'll do so for as long as it takes, tho in my spirit i believe He's showing me (especially via recent world events) that it won't be to much longer ... Bro Ron i know you think the faith experience of myself, brother Ironman, and perhaps a few others here, to be as you so delicately once put it - nonsense - but it's what we believe, and so to the dismay of many we act on it ... If we are wrong God and time will reveal it, and correct us, but in the meanwhile as i said before, if you think us mis-guided pray for us in love, and please respond to us in love ...

When that REVIVAL finally hits my church, and the fact that everyday it seems less and less likely just motivates my faith even more, Bro. Ron you'll be the first one i tell here on SI ... And when i come telling you it will be in the spirit of love as when Joseph embraced his brethren in Egypt, tho their initial reaction to his vision was to throw him into a pit then sell him into slavery ... REVIVAL is the only answer to all the ills of our present modern day Church and i trust God not to let us slide any further down this slippery slope of wordliness ...

Finally i'm reminded of Pauls words at: Rom.8: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord ... By Holy Spirit i sense that this is the same way we as believers are supposed to feel about one another ... God forgive us that we've allowed denominations, doctrinal differences and different faith experiences separate us from Christ-like love for one another ... No matter what our differences brother Ron

you are my brother in Christ and i love you :-D ... Amen

PS - Until i have a report of REVIVAL breaking out at my church this is all that i have to say on this subject for as i aforementioned i heard our Lord say to me "Just Be", and i also don't want to be party to having this thread locked - just wanted to answer your question brother Ron.

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2006/7/25 11:23**

Moses in his heart knew the Lord would use him to save Egypt. In his younger years, he killed an Egyptian guard in an attempt to save his Hebrew brothers and sisters. While Moses was not wrong, his timing was wrong.

Prophets are used by God to speak. All prophets are imperfect apart from Christ, who is Lord. I wonder how many times prophets made mistakes in regards to the messages they heard. When it had come to future prophecies, did any prophet ever really know what they were prophecying? How many times did a prophet stumble before the Word came through perfectly?

Because every prophet is imperfect and we ourselves are imperfect, we cannot judge a prophet as that is God's place, we can only judge his or her prophecies. To reject a person is only foolishness. You might as well reject yourself for are you any better? Truly, we can only reject the message, for how do we know the Lord will not use this person at some time? We don't. The Lord has a way of changing people and molding them into a perfect tool for His use. They may make errors, but the prophecy is not dependent upon the prophet. Rather, it is dependent upon the spirit who gives it. Let us not judge the prophet, but rather, only the prophecy.

Let us all beware of false prophets as the Lord warned many times. However, let us also be careful not to judge too quickly. The word "beware" implies that we should give attention and thought to what they are saying. How can anyone "beware

re" who has decided to be "ignorant" by not listening?

Paul said this: 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 (KJ)

20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

In that regard, who are we to say who is a prophet, or who is righteous? Are we God? If I say, "I am a prophet", then who is capable of judging this? If I say, "I am righteous," then who is worthy of judging me?

In Christ,  
Blake

**Re: Love is not easily provoked ... - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/25 13:03**

Quote:  
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It was not a veiled accusation of 'liars' and you misjudge me to accuse me so. If you recall your earlier declaration that "God had told the last revival was going to break out in your home church" you will know that I tried to 'cut you some slack' so that you could back-peddle from the categoric statements you were making. Yes, I will challenge self-styled prophet and apostles because this is a public forum and such claims if made here should be challenged here.

You judge me of being mean-spirited. God knows my heart. Neither do I have any 'quest to whack him. Neither do I have 'contempt' for you, nor have I ever had contempt for you. I think you are given to flights of imagination that have lured you into the fantasies of Enoch and into thinking that your imaginings are prophetic.

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This is all I have to say on the subject too. I am content to wait to see if your prophecy was God-inspired or man-inspired unless, of course, you refer to it or to self-claimed prophetic gifts when I will examine and challenge as I think appropriate.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/25 18:04**

bro Ron

Quote:  
-----This is all I have to say on the subject too. I am content to wait to see if your prophecy was God-inspired or man-inspired unless, of course, you refer to it or to self-claimed prophetic gifts when I will examine and challenge as I think appropriate.  
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if the prophecy is man inspired then our Lord will have exposed us as liars. if the prophecy is God inspired what shall you do then? i pray we will be able to celebrate our Lord's work together bro

Quote:  
-----You judge me of being mean-spirited. God knows my heart. Neither do I have any 'quest to whack him. Neither do I have 'contempt' for you, nor have I ever had contempt for you. I think you are given to flights of imagination that have lured you into the fantasies of Enoch and into thinking that your imaginings are prophetic.  
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well bro if i may be honest i do kinda feel like a punching bag :knockedout: anyhow as far as i am concerned the issue of whether i'm an apostle and prophet is not one that's in question for me. it seems like it's settled as far as your concern ed too bro Ron. all i know is what i heard our Lord say to me. i have no witnesses, kinda like when Paul was on the Damascus road, everyone saw the light, but only he was blinded and heard the voice so none of those men could vouch for

what he was saying. my brother James can bear witness though i doubt you'd value that. perhaps if we were in fellowship it might be different? if i remember right (forgive me if i'm wrong bro) but you said you were a teacher of the word. i take you at your word. i wasn't there when you got your call, i probably wasn't even born yet but i have no reason to believe you would lie about that. i've no reason to lie about this either. what have i to gain? being bashed about and scorned and mistreated? i'm familiar with the life of Paul and of the prophets and if you think that all this is from some fleshly desire for acclaim, you got me all twisted. i'm no masochist or anything weird like that bro. those people went through all kinds of grief, being beaten, scorned, imprisoned, going hungry, naked, without sleep, their lives in constant peril from some guy who wanted to bump them off coz they were raining on their parade...in the end most of them were martyred. there may be some people out there who are into feeling pain like that but bro, i'm not one of them. no sir, my flesh will have NO part of that stuff no way...

when our Lord first told me at the beginning of all this that the only way out was martyrdom i told Him "Lord, that idea stinks, i'm not having that." He didn't respond, but in time as He dealt with me, i saw more and more that it wasn't about me and my strength but that His own grace would be sufficient for all the things which He requires of me and also to endure martyrdom. After that settled in, it was cake. if i was running on some sort of fleshly desire, i'd have jumped ship at the mention of martyrdom in fact, i'd not even have entertained the thought of serving God in any capacity much less these 2. this is no attempt to usurp any sort of authority which is not mine or anything vain like that, Christ said that whoever wishes to be greatest among you should become the least and serve everyone else. do you think my flesh would want such a thing? my flesh wants my respect and reward right now, not later...this ain't about that though. it's also not about convincing anyone, unless God himself moves to reveal anything of this to anyone, nothing i say will matter.

the only reason i am where i am is because of our Lord's grace. He's no respecter of persons and whatever anguish and grief i've endured thus far in this walk is because of His own love at work in me coz i'll be real with you, my own fleshly love just wouldn't cut it. i felt led to share this so you know where i'm coming from and that i'm not ashamed or afraid of these heavy mantles or the gospel which our Lord has called me to preach, but like Paul have all confidence in His grace because like that old song goes "twas grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home"

bro Ron i have kin in london that i'll be visiting at some point, i hope we could fellowship some while i'm over there.

love you and God bless you bro

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/7/25 19:38**

Quote:  
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Jesus' word to the church at Ephesus Quote: &#8220;thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:&#8221; (Rev 2:2 KJVS)  
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I was thinking it would have been nice to know in what way they "tried" the false apostles. For example, IronMan has claimed a "Damascus Road" experience, a miraculous calling. How would the Ephesians have gone about testing IronMan? Would it have been through those who were known to have the gift of discerning spirits? Would it be by what they knew to be the works of an apostle (i.e. miracles, discernment, etc...)? Just wondering out loud.

Another thought here, did the early church believe in any successors to the original twelve apostles and Paul?

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/25 20:21**

bro blake

Quote:  
-----Moses in his heart knew the Lord would use him to save Egypt. In his younger years, he killed an Egyptian guard in an attempt to save his Hebrew brothers and sisters. While Moses was not wrong, his timing was wrong.  
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i'm unsure that moses knew all along that God would use him but i know he was wrong for killing that egyptian. however even though he was wrong, all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose and moses was such a one.

ultimately though, such claims will have to be judged however, not by our own perception/view but by God Himself for us because it is He who calls and appoints men to positions of His choosing. Paul made no bones about his apostleship and he always said who called him to it. God called him and he was of the attitude (i think anyway) God said it and i believe it and will act accordingly. ultimately we of ourselves can't judge who is what unless our Lord does it for us and reveals it to us. anything short of that is presumption.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/25 20:57**

bro Ron (inthelight)

i'm not claiming a miraculous calling in the sense of what happened to paul, i didn't see a light etc. however i feel there is a likeness in that there were no witnesses, it was just a meeting between paul and God which no one had the inside scoop on, just like when our Lord called me to this office it was me and Him so He's the only one who can vouch for me as a present witness. my brother james can testify to this since we fellowshiped together before our Lord called him to go back to zimbabwe and work for Him there. in that regard our Lord has been most gracious in giving him victory after victory.

i'm sure most people thought that paul had really gone off the deep end. one moment he was breathing murderous threats against Christians then next he was blind for 3 days and converted! if i were there then i'd think he was looney too! :-P

with paul though, he performed miracles, prophesied, spoke in tongues but i think more than anything he just went through a lot for the sake of the gospel. he was whipped, stoned, imprisoned and so on for the cause of Christ. at present i'm not dealing with any of that, but that will change as our Lord has shown me many times. i suppose though the judging of miracles and such will be a hard thing because we tend to (at least this is what i've observed) to think of supernatural things "what if it's the devil?" or "it's probably the devil" as if our Lord can't do anything mighty. i guess it's easier to think along those lines, but brethren like bro rahman said "what if it's God?" i can see the early church struggling with miracles a bit since it was not a common thing, or that even when Christ performed them they still had a hard time, but we have those testimonies and so many other thought history to look at :-( i guess i feel God doing miracles shouldn't be such a hard thing to grasp?

i guess as far as the trying goes, it would require discernment and also observation of conduct perhaps?

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/25 20:58**

bro mike

Quote:  
-----Just a point of clarification here... was speaking of myself.  
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oh ok i see, sorry about the mixup. :-)

Quote:  
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crsschk wrote:

**Re: Prophetic Utterance - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/26 0:28**

Compelled to speak again to this matter and pray to strip back the layers of it's falsities and derisions.

Let me go all the way foolish and invite an examination of where I am finding this not on a level of motivation of the one thinking themselves prophetic, whose interests and intents may be convinced, but where the content and words spoken in The Name of The Lord betray them.

IF one is so utterly assured that they are a Prophet then why pray tell is there so much defending? Would it not seem that NO ONE would dissuade you, not those outside nor even your closet Brethren, is it your detractors or more so your defenders that should be eyed with suspicion, who with a ready acknowledgment of agreement are lending support without question.

The whole problem with this matter of defending is that it cast's doubt instantly upon "your word". If the thing is true, state it and leave it, why would it need any defending? The "Lord" has spoken as it goes, since when has that which He has ever uttered prophetically ever not come to pass?

More so, where is the "out" in these prophetic utterances? *"Unless you .... repent ... turn back, etc."*

There is every good reason to suspect that the vast majority of those thinking themselves to be prophets are not and that they have not considered the weight of speaking in God's stead with all the seriousness that is required. Again, if this finds trouble with the 'prophet' he ought to have serious doubt's whether or not that which his imagination is telling him, the mixed bag of the natural proclivities and the still undeveloped spiritual disposition is being wrought through him or her has any true ... truth to it. Could it not be that the wires are crossed?

Do you *want* to be a 'prophet'? Honestly? Seriously? We have heard that there is this compelling, that it is 'known' and that one could beg off of it if that were possible. If that were so, the 'want' would be a burden and a burning and to over emphasize this again, it wouldn't make a hill of beans difference what anyone has to say. The thing is either true or it is false. It is well time to strip off the false clothing on this matter and bring it to exposure in the light.

What is the bottom line of communicating God's truth whether by teaching, preaching or even prophecy? Is it not to express His understanding to our understanding? And where is this understanding attributed to that which is vague? Mysterious enough as it often is, contrary to the ways of the world and to mere mens thoughts including even the best of saints at times this matter of prophetic utterance cannot be in the realm of possibilities. Anyone can look at the times and guess at what is possible or even likely, that is not prophetic.

Why is it there is no accounting for all the vast, spurious things stated as *Ipso facto* that have not come to pass, the 'prophet' has not been held accountable to the requirement of pure honesty and when stripped of his mantle still yet clings to his 'title' deed? Where is the weeping and repentance for things uttered in God's Name that ...

Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

No, they just go on and on, puffed up in their vain imaginations, twist their vague prophecies into another version, cast it off to some unknown safe distance far out into the future and think they have washed their hands of the whole matter.

There can be a level of pride that is unexposed in this clamoring for attention like it or not that eeks out in these matters. To be 'known' as a 'prophet,' *seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not.*

There is far too much credence given in this judicial equivalent of 'innocent until proven guilty' mindset that is not scriptural. I would expect the backslidden to revolt and heap abuse on the prophet who is speaking the very Truth, the very utterances of God through human lips. I would expect the 'heathen' (who are more often more honest than the saints) to rebel against such a 'word' whatever it may be. I would not expect the indwelt believer to have anything but a spiritual acknowledgment to the truth in matters of specific prophecy and believe this is much closer to the sentiment of;

1Co 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Someone more knowledgeable expresses it this way;



**1Co 14:32 - And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.** Meaning either that the doctrines which the prophets deliver, the explanations they give of passages of Scriptures, the revelations they declare, are subject to the examination, judgment, and censure of other prophets; who have a right to try and judge them, either according to a more clear revelation they may have, or rather according to the sure word of prophecy, the Scriptures of truth; and indeed they are subject to the trial and judgment of the whole church, and therefore ought not to be stiff in their own sentiments, and obstinately persist in them, but cheerfully and readily submit them to be examined, and approved or disapproved by others; and particularly when one that sits by signifies he has something revealed to him, which will better explain, or give further light into what the speaker is upon, he ought to submit and give way to him; and thereby truth may be made manifest and established, instruction, edification, and comfort promoted, and peace and order preserved: or else the sense is, that the spiritual gifts of the prophets, and the inspirations and instincts by which they are acted, and the affections which are excited in them, are subject to themselves, so that they can use, or not use those gifts; though they have the word of the Lord they can forbear speaking, as Jeremy did, for a while, and as the case of Jonah shows; or they can refrain themselves and be silent, and wait till they have proper opportunity of speaking, being not like the prophets of false gods, who are acted by an evil spirit, and observe no order or decorum, but with a sort of fury and madness deliver involuntarily what is suggested to them: but such is not the case of true prophets that are influenced and directed by the Spirit of God, who will give way to one another; one will be silent while the other speaks, and by turns prophesy one after another; and where there is not such a subjection, it is a sign that the Spirit of God is not in them, for the reason that follows.

**1Co 14:33 - For God is not the author of confusion,....** Or disorder, or "tumult", as the Syriac renders it; wherefore he does not inspire and excite his prophets to deliver themselves in a disorderly and tumultuous manner, so as to break in one upon another; but when one speaks, the other is silent, or when one has anything revealed to him, and he signifies it in a proper manner, the other stops and gives way to him, and when he has done another succeeds, and so the rest in order, till the whole opportunity is filled up in an orderly and edifying manner; and whatever is contrary to, or breaks in upon such a method, God is not the author of: for he is the author

**of peace**, harmony, unity, and concord among his prophets and teachers, and so of order, for the former cannot be without the latter; where there is no order in the ministry, there can be no peace among the ministers, nor comfort in the churches; but God is the God of peace, he calls for, requires, disposes, and approves of peace and order among all his people:

**as in all churches of the saints.** The Vulgate Latin reads, "as I teach in all", &c. and so read some copies, and may refer to all that is said before; and the sense be, that all the rules he had prescribed concerning speaking with tongues, and prophesying, were not new ones, but such as he had directed to be observed in all churches he was concerned with, and which consisted of holy and good men; or God is the author, not of confusion, but of peace in all the churches; he orders and disposes peace among them, and they attend to it: peace and order, and not confusion and tumult, prevail in all churches that deserve to be called churches of the saints, and therefore were in this to be imitated by the church at Corinth.

John Gill

This whole idea has all kinds of tentacles attached to it that shouldn't be there. Who is a prophet in our most recent history?

Tozer was a 'prophet' and his futuristic casting was not in vague generalities but in what was seen coming into the church in declension amongst other things. (Strange how that is much closer to taking note of both the times and having some spiritual understanding as well)

William Booth who saw ...

*On the eve of the 20th Century when Christendom was caught up in euphoria about how the Church would soon take the world for Christ, Booth predicted that the Gospel would not fare well in the new century. Specifically, he prophesied that by the end of the 20th Century, much of the Church would be preaching:*

*Christianity without Christ*

*Forgiveness without repentance*

*Salvation without regeneration*

*Heaven without Hell*

There are many more examples of prophetic truth uttered quite differently than the comparable crystal ball method so prevalent in this day.

I am neither prophet nor preacher but let my foolishness be known but these '*prophetic utterances*' that I will neither defend nor be dissuaded by anyone.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

This not by attrition but known, practical fact.

Rom 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Oh, I know the answer and the conclusion but that changes nothing as far as the truth of Jer 17:9

I could go on endlessly but it seems to me the need for this hour is more plain truth, more examination to the scruple that the Holy Spirit demands of us all in the purity of honesty, of acknowledging our sins and repenting to Him alone Who we have to deal with.

To the prophet who thinks himself so. Examine thyself, judge yourself and allow those more spiritual than yourself whoever they may be to exhort you to a certainty of what so easily can pass through the lips in the Name of the Lord. If you have nothing to worry about, prove it by your silence, make your statement and disappear into the sunset, if it is the Lords doing it will come to pass, if not you have every reason to doubt and question just what spirit, what misunderstanding crossed up in the wires of your mind is telling you.

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Wrote this all out this morning and wish to share a bit more honesty here. Figured I would leave it as it was written to allow some more humility to sink in. This is all generally speaking and just what was on my heart about this matter, that it tends to get the dander up a bit is interesting even though from being caught up in it's various forms in times past lends so much of the ... ire to it I am sure. The rest is just from observation and concern both to the hearers and the speakers, it is difficult to stay silent or be particularly 'nice' about it. It just seems to me the seriousness is lost in this day and that an ease of both these types of utterings and the brush off regard towards addressing it equally troubling.

But on to my own humility. That I felt this was so important this morning I was rushing to get it out here and was chastised by my wife, "I thought you were going in early?" Well, not only did I inwardly react in a half thought of ... never mind, it wasn't exactly pleasant, it didn't take too long to recognize that she was absolutely right and I had no argument, it was the truth and I didn't necessarily want to hear it at first. I later thanked her for nailing me on it. The whole point is that there is much work to be done, much heart piercing acknowledgment that there is still much that ganders attention and that needs repudiating. Still a level of pride that thinks it always has something important to say. Who am I to say anyway? Perhaps it so, perhaps this matter is as important as I think it warrants, perhaps the latter part of all this, is all that I am attempting to convey in this realm of prophetic utterance ... Is this really the Lord or is He really after something entirely different than we think?

And do we want to hear *that*?

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/26 2:49

Ever heard the story of the four blind men who tried to describe an elephant?

Most of you probably have, and I don't remember the story word for word, but I can still get the point across.

The idea is that four blind men were each holding a different part of the elephant and described the elephant based on the part that they were holding. And they squabbled and disagreed, but each was right based on what they were holding, but none of them saw the whole picture.

I just thought I'd bring it up because that's what y'all remind me of. Each of your points may be correct, but to assume that it is the whole picture would be wrong.

:-) Daghan gugma (much love)
Keith

Re: - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/26 10:51

InTheLight wrote;

"I was thinking it would have been nice to know in what way they "tried" the false apostles."

Now that's a very good question!

Re: And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/26 10:51

Bro Mike you wrote;

"If one is so utterly assured that they are a Prophet then why pray tell is there so much defending? Would it not seem that NO ONE would dissuade you, not those outside nor even your closet Brethren, is it your detractors or more so your defenders that should be eyed with suspicion, who with a ready acknowledgment of agreement are lending support without question."

The whole problem with this matter of defending is that it casts doubt instantly upon "your word". If the thing is true, state it and leave it, why would it need any defending? The "Lord" has spoken as it goes, since when has that which He has ever uttered prophetically ever not come to pass?"

I'm posting to you here bro Mike not in defence of whether I am a "you know what" or not, but in attempts to perhaps shed some light on why the defending in the first place ... I totally agree with you on the no need to defend, and if only any of us could but come into all that happens to us in this faith after our becoming Christ's with such instant assuredness and maturity not to react, or be as near perfect as we can be in our calling ... But when in spiritual immaturity we've not yet learned how to in Christ "hold our peace" and over-ride our humanity, our flesh, for as humans saved and unsaved alike we crave acceptance and inclusion from our fellows ... Defending is of course a "natural effect" which should have no place in a "supernatural cause" as with Jesus when He didn't reply to Pilate, but scripture shows us that many men of God, like men as ourselves, reacted immaturily to both the initial call of God and the subsequent negative reactions it caused throughout their lives up till the point where God brought them to some maturity ... I think of Moses and how even though he had walked and talked with God for such a long time in the end he forgot for a split second his spiritual maturity and reacted to the people in anger and struck the rock, and look what it cost him ... That's why I believe our Lord is impressing on me so strongly my need to look out on and filter everything that comes my way through His love so that I won't continue to react immaturily, but as He would have me react ...

So in this matter of defending I want to re-post what our Lord said to me during the first Prophetic Credentials squabble:

Quote;

"In a much wearied talking with our Lord last night about so much of which is contained in the civil but contentious contents of this very thread ... eventually I heard Him clearly say to me ... "Just be" ...

To all my fellow saints out there who believe themselves "called" by God to the ministry that men will not allow us to even define ourselves by without it being turned upon us as a negative ... Stop discussing ... stop defining ... stop defending ... and "Just be" ... In Jesus blessed name ... Amen ..."

i know that bro Ironman, like any of us, has to do whatever he believes led of our Lord to do, and so now we have Prophetic Credentials II ... But as for me, tho it's taken such a long time, He has brought me to a better place of maturity where the stings of rejection are no where near as painful as they once were ... In fact in regards to being accepted or believed regarding this subject i can now better understand Dr. King's Mountaintop speech, particularly the part where he said "it doesn't matter to me now" ... i wish to God being accepted and believed never did matter to me - but it did, but as Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." ... In this matter i am no longer a child and i bless God for His longsuffering on my behalf ... But i'll tell you what does matter to me now, and that's the love we're supposed to show to one another ... This too is something that i believe our Lord has laid upon my heart to "just be" in because as with the other thing i seem burdened with for so long it's not something i would chose for myself - for until our Lord brings us to His maturity in becoming His love to other s it also hurts ...

Bro Mike you also wrote;

"There is every good reason to suspect that the vast majority of those thinking themselves to be prophets are not and that they have not considered the weight of speaking in God's stead with all the seriousness that is required. Again, if this finds trouble with the 'prophet' he ought to have serious doubt's whether or not that which his imagination is telling him, the mixed bag of the natural proclivities and the still undeveloped spiritual disposition is being wrought through him or her has any true ... truth to it. Could it not be that the wires are crossed?"

Wires crossed? ... Could it be my imagination? ... This is something that i've wrestled with off and on over the past two decades ... i call it "is it live (God) - or is it memorex (me, or worse yet the devil) ... i've also said to folk that "i'm either in divine inclusion, or strong satanic delusion", and that "if all this is my imagination, then i'm in need of serious psychiatric help" ... God and time will reveal, but as i said prior a real peace has come over me because i've made a decision to "one way" believe that what i believe He's said to me will come to pass ... i no longer care (and without any animosity praise God!) whether i'm accepted or what i proclaim about REVIVAL is believed ... i believe it, and in our one on one encounter i also have come to believe really that's all that matters to God ...

Have a blessed day bro Mike!

Re: Prophetic Credentials II - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/26 10:54

Worldview wrote;

"Each of your points may be correct, but to assume that it is the whole picture would be wrong."

Amen ... That's why the following verses in 1Cor.13 are so important to me ... For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known ... It's why the scripture that tells us we need every member of the Body is important ... It's also why this SI Forum is so important too in that so many believers come together with our different whatevers and they're rubbed up against one another sometimes rather painfully, and at other times more soothing like being polished, but no matter what i believe thru this all God is making us grow and glow as He will have us ...

Bless Christ Jesus for the opportunity of SI's sermons and Forum, for without it i can't imagine how or what Holy Spirit could have used as it's equivalent to move me from where i was when i was first led here to where He's grown (matured) me to now ... Thank You Jesus!!!

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/26 13:05

InTheLight's

Quote:

-----Another thought here, did the early church believe in any successors to the original twelve apostles and Paul?

I doubt that any current self-styled apostles and prophets actually see themselves as 'successors' to the 12 and Paul.

There were other apostles in NT times who were not 'foundational'. "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

(Rev 21:14 KJVS) Foundations do not really have 'successors'. It does seem that Matthias was a 'replacement' apostle but there was no replacement for 'James' in Acts 12:2.

Barnabas, for example, was recognised as an apostle... "Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,"

(Acts 14:14 KJVS) Later Titus is referred to as an apostle "whether about Titus my partner and towards you fellow-worker, whether our brethren, apostles of assemblies glory of Christ;"

(2Cor 8:23 YNG) as is Epaphroditus in Phil 2:25.

Apostles it seems is a wider term than evangelicals have usually perceived it to be.

There is an interesting comment from Paul... "If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord."

(1Cor 9:2 KJVS) This might be a clue as to how we recognise contemporary apostles. The establishing of the church in Corinth, from scratch, identified Paul as the 'apostle' to that church. The same kind of pattern would fit Epaphroditus and the church at Colossae.

The problem we have is with the language of "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:"

(Rom 11:13 KJVS) which is now embedded into the evangelical mind and which is a serious mistranslation. The latter half of the statement should read "I glorify my service". It is this confusion of service and office which is very much the legacy of King James and his Bible!

Paul's letter to the church that he had 'apostled' in also significant in another passage... "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing. Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

(2Cor 12:10-12 KJVS) Here we have a list of apostolic characteristics...

1. infirmities,
2. reproaches,
3. necessities,
4. persecutions,
5. distresses for Christ's sake
6. patient endurance
7. signs
8. wonders
9. mighty deeds

as they used to say 'only dead men need apply'.

Re: - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/7/26 14:04

philologos you said--

Here we have a list of apostolic characteristics...

- 1.infirmities,
- 2.reproaches,
- 3.necessities,
- 4.persecutions,
- 5.distresses for Christ's sake
- 6.patient endurance
- 7.signs
- 8.wonders
- 9.mighty deeds

as they used to say 'only dead men need apply'

Wouldn't some of these characteristic you listed

apply to Christians in China, North Korea, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, or in other countries where there is no religious freedom ? Our brothers and sisters are suffering daily. I've heard reports of miracles in those countries.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/26 17:47

Quote:
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Yes they would but characteristics are not the same as qualifications. However I would expect a genuine apostle to have witnessed God at work in these areas.

I am not trying to set up a 'qualification' for apostles only to say this is the kind of people apostles are.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/26 23:03

bro mike

i'm not coming out in my own defense but i feel led of God to share this testimony and like i said noone can convince me otherwise of what i know our Lord told me. i will say though that if one of us messes around and speaks a word from our Lord, it's not likely that they will go unchallenged. bro Rahman said that for him this stage is past and it seems for me that i've yet to finish this coming out stage.

you said:

Quote:
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i don't think that it even has to go to the stage where one defends himself for there to be doubt on the word. that seems to me like it's a given...

Quote:
-----More so, where is the "out" in these prophetic utterances? "Unless you repent ... turn back, etc."

at this stage there is no averting judgement. we're past the proactive repentance stage so it's going to be repentance in reaction to the judgment. of course if we repent we will not be subject to God's wrath but how many are willing to repent? how many would repent even knowing that would avert judgement? it doesn't seem like many to me bro. remember what happened with that word our Lord had me deliver to us all on S.I. that we need to repent? that didn't go over too well but the fact is none of us here can say we don't need to repent any more and if we are to preach such a word to the world, it can have no life unless we are living it for all to see.

Quote:
-----There is far too much credence given in this judicial equivalent of 'innocent until proven guilty' mindset that is not scriptural. I would expect the backslidden to revolt and heap abuse on the prophet who is speaking the very Truth, the very utterances of God through human lips. I would expect the 'heathen' (who are more often more honest than the saints) to rebel against such a 'word' whatever it may be. I would not expect the indwelt believer to have anything but a spiritual acknowledgment to the truth in matters of specific prophecy and believe this is much closer to the sentiment of;

bro indeed you would expect this type of reaction from the heathen and backslidden. however when the prophets were sent to the jews they rejected them for the most part and then when Christ came He too was rejected, i'd have expected Him to be embraced by His people. it seems to me the prophet is sent to the Church, i don't know of God sending prophets in o.t. times to anyone else aside from the Jews (except jonah to nineveh) to call them to repentance. as the word says, judgement begins in the house of God so we ought to be the first ones to get the message to repent because if we don't and we're meant to be the example, how then can the world come to repentance? if we think we don't need to repent or are somehow exempt from judgment will we not just sit on our butts?

Quote:
-----To the prophet who thinks himself so. Examine thyself, judge yourself and allow those more spiritual than yourself whoever they may be to exhort you to a certainty of what so easily can pass through the lips in the Name of the Lord. If you have nothing to worry about, prove it by your silence, make your statement and disappear into the sunset, if it is the Lords doing it will come to pass, if not you have every reason to doubt and question just what spirit, what misunderstanding crossed up in the wires of your mind is telling you

that's something crucial bro...

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/26 23:27

bro mike

Quote:
-----There is every good reason to suspect that the vast majority of those thinking themselves to be prophets are not and that they have not considered the weight of speaking in God's stead with all the seriousness that is required. Again, if this finds trouble with the 'prophet' he ought to have serious doubts whether or not that which his imagination is telling him, the mixed bag of the natural proclivities and the still undeveloped spiritual disposition is being wrought through him or her has any true ... truth to it. Could it not be that the wires are crossed?

bro i agree that a lot of people running around saying they are prophets are not. ever since our Lord called me to this, i've wrestled with "is this for real or am i really really trippin?" if i am, brethren i need every prayer i can get coz i's way out to sea...but i've agonized over it, sought our Lord over it and believe it to be true. being doubleminded is really draining... :-?

i'm sure in short order our Lord will have me share some things concerning future judgement. thus far i have no definite dates from Him but a general time frame with some things set to happen by the end of the year and the economic collapse set to happen (according to Him) some time next year which could be Jan 1 all the way to december 31 at 11:59.59 i suppose. outside of these, i've no further dates. however as events unfold i hear more and more our Lord telling me how fit into the plan.

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/27 2:18

You know I think where some, if not many contemporary prophets go wrong, is that they are so used to having the Lord speak through them that they begin to assume that everything they have to say is of God.

I submit that as food for thought.

What I want to see are more Samuel prophets. The Lord let none of his words fail. That is probably because he only spoke what he knew was the word of the Lord.

I want to see more Elisha's too. When the Shunammite woman came to him on behalf of her dead son he said, "...the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." He was in such communication with God then when something happened that he did not know about, it was because God hid it from him.

Actually I don't want to just see it, I want it in myself.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/27 4:11

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So your reputation as a prophet is dependent upon an economic collapse which will have happened by the end of 2007?

What will you say if it doesn't happen?

It brings to mind the bold statement of Micaiah "And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you." (1 Kings 22:28 KJVS) Micaiah risked his whole 'prophetic career' on a single prediction. Are you doing the same?

philologos - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/7/27 9:05

I was not asking to be antagonistic, just curious.

Re: Considering... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/27 10:12

Hi IRONMAN,

Quote:
-----however when the prophets were sent to the Jews they rejected them for the most part and then when Christ came He too was rejected, I'd have expected Him to be embraced by His people.

Ah, but does that really square here? We are not dealing with those who have rejected Him.

Brother, what I had alluded to much earlier on is showing in fissures and considerations that are noteworthy. I do not think even Ron's questions are of a condemning sort that might be supposed but are borne out of a concern, sharp, pointed perhaps and this last one is quite demanding ... Made somewhat of a similar expression in the other thread on WW-III.

Again, a lot of this is in generalities and in putting all things to the test. Had stated there the challenge to come back a year from now and see where we are, not a veiled accusation, just a test.

Somewhere awhile back saved a 'prophecy' from some leader of a prayer movement that had some renown. It contained specific items that were to take place that year. Returning to it past the anniversary there was nothing of substance whatsoever, none of it took place. Going further, checked back to the site where it stemmed from. No retraction. No comment. Completely forgotten about ... A hunch is that the next batch is already in place...

The whole bottom line here is just the concern for the ease and often carelessness that springs forth these verbal ejaculations. Just as well those who's heart's are right doesn't make the demands of these things any less ...demanding nor given any slack because of that.

Well understand the torment of being double-minded brother, a plague that could be wished upon no one. At some point and far from fully having attained it entirely there was a inward recapitulating of;

Jam 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

That settledness inwardly even if and when it is 'disturbing' if that makes sense. It defies the want of explanation or defending, well pleased to leave well enough alone, is not shaken nor overly concerned that whatever it may be, 'prophecy', exhortation, even embarrassment and that grand foolishness ... humility ... is attributed to it by even the closet of Brethren. It is far from pride or being offended and much, much closer to this broken record that keeps coming forth...

Thou Knowest

Just glad to see the fissures of consideration IRONMAN, not to anyone of us specifically but just as fellow indwelt believers watching out for each other and for those perusing through here.

Remember, Ron has stated in the past, "Don't believe a thing I have to say if it doesn't square with scripture." (Paraphrased). I would echo the same.

Re: philogogos - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/27 11:19

Quote:

-----I was not asking to be antagonistic, just curious.

I had not interpreted the question in any other way. ;-)

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/27 12:55

bro Worldview

Quote:

-----You know I think where some, if not many contemporary prophets go wrong, is that they are so used to having the Lord speak through them that they begin to assume that everything they have to say is of God.

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Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/7/27 13:04

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ah this is something key here to consider.

And if I might also ask, how does a believer grow or confess fault who has assumed the office of a Prophet? The *pressure* to always be justifying every action would be tremendous. Can a Prophet be teachable? Can one who has assumed t

he role of the Oracle of God receive correction? Has anyone ever heard of a Prophet saying they made a mistake? Not even the Apostle Peter was beyond error and above correction. It seems to me to be a bad place to be found to not be able to admit error.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/27 13:26

bro mike

Quote:

-----Ah, but does that really square here? We are not dealing with those who have rejected Him.

you have a point bro, however i guess i'm saying that those to whom the message was sent seemed the most likely candidates to hear the word and repent but they didn't. i think of the ninevites who did repent (albeit for a time) but the jews never did though, you'd have thought it would have been the other way around. i know you have not rejected Him however is it possible that perhaps we cut ourselves too much slack? jus something to consider.i was thinking of when our Lord had me give that message that we ought to repent and you asked why i wasn't out there saying this to anyone else like creffo dollar because most here didn't need that message (or something to that effect)do we let ourselves off the hook?

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well perhaps being the receiving end of such questions i may be more prone to seeing it all as a condemnation. ever since that incident about the angels, (wherein bro Ron said something to the effect that i worshipped them or was overly fascinated by them)all i can say is this isn't true and if we were to be in physical fellowship this would be plain. bro Ron has believed me to be as being deceived so i kinda feel (and if i'm wrong bro Ron forgive me) that the rejection stems from that. nonetheless i hope though bro Ron that you're praying as hard for me as you think me deceived lest i go further out to sea. i hope that the concern which would have you come out and ask such is enough to cause you to intercede mightily to help a brother out.

i do remember though from the call to repentance quite a few quickly said i wasn't a prophet. what i felt led of our Lord to say then seemed like a flippanant use of "thus sayeth the Lord" i'm know, but could one not say the same about the immediate response?

i praise God though that we've gone through about 4 pages and not had the thread locked. we've grown since by His grace.

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and such makes it hard for true prophets since after such events most people then write everyone off so the word is not likely to be received even among the saved which is what i was getting to earlier that you'd expect His bride to hear the word but this is not always the case.

i've heard it said that paul's thorn in his flesh was a physical ailment. then someone on these boards said it was likely a rejection of the revelations he was given which made him a bit unsure of what he had heard. i say this in reference to the

double-mindedness i had been wrestling with for so long. i've resolved to believe all this is from our Lord (that seems even harder than being double-minded somehow at times)

learning a lot

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/27 13:46

bro Ron

Quote:

-----So your reputation as a prophet is dependent upon an economic collapse which will have happened by the end of 2007?

ultimately God will have final say and our opinions will be of no consequence. i sought our Lord on that very question you asked before posting. He asked if i had confidence enough in what i'd heard from Him to do so. Since i fully believe i heard from our Lord i will say yes. so like micahiah i'm risking it all on this. the economy of this nation will collapse sometime next year. i have no exact date or anything further concerning that event except i'm to announce it 3 days before it happens. i have no clue how this is to happen but our Lord said that men would think me beyond looney (i guess He'll make me a spectacle) but after it happens i'll be hated of men.

if i am wrong brother Ron and all, i'll confess it then proceed to sit down and shut up. bro i've agonized over this because, if i'm deceived and deceive no one else then that's my butt on the line, however if it involves other people, i don't want blood on my hands because of my foolishness. i've spent a bunch of time thinking "man i must be in serious need of help coz this is crazy" i would hope also that you my brethren would lift me up in prayer as i for sure would be in dire need of it rather than only kick me when i've made myself fall.

if i'm right though bro Ron what will you say? i don't think that it would really make much difference since there will be questions raised at every turn though as to the validity of my calling to this and i think this to be true of anyone else called to be a prophet. unless God Himself moves to make it make a difference, nothing will change.

if i asked this and someone answered then forgive me. how come we don't debate or go through the same when someone says i'm an evangelist/teacher/preacher? should we not also do the same regarding these callings also? just curious.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/27 14:00

Quote:

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Nathan?

Â“And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee. And it came to pass that night, that at the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?Â”
(2Sam 7:3-5 KJVS)

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/27 14:06

Quote:

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Let's make a date to meet here on 1st January 2008 (if the internet is still running) and see how it all stands.

It won't be the first time I've been wrong.

a day of reckoning - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/27 14:19

bro Ron

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wow, there's no turning back now is there? i believe firmly that i heard from our Lord and He has given me just enough reason to believe. now we're about to see if this is for real or if i'm really deluded.

Lord have your way. AMEN.

Re: a day of reckoning - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/7/27 14:25

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Thanks for that example Ron. Looks like to me that if it were good for Nathan it ought to be good for the rest.

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wow, there's no turning back now is there? i believe firmly that i heard from our Lord and He has given me just enough reason to believe. now we're about to see if this is for real or if i'm really deluded.

Speaking on behalf of the LORD is always a serious matter. I sense reluctance in this underlined statement. Are you sure you wish to do this?

Economic downfall.... - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/7/27 14:31

I'm not wanting to get in the middle of this, but I would like to say that I have heard several people say that God has shown them that the economy will be failing soon....I've also heard the year 2008 mentioned.

Guess we shall wait and see, but it wouldn't hurt to make sure we have all our ducks in a row either.

btw, the people I am talking about, aren't on TV or Radio...

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/27 15:14

bro Robert

oh no there is no reluctance on my part, just a realization of the gravity of it all. i get to see if this is for real or if i'm off my rocker. i have no doubt that i heard from our Lord though.

Re: - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/27 18:56

WorldView you wrote;

"You know I think where some, if not many contemporary prophets go wrong, is that they are so used to having the Lord speak through them that they begin to assume that everything they have to say is of God."

Bro Keith i'm posting here not in defense of anything but just out of my own painful experience ... i agree with bro Ironman in that if i've chosen this road for myself then i'm in need of serious deliverance, and i've prayed God to do so on many occasions but so far that's not been my case ... But i digress ...

i can't speak for anyone else who believes they're called to the unmentionable calling, but as for me i've never been used to, and am still not used to God either speaking to/thru me, or even showing me things that my peers don't seem to see (even those things as bro Mike said it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see - but somehow we still don't see them) ... To all who are of the opinion that its not God at all whose been talking to me, or that it's my imagination, let it be known that i both acknowledge and respect your right of disbelief, but in order to share my experience i have to be able to tell it as i live it ok?

In my case bro. Keith the voice of God just comes out of the clear blue to me, whenever He wants to, regardless of whether i want to hear or act upon it or not ... When i was a babe in Christ, for a split second i thought that there might be some type of self-gratifying glory to be had from hearing the voice of God but that was quickly dispelled when i began receiving rebuff and rebuke from those i felt unctiomed to proclaim to ... For me if anyone can ever become used to hearing from God then that man is extremely dangerous because the first thing hearing from our Holy God does is really, really reveal to the hearer just how unworthy, and unholy one is ... To be able to bypass this truth surely will make a man prone to self-righteousness, and i believe self-righteousness is the most dangerous thing a saint can succumb to ... Early on it became apparent to me that hearing the voice of God meant pain for me ... First off that His "word" to me to eventually share in regard our deep need for repentance, first had to engulf me in it's fiery hot flames ... We all may walk around here with some idea of just how filthy we are (even after salvation), but bro a saint ain't seen nowhere near the depths of our dirt until our Lord has called you to Himself for what i call an extra-curricular activity ... Just really, really think about being human, and fallible, but in a calling from God "having to be beyond reproach" ... The latter is usually referred to the calling of a preacher/teacher, but it's been my experience thus far that if one claims the calling of the unmentionable calling, being beyond reproach just ain't good enough, one has to be almost perfect (in life, let alone what one says), with instant maturity and no room for on the job training ...

Another thing i've noticed in my own 20 odd year experience thus far is that God (at least in my case) hasn't said a whole lot to me (at least in reference with sharing with those outside of me) in that i could get used to His talking to me ... Holy Spirit speaks in reference to me, my walk, my Christian behavior (conviction) all the time, 24/7, and there was a time when i wasn't even used to this, altho now i'm glad i've surrendered to it ... But when it comes to hearing Him say deliver a word, not even to this day am i used to that (tho i'm not as resistant as i once was) because i know it's gonna stir up something and to be in the middle of a stir-up is not really my ideal ... i'm what people label an introvert, i like peace, harmony, quiet, and having to deal with as few folks as i possibly can, because it's usually when i have to interact with other folks that all the aforementioned things i like are soon fledged ...

i would never have consciously chosen this experience i'm having in Christ, to the contrary i'd rather be more "a normal Christian" like so many of the saints who deem me nuts, misguided and/or self deluded ... i praise God that He had you post what you did because it's made me search myself some more, and i can honestly say that i have no trouble distinguishing my own thoughts from those i believe God imparts to me ... My own thoughts cause me very little grief, pain, cogitation of my spirit, or unctiomed to go forth with a thus saith the Lord ... But when i hear Him in reference to doing so it has caused me in the past the most gut wrenching of reactions because by my natural nature i just don't want to do it ... i become afraid, because i don't like confrontation, especially so after realizing that usually when someone is called to deliver His Word (and most especially as a contemporary unmentionable) you're gonna cause confrontation ... Only the Spirit of

God can drive an introvert out of one's own private (and often times most comfortable) little wilderness into appearing as His extrovert in the vast wasteland of modern day society ...

Blessings bro!

Re: i see we're down to the real nitty-gritty! ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/7/27 19:01

Wow !!!

i see brother Ironman has finally been led of our Lord to cast out into the atmosphere what He's revealed to him regarding the timing of the coming financial upheaval ... i know some don't think what bro Ironman posted to be of our Lord, so be it, but i do and so i'm posting from my own heart ... Bro Ironman and myself have shared in many long and wonderful conversations about our Lord, and the mutual calling that we believe we share ... As i've said to brother Ironman before i'm truly grateful that my belief of calling hasn't spilled over to the one that begins with an "a", as i've caught enough grief from claiming and acting upon the second one from the "a" ...

Anyhow i just want to (in the Spirit of Matt 18:19) publicly touch and agree with bro Ironman in brotherly support of what he's posted ... When brother Ironman first ran past me what he believes he heard our Lord say regarding 2007 my spirit jumped, then when he told me that our Lord had also said that He would reveal to him three days prior the fall day and that he must tell it - i was just amazed ... In all my 20 year + dealings with our Lord in hearing Him say that financial upheaval and REVIVAL was coming not once has He ever personally given me anything as specific as what bro Ironman shared with me, but when he told me in my heart i instantly believed ... Why you may ask? ... Well i've given this much thought and have come to a few conclusions ... Until brother Ironman i'd not had anyone in all my long years of dealing with my believed hearing from our Lord, to discuss such matters in fellowship with ... i truly believe that our Lord brought us together, he a young lion - me an old one ... Me seemingly coming to the end of an assignment, he just starting out ... Both of us overjoyed to find out that we were not alone in what we came to understand by others as our "strangeness" in faith ... It's like our Lord brought bro Ironman into my "faith-walk" just at the time when He knew i was at the point of keeling over and just giving up on a vision i'd carried for so long ... To be perfectly honest i was most amazed at bro Ironman's seemingly fast track in his love and obedience to God as compared to my Jonah type history of running, and thru me our Lord always commends him about it (He and bro James both) ... It's like in both of them our Lord sent me spiritual sons to be more concerned about than being concerned about myself, and i subsequently realized a mutual building up and exhortive process taking place between us ... It soon also became very evident to me that our Lord was dealing with him in ways that He's never dealt with me ... i've never had such vivid visions such as those bro Ironman and James have shared in, and i've never seen or had encounters with angels in the capacity of which they speak ... Many don't believe in such accounts, but i'm of the opinion that just because i may not have this type of experience from God it doesn't mean others don't ... i mean in just the capacity in which God deals with me others shy away in disbelief and i know they're missing something of real potential spiritual benefit, so could i do the same with someone whom i believe our Lord has sent my way because his experience in many ways is far past mine ... My spiritual discernment told me emphatically no, just as sure as it pointed out the heart of brother Ironman for our Lord ... Then there's this final fact that in my relatively long lonely walk with Him in my assignment, when He knew that i was weary, He'd always send me "something" to keep me going on ... In bro Ironman's case i believe at this most recent important juncture in my walk, my waiting room experience, my camping right now just outside my promised land, he sent me "someone", bro Ironman, to convey to me that not only is my wait not much longer, but as near as within the coming year ... This 2007 prophecy of bro Ironman's has nothing to do with my salvation or love for Christ, but has all to do with something that i've been waiting on and praying about for such a long time now ... REVIVAL!!! ... The coming economic collapse as bro Mike allude to doesn't take a rocket scientist to see if one really looks at the economics of it all, but to prophecy a coming FINAL REVIVAL out of it, and for it to come to fruition can only come from our Lord, and so in tangent with bro Ironman's prophecy i believe it our Lord's way of telling me that within this time frame i too will see the onset of His final REVIVAL! ...

Soooooooooooo ... i'm sure many have concluded bro Ironman to have just spiritually put his neck down on a chopping block to eventually have his head removed ... Well i believe our Lord is showing me that this potential chopping block also has another space beside his for my own neck, and so i come believing led of our Lord to hitch my longstanding beliefs to this yoke of bro Ironman's recent one, thereby binding as a twofold cord that if he's proven wrong then so am i ... If such proves the case then our Lord can kill two false prophets with one stone ... i say "false" clearly in that scripture makes no exception in this calling for "the well intended but mistaken anyhow" ... If at such a juncture then i too will do what bro Ironman

man said, "confess it then proceed to sit down and shut up." ...

But ohhhhhh boy, if (in my own heart - when) God and time proves us sound (and not for our sakes) man do i see MINISTRY, MINISTRY & MORE GLORIOUS MINISTRY, TO THE HONOR, PRAISE & GLORY OF THE MOST HIGH, TO THE PERFECTING OF HIS CHURCH VIA REVIVAL & THE BRINGING IN OF HIS SHEAVES ...Via this thread a die has been cast, and one way or the other bro. Ron's proposed meet date of 1/1/08 will present freedom (that is if God doesn't make it plain before then!) ...

Bro Ironman here's praying that Holy Spirit Himself is the first cord intertwined with we two, for with Him is a cord that CAN'T be broken ... Lord Your will be done! ... Amen :beard:

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/28 0:32

my statement was not judging anyone on this thread. Though if the Lord used it to convict anyone, that is totally up to Him.

I embrace the prophetic, while being wary of its pitfalls, being one who operates in it myself. The more I am in the ministry, the more I see the prophetic springing out of me.

Am I a prophet? I don't know. You can call me what you want, even a pile of poop if it makes you feel good. but I'm still going to allow God to flow through me in any way that He desires. My prayer lately has been for humility.

Just today I delivered a prophetic word before our leadership and our entire Bible college. It didn't seem all too significant to me. God just showed me something and prompted me when it was time to get up and deliver it. When it came out of my mouth, it came forth in power, and it had a greater impact that I thought it would. It actually kind of scared me when I saw the results.

After I delivered the message, my leader took the mic and began to cry out to God very passionately and in tears. Then I noticed other people in the room in tears and crying out. I was like, "Ooooh God." My leader was declaring it to be a Word from the Lord and telling everyone to write it down. And it is kind of scary to have people claim words coming from my mouth to be the Word of God, though I have no doubt that they were.

After our meeting, I was kind of trying to avoid people hoping that no one would come up to me saying, "Great word brother." I almost wanted it to be as if everyone just forgot that I got up and said anything. I tend to feel that way after I preach too. I'll preach a message that I know turns out to be a homerun, and after the service I just kind of don't want people to come up to me saying that I did a good job, or congratulating me.

I know that when these things happen, they are not of me but of God, and I almost get a feeling of disgust if someone gives me credit or congratulates me for it. Though encouragement is good, it seems that after these events happen, I already get encouraged by the Holy Spirit and when I hear it from man, it just makes me a little sickened.

Yet I very much enjoy being used by God in these ways. I feel it is what I was created to do and God is using me.

These are just some personal experiences.

Keith

Re: put the prophetic in perspective - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/7/29 9:55

I believe that a discussion about the prophetic office would be incomplete without setting it in the wider picture: ALL the offices/gifts/believers...

Otherwise you have a handicap - a Body with eyes and ears but no hands, feet, heart, brain....

For example, without the shepherding gifts of a pastor in operation (in the Biblical, not the modern sense) the voice of a prophet can become merely a loud and scary gong. And the psyche protects itself from anxiety by simply discarding the information. And hearing "Repent, repent, repent..." means nothing without the rest of the Spirit's workings.

Also:

Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care.

From Chip Brogden:

(<http://www.theschoolofchrist.org/articles/perfecting.html>) The Perfecting of the Saints (a good word for our budding evangelists too)

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

If we wish to evaluate someone who claims to be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, we can apply the same test: is this person centered on Jesus Christ? And when they do whatever it is that they do (preach, teach, prophesy, sing, plant churches, etc.), does it bring people into a deeper, more experiential knowing of Him?

Some may think that kind of test is too severe. Why, if we applied this criteria to every minister and ministry in the world (they say) then we would probably disqualify a majority of workers and works that are doing the Church and mankind a great service. Yes, we probably would. Yet in terms of value to the Kingdom of God, if the work is not Christ-centered and does nothing to bring people into a mature relationship with Him then it has no value to God and is worthless in His sight. If we are not preaching Christ then we are preaching something or someone else; and if we are not bringing people into the depths of Jesus with our life and work then we are either leaving them as they are or leaving them worse than when we found them. We become a distraction and a hindrance to the spiritual growth of others.

Re: In a word ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/7/29 11:43

Thanks Diane, saw this earlier and thought about putting it up ...

IRONMAN, must again say I applaud your laying it all on the line so to speak here. Your last sentiments have stayed with me, indeed I have and will continue to pray. There is no point to 'prove' anything as far as I am concerned, that is to say I harbor no anticipation one way or the other ... I really do not know and that there is a guarded caution of what can be misconstrued in these fallible minds of ours, well can speak of much towards just my own experience ... As it is often stated ... "*Experiences may vary...*"

Still musing on all this and checking and back checking the 'whys' of all this matter, the motivation and 'what is all the bother about?' a word became logged in my thoughts;

Credibility

What is at stake in that word as it pertains to the Lord?

To stop and look out at the vast array of what is going on from the standpoint of how the world views Christianity what does it look like?

To generalize it completely would be an impossibility and dishonest, yet a great deal of us know the casual as well as the flippant, the legalistic with the flakiness, the marketable, manageable, entertainment driven model so prevalent... Just as well, the studied and sincere, the scholar and yet strangely, unbelieving. The persecuted and the servant, the silent ones just doing the Lord's will without fanfare, acknowledgment or recognition.

But what is the predominant picture out there and is there enough of a great concern that the picture is marred? I seem to sense a misguided appropriation that keeps a guarded ideal of "*I don't care what the world thinks*" but it is more often a hidden pride along the lines of...

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Than ...

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

What to do with...?

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Because we bring a conviction before we even open our mouths (not 'we' apart from the Holy Spirit) or because we do open them and it's not really hate but just disinterest, disregard and the appearance that what we have is disingenuous?

What keeps coming to the surface is that there is a nobility and frankness that ought to be evident exuding out of us. We, of all people ought to be the most sincere, honest, truthful 'realists' of any creature moving on this planet. We believe and proclaim that the God of the universe has condescended to live *in* us... Is there any evidence to that fact? Or are we seen as spurious, misguided, imaginary musers of abstract logic and futuristic fantasies?

There is that other word that wants to come in here sideways that I alluded to elsewhere ...

Foolishness

It is not a total jest or false humility that I often categorize myself a 'fool'. It is true! To a point ... A fool who believes. A fool that recognizes just how much folly is still evident in thinking I have a grip on the ways of the Lord only to find that I have missed something, overlooked something, let pride in, rested on some laurels of 'knowledge' that kept me safeguarded ... Even now, in present circumstances, the best way to put it is that just when you think you are getting along quite well with the Lord, beginning to understand certain things all of a sudden you are thrust into a whole different set of circumstances that puts everything you 'thought' to the test. Right now this poor 'fool' is being grinded to a pulp in this other world of working providence. It is such a challenge, so completely different even on the natural plane, but on the spiritual (I am not advocating a split body trait here, they co-exist, just to isolate by examination only) I find myself wondering if I have not become almost two different people and not intentionally ... What I am trying to say is that I almost daily come home and the things I have said, the thoughts that have gone through the day are much repented of, this great divide and disconnect between the prayer closet and the working world. Much more could be said and better explained, it is just a very different and busy atmosphere. If I had to take a stab at the 'why' of it all it certainly seems the Lord is working on the character and that needs a lot of work.

My biggest fear in all of this remains the same. Bringing reproach upon the Name of the Lord. Whether by conduct, character or the classic *"opening one's mouth and removing all doubt"*.

The standard of the 'prophetic' cannot be any different than the standard for all of us as the Lords own. We are dealing in facts and realities, profound ones at that. The ways of the Lord are mysterious but not silliness. The Holy Spirit is not 'odd' or anything like the sad caricature that is often portrayed in so many circles, especially predominantly this modern realm of prophetic utterance, worse in the name-it-claim-it and other unchecked ... I digress. This doesn't necessarily apply to some of the statements made elsewhere here. The 'ease' for a lack of a better word is troubling, the defending and ever ongoing explanation of the 'office' and the 'prophet' that seems to shed less ... credibility rather than more. The concern seems put back on the man rather than on the Lord. That, is what is I guess so troubling.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/29 13:41

sis diane

you bring up a good point and another aspect of all this that i hadn't reckoned with but evidently God Himself had in mind to bring it to the fore via this discussion. this is the unity of the Body and the need for that unity in Spirit because like you said, we need to understand the whole picture in terms of offices and gifts. Which means that those operating in the other gifts ought to come forth and do their part or else the whole thing fails.

for me the main thing is repentance but like you said without everyone else doing their bit, the full effect of what God is trying to achieve is not realized.

Quote:

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this is a terrifying truth we need to reckon with, much of what we pass off as being of benefit to the kingdom isn't pleasing in God's sight. remember 10 shekels and a shirt? OUCH!!!

Lord Help us. AMEN

not duckin' any more... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/7/31 22:56

bro Rahman

Quote:

-----i see brother Ironman has finally been led of our Lord to cast out into the atmosphere what He's revealed to him regarding the timing of the coming financial upheaval ... i know some don't think what bro Ironman posted to be of our Lord, so be it, but i do and so i'm posting from my own heart ... Bro Ironman and myself have shared in many long and wonderful conversation about our Lord, and the mutual calling that we believe we share ... As i've said to brother Ironman before i'm truly grateful that my belief of calling hasn't spilled over to the one that begins with an "a", as i've caught enough grief from claiming and acting upon the second one from the "a" ...

up to this point i'd been content in saying this in passing on many other threads and letting it go under the radar. this way i didn't catch any flak (saving my bacon) and i could feel justified that at least i said something. well upon seeking our Lord on what to say to bro Ron's question, He simply asked if i had confidence that it was Him who told me these things and if so to put my money where my mouth was so to speak. i firmly believe it's of our Lord so i copped to it now it's all on the line. i feel no trepidation or reluctance to do so.

as brother Rahman stated, we believe it to be no accident that our Lord would bring us together at this time on these boards. We have indeed both benefitted much, bro Rahman has been a spiritual father to me in that our Lord has taught me much through His dealings with him over the 25 yrs bro Rahman has known our Lord. i didn't seek our Lord for any of these things but He in fact preordained them for His own glory and purposes. the only reason i can think of is that our Lord delights in using the foolish things to confound the wise, the weak to undo the strong and the base things to confound those of seemingly more importance.

like brother Rahman i see what is coming up ahead as an opportunity for ministry. i look forward to these coming days because the called of God will step forth and rise up while the dross will fall away, unable to take the heat because the hardship which is coming can only be endured by God's grace. this will be a time of purification for His bride and most of all i look forward to the image of Christ being realized more and more in us His Church! i'm excited!

Quote:

-----Soooooooooooo ... i'm sure many have concluded bro Ironman to have just spiritually put his neck down on a chopping block to eventually have his head removed ... Well i believe our Lord is showing me that this potential chopping block also has another space beside his for my own neck, and so i come believing led of our Lord to hitch my longstanding beliefs to this ox of bro Ironman's recent one, thereby binding as a twofold cord that if he's proven wrong then so am i ... If such proves the case then our Lord can kill two false prophets with one stone ... i say "false" clearly in that scripture makes no exception in this calling for "the well intended but mistaken anyhow" ... If at such a juncture then i too will do what bro Ironman said, "confess it then proceed to sit down and shut up." ...

bro Rahman off we go on this ride from which there is no turning back. the truth will soon be revealed to our Lord's glory. AMEN.

Quote:

-----Bro Ironman here's praying that Holy Spirit Himself is the first cord intertwined with we two, for with Him is a cord that CAN'T be broken ... Lord Your will be done! ... Amen

yea and AMEN bro.

Lord your will be done indeed!

Re: not duckin' any more... - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/8/1 4:34

may I ask what the prophecy was? I dont think that I got to read it.

END TIME EVENTS - posted by roadwarrior, on: 2006/8/1 10:56

Here's what will happen, the weather patterns will become increasingly worse and act as a drain on the American economy, the next really big event to be on the west coast, date unknown, but it will make what happened in the south pale in comparison. I do believe that there will be some terrorist attacks in some major cities, DC among them, but I don't believe America will ultimately fold into a foreign controlled state, I do believe Americans will oppress Americans as they seek to gain control over runaway conditions, thus becoming more and more like a police state nation under martial law. I also believe during this time it will be the finest time and greatest moments for the church of Jesus Christ as they go from glory to glory and invent ways to minister to a fallen (lost) mankind, they will move out with the mind of Christ and the power of God in all humility and grace bringing mercy and love to many. And the true gospel will be given shape and form and many will see it and be converted. Regardless, Almighty God will have His Ambassadors in place and they are appointed for just such a time as now.

Re: - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/8/1 14:23

Bro Ironman you wrote;

"bro Rahman off we go on this ride from which there is no turning back. the truth will soon be revealed to our Lord's glory . AMEN."

Aaaaaaaaaa-men, amen and amen! ...

Bro i'm so pumped full of faith and anticipation right now about what's transpired on this thread i haven't been able to contain myself, and have already shared it with a few saints ... In my sharing their bottom line question is always the same, "What if you're wrong and it's not the Lord"? , at which point my now even stronger response is "What if i'm right and it is our Lord"? ... Either way i see nothing but "freedom" coming our way soon and very soon, either further on "in" our calling and these things we believe we hear from our Lord concerning America's soon coming economic downfall by His bringing it to pass within your prophecy's parameters, or "out" of all this completely if He doesn't ... So bro Ironman if we are to be proven wrong then i'll certainly thank God for finally answering my prayer of getting me off this hook (tho i'd still wonder why He took so long), and i'll be thanking Him (as i'm sure you would be too) that He didn't let you continue in error as long as He would have me ...

Bro Ironman you now i fully expect our faith to be vindicated from heaven and to share in one another's reward, but as i've said (in appeasement and in answer of their question) to those who fear for me, "you and i are either soon to crash and burn together in proof of being false, or we're about to soar in our Lord, His work, and in benefit of His Kingdom will be done here on earth, in ways we can't even begin to imagine ... i too have no fear in this thing at this point ... Bottom line (to me) is that everyone is fully expecting us to fall flat on our faces, so if that proves to be the case i can't see where it will have much of an effect except for some to feel sorry for us, and others to say "see i told you they were tripping" ... But man you already know how i feel about this thing in our Lord proving our calling and words brought forth ... i can only imagine the brevity of what such a booster shot of faith will have on all here on SI who have read what we believe, and those whom we personally know and have spoken it, for our Lord to bring to pass in the way prescribed to you what you've prophesied ... i know within myself i've wondered in all kinds of ways how our Lord would bring about the REVIVAL i believe He's told me is coming, and eventually came to tie it together with what our Lord began to show me over 20 years ago regarding America's slide even back then toward serious economic collapse ... Then came you, what i believe is His word to you regarding this subject, and now this! ...

What i'm posting now i've posted before (so it's already been blasted and if it is again i won't be defending), but in light of this new "do or die" thread i want to reiterate what i believe i've heard our Lord say to me "which i will put in quotation marks" ...

1980'S - onward:

- "I will make you a spokesman first to My Church and then to the nations." (Which as i believe He's shown me has already begun in earnest here on SI).
- "When your ministry takes off it will take a multitude with it." (This ministry being what's behind the closed door in front of me in my "waiting room" experience, and in which you bro Ironman i believe will share in as your part of my reward ... i believe our Lord is showing me that in my ministry mine is to be a more behind the scenes "benevolent patriarch" type role to the provision of other "ministers/ministries" being "brought/provided for" to the fore as He dictates).
- "My final REVIVAL is coming and it will begin here." (Brother Ron has reposted what this is all about a few posts back so i'll not restate, but will say that i believe it was our Lord's will that he did so as it has sparked in me a renewed and even greater anticipation that our Lord will soon send His Holy Ghost fire on my assignment).
- "Assigned to the angel of the church at Mt. Airy" ...
- The receiving of the novels: "The Called" and "God On Earth" ...

2000's:

- "As foreshadowed by 9/11's implosion of the twin towers, America's idol of its Economy is also destroyed" (since then savings our economy is in essence burning, so we don't have to imagine what's next)."
- "As foreshadowed by 9/11's crippling of the Pentagon, America's idol of its Military is also crippled."
- "As foreshadowed by 9/11's sparing of our symbol of government, so is our government still spared" (the explanation i heard from Him is that as with Him we either don't believe in our government at all, or only when we're in trouble and we need something from it - Tho the most important function of our American government in His eyes is the protection with it in which He affords Israel).
- Holy Spirit's leading me to SI.
- Holy Spirit's pairing me with brother Ironman.
- "Publish The Called".
- "The window of opportunity for proactive repentance is passed" (Therefore our still required repentance now will only come out of our re-active repentance to His terrible grace ... Tho many believe that dire external forces/pressures will not bring about His required change/correction in His Church i believe He has shown me otherwise, and those that are counted will fall on our faces).
- i am to "start a Christian Philanthropy" to the benefit of Christ Church, commission and charity to the poor, benefiting those as directed by Holy Spirit (As with other things i believe i've heard from Him how this will come about only He truly knows, but i believe this also, and have heard in my spirit some words pertaining to future provision to some members here on SI) ...
- "Rest in Me"
- "Brother Ironman's prophecy concerning America's Economic Collapse coming in 2007, and His making it known to him three days prior" (which i've put in parenthesis because i believe brother Ironman's word to be from our Lord), and this word as i've stated above i believe is His present "help" to me to keep on believing all of the above ... This is what i've been walking alone (and oft times stumbling) in faith in for the past 25 years, a walk way past "normal" in most any circle a

and now (one way or another) i can see an end ... An end that will either take me to a normalcy that will no longer make me odd man out amongst other "normal" saints, or an end to this particular phase which is only the entrance to even greater abnormality and deeper intimacy with our Lord ...

Bro Ironman what an exciting place to be huh!? ... Will we prove to be "live" (of Him) or "memorex" (our own whatever)? ... You and i both believe straight-forward, 100%, un-double minded, with no turning back and/or taking it back, that to His glory He'll reveal true His calling of and words to us ...

Thank God there's not much longer to wait, the outcome for all here on SI to witness! ... All praises, honor and glory to God our Father, and to His Christ our Savior Jesus, and to Holy Spirit our power and might ... Amen!

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/1 14:48

Gentlemen,

Either you are or you aren't prophets sent by God. Did Jeremiah and Isaiah defend themselves to mere men?

Murray

Re: - posted by Rahman, on: 2006/8/1 15:18

Bro Murray you wrote;

"Either you are or you aren't prophets sent by God. Did Jeremiah and Isaiah defend themselves to mere men?"

Bro have you read the entirety of this thread? ...

We've already been soundly taken to task about, and separated ourselves, from "defending", and now this thread has focused more on as you've written "either you are or you aren't" with a now sure litmus test set forth ...

My response to brother Ironman is not out of defense (if i'm part of your reason for posting) but in anticipation of God's verdict, via the timing included in brother Ironman's prophecy, as to whether we're in fact live (of Him) or memorex (of ourselves) ...

But to totally bring closure on this from my end i will refrain from commenting again about anything on this thread (no ill feelings in this saying, just seems prudent :-D) and will just be content to continue waiting on Him ... Amen

Blessings in Christ Jesus

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/1 16:20

Rahman,

Yes I have read this thread in its entirety.

In Love,

Murray

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/1 18:43

bro Worldview

the prophecy has to do with the economic collapse which will occur in this country some time next year. i shall post it fully as our Lord leads.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/1 19:23

bro mike

sorry i took so long to get back to you bro.

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well bro like i said, i'd been content to slip in that word on various threads and let it come in under the radar, so that i catch little flack and i can say "well i put it out there" however the proving as it were is not for you or anyone else really, it was a thing which our Lord used to see where my confidence in Him was. it was a simple decision, if i really believed that it was our Lord who spoke to me, i just needed to say so so i did. i guess i had to put my money (or neck) where my mouth was.

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part of it has to do with our Lord getting the word out of the event in question and also an exhortation for the apostles and prophets to come forth and also to bring out the preachers, teachers and evangelists to bring the whole thing into perspective.

i believe our Lord will vindicate His word because i believe He spoke it to me.

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and this is the thing, if we are not living right, our words can't carry the life of Christ forth if what we speak isn't alive and at work in us. even the heathen can sense that somehow.

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Quote:

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bro Mike, i'm not saying anything in my defense, i'm sharing my testimony. our Lord Himself will be the one to vindicate all of this. i can see how what i have said can be seen as some sort of explanation but i assure you it is not, it is my testimony. i'm not asking anyone to "accept it or else" i've been presented to the body to be tried. how else would i go about presenting my testimony then other than to say what i believe and what i have experienced? :-? if i was seeking acclaim for myself i certainly would have done it a different way! too much grief involved in running around claiming to be a prophet... :-P

the issue is that it's not about me, if it were my ego would have been bruised and this thread would have turned ugly. i praise our Lord that He's gotten it into me that it's about Him. Now god Himself shall prove whether what i've said is from Him or not.

bro you mention the ease of this, do you mean the ease in my coming out with all this or a general ease among so called prophets?

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/1 19:37

bro Murray

you wrote:

Quote:

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Murray

like bro Rahman said, we're past the stage of defending as it were. for me it was a sharing of my testimony and i see how it can be seen as defending. at any rate, now it's all about our Lord exposing all this as being true and from Him or false and being from me of the enemy.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/1 19:42

brethren

as our Lord leads i shall post the word which i believe was from Him concerning this event (and others if He moves me to) so that it is out there in its entirety. our Lord has had me keep a journal of sorts about His dealings with me so there will be a date attached to it which is the date i wrote it down.

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/8/1 20:00

well what if two people claiming to be prophets deliver conflicting words claiming to be from God?

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/1 20:25

bro worldview

Quote:

WorldView wrote:

well what if two people claiming to be prophets deliver conflicting words claiming to be from God?

then our Lord will expose which one prophesied falsely. i'm reminded of when Jeremiah had to wear an ox-yoke to symbolize Israel's bondage and another prophet said that the bondage wouldn't last long (3 yrs of something) and he removed it and broke it. he too claimed to speak for our Lord. then God had Jeremiah wear a metal yoke which couldn't be broken and what came to pass was the prophecy of Jeremiah rather than the other one. it is possible the other prophet was indeed really a prophet but spoke from himself or misinterpreted what God said, or he could have been an agent of the enemy. God knows.

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/8/1 22:37

I'm just curious because I have heard prophets, people who I know and believe to be prophets, speaking of a great favor coming to this nation and that God is setting up Christians for prosperity.

Re: prosperity indeed - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/8/2 8:05

Quote:

-----I have heard prophets, people who I know and believe to be prophets, speaking of a great favor coming to this nation and that God is setting up Christians for prosperity.

Just curious: Were these prophets foretelling spiritual prosperity or material prosperity? There is a big difference. It is an issue of interpretation - a typical problem. For example, The OT prophets foretold a spiritual kingdom with a Messiah who would lead them to freedom, but the Jews interpreted that to mean a political kingdom with political freedom. They could not accept the judgments on their forefathers so they couldn't accept the mercy via Christ. And thus they misinterpreted the prophecies.

Of course, God is going to shine his favor - but it will not look like prosperity as we know it. Quite the opposite. Divine mercy and love requires the removal of our temporal securities (through judgment) That paves the way for us to accept God's rich blessings - his redemption, Holy Spirit, etc.

Judgment precedes mercy (and blessings). You can't have the second without the first. To prophesy one or the other is incomplete. That would be a distortion of the character of our Lord.

King David understood: "In wrath remember mercy"

- that's my two cents...

Diane

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/8/2 11:05

It was specifically financial prosperity, specifically to the United States and even more specifically to the church.

specifically specific

lol

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/2 11:27

Ironman & Rahman,

Sorry for sounding snippy.

Murray

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/2 11:42

bro Murray

i didn't think you sounded snippy, your question was valid and i can see where you and bro mike are coming from hence the clarification about what all this is about.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/2 18:55

bro worldview

Quote:

WorldView wrote:

I'm just curious because I have heard prophets, people who I know and believe to be prophets, speaking of a great favor coming to this nation and that God is setting up Christians for prosperity.

were these prophets speaking of the nation in general or specifically about Christians? Our Lord is going to bring some Christians into great wealth for the purpose of tending to those in need when the economy collapses however. more like stewards of His wealth.

judgement is coming to this nation and the world and we as the Church will be the first to get it because the word says judgement begins in God's house.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/8/2 18:58

didn't see this post

Quote:

WorldView wrote:

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specifically specific

lol

i don't see the prosperity which will come to some as being prosperity as it's come to be defined but rather stewardship for the benefit of all. we as the Church will receive judgement but thereafter mercy as sis diane said and also as it has always been.

Re: a day of reckoning - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/12/19 17:04

R Day minus 12?

Quote:

-----Quote:

philologos wrote:

Quote:

if i'm right though bro Ron what will you say?

Let's make a date to meet here on 1st January 2008 (if the internet is still running) and see how it all stands.

It won't be the first time I've been wrong.

we'll do that, assuming i don't have to be in hiding...i may have to hide at your house!

wow, there's no turning back now is there? i believe firmly that i heard from our Lord and He has given me just enough reason to believe. now we're ab out to see if this is for real or if i'm really deluded.

Lord have your way. AMEN.

and the beat goes on...R day minus 12 indeed! - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/19 22:13

bro Ron Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

it's good to know you are out there, i haven't heard from you in AGES bro, i pray God has been keeping you and yours.

bro, now you know i didn't need any reminding about what i believe i heard of our Lord to post on here :-P i live with it e ach day! if by Jan 1 2008 y'all haven't seen or heard me running around this land saying "in 3 days fire will fall from heav en!" or it hasn't happened by then, like i said, i'd apologize, recant, repent and sit down and be quiet. you won't have to worry about me running my mouth...Either way i'll be free from the delusion of free in the the work God will have for me t hen, Romans 8:28 is about to work out in an interesting manner...

on the flip side i hope you'd pray hard for me and not leave me to the wolves in keeping with what Paul says about the st ronger in the Faith bearing with the weaker and the general Spirit of the Faith...unless you think i'm not of the Faith then t hat's different...some of the brethren have offered comfort for bro Rahman and i both if nothing happens, which is much appreciated.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMN.

Re: and the beat goes on...R day minus 12 indeed! - posted by dohzman (), on: 2007/12/19 23:42

Iron--dude :-) what's up ! In respects to prophesy, especially from dreams and visions as well as the inward witness/sma ll still voice, etc.... I think it's always best to be very patient on the Word of God. Very few prophesies have come true tha t actually had a time stamp placed on them, even the releaase of the children from babylon was approx, not down to the exact day, I know people like Missler have it to within the year, depending on which calander you use. So don't sweat it, you also have to understand as do many, that even a true prophesy, like the dream Joseph the husband of Mary recieve d(twice) these were prophetic warnings, he acted on them and spared his household, there than is the principle, once a prophesy is given,,,especially in impending judgement or doom, there's always a thread of mercy that can turn away t he judgement or make a way escape or at least delay it for a time. The Nature of the prophesy has to be consistant with the present age of grace and the purposes of God which is that all may be saved unto Jesus Christ, so every prophesy must point ultimately to eternal salvation. Now we know that tough times(2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days pe rilous times shall come) will come and are here and will get worse and worse, but that doesn't change some of the princi ples of God and how He acted in history, the warning came, and than God would look for a man to stand in the gap....no tice I didn't say He looked for a repentant people, He looked for a man to stand in the gap, you see this principle worked out in the life of Abraham as he interceded for Sodom, once He finds a man who will stand before Him than true interce ssion happens, I think we will find out that many very bad things have NOT happened because many unknown people(m en and women) have stood before God inorder that the judgements might be averted. After the intercession is made and the Lord has left the gapman than normally you'll see an anointed proclamation go forth, you see that in the life of Jonah . Than the people have a period of time in which a chioce must be made, a road chosen, either right left or straight ahea

Luk 13:2 And He responded to them, "Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all Galileans because they suffered these things?

Luk 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!

Luk 13:4 Or those 18 that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed--do you think they were more sinful than all the people who live in Jerusalem?

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Luk 13:6 And He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree that was planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none.

Luk 13:7 He told the vineyard worker, 'Listen, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it even waste the soil?'

Luk 13:8 "But he replied to him, 'Sir, leave it this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

Luk 13:9 Perhaps it will bear fruit next year, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

God is patient and looks for fruit in the lives of those with whom He deals, and that fruit is a repentant heart, that's a safe place to be

:-)

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2007/12/20 3:31

hi, from my personal experience... humbling, off of the wall promptings from that still small voice have resulted in many a miracle. who would believe this? none of these ever made any sense to me. no glory here, jimp

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/20 14:22

bro Dohzman Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

you said:

Quote:

-----Iron--dude what's up !

you don't know how much that cheered me up! :-P

thank you for your kind words and exhortations bro, they are much appreciated.

Quote:

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indeed, and that is one of the things which bro Chris alluded to on another thread which Greg put up which had a word from another brother of a similar kind.

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i had been praying of late simply for as many saints to be quickened before, during and after this Judgment. also i had been seeking God that as many people as would should come to Salvation before during and after this because i believe He said His hand would not be stayed. Perhaps i needed to stand in the gap this way and that proclamation was to prompt me to do so. i know bro Chris said that he had been praying harder for this nation.

if all this proves to me my own folly, the greatest comfort would come from those who would say like bro Chris that they felt compelled to pray and intercede that much more even in spite of my foolishness. only God can make a miracle out of mush. well the hours tick on and sometimes i'm very sure and other times not so much but i always am bolstered to believe that this thing is coming...

may God have His way.AMEN.

Grace and Peace are ours in JESUS.AMEN.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/20 18:33

bro Jimp Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

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don't i know it!!!

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

Re: Prophetic Credentials II - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/21 10:15

Bro Ironman wrote;

"if all this proves to me my own folly, the greatest comfort would come from those who would say like bro Chris that they felt compelled to pray and intercede that much more even in spite of my foolishness. only God can make a miracle out of mush."

--- Speaking for myself if what i've spoken proves not to be from our Lord then i'll have very little comfort in any area save to be finally free from such long self delusion ... i've already stated my first/worst regret would come from my putting God's most Holy Name to what will have been proven to be as Ron Bailey called it earlier "my nonsense" ... Second would be that i've caused my pastor unnecessary grief ... Third that i'd have misled some saints that i know personally, and fourth that such a gross error (especially since i have no idea how many have read my weird faith on SI) might have the exact opposite effect as it's had on bro Chris and give some a sense of relief to even further laxity toward our collective need for repentance and corporate REVIVAL ... and lastly the full impact upon myself that i have no idea of God's voice in my own life (and i find that so scary) as well as the fact that i'm now at a point of such brokenness until i have no idea of what to do next if i find that it's not live (God in me) but memorex (of myself) all this time ... Will i lose my faith? ... No, only in what would now have become this past thing that i've called "my spiritual extra-curricular activity" ... i'll just go back to the very basics, to what i know i hear and understand from scripture, but when i think of it i think my intensity will be gone (and that scares me too) because i'll not be as sure anymore ... To be perfectly honest i haven't really been sure of much that i've done so far in what i believe i've heard our Lord tell me was "in this season", but it's precisely because i'm still on this side of "the proof" that i've been able to go on out on that water in my weird faith ... As bro Ironman and i both agree, because we both believe He said "this is the year" - if such proves not to be the case then how Rom. 8:28 will apply to us God will have to reveal if He chooses to, me myself i'll be looking at that Bass boat ...

i was thinking the other day of way back when i first heard a pastor say , "God will take your greatest deficit and turn it into an asset to His greatest glory" ... What was my greatest deficit pre salvation? ... Tenacity, back then in satan's world, never being able to let things go once i'd latched onto them even when it became apparent that they were no good for me , whether people, habits, whatever ... Now i'm tenacious of my salvation in Christ, and of this weird faith that i've subsequently succumbed to, and now i sit at the cusp of becoming "free in it" or "free of it" but my tenacity will not let go until this

year is exhausted because my tenacity of faith says "it only takes a minute - a second really - for God to change everything ... i feel i have nothing left of any confidence in my "self" so all i can do is trust God ... So again, whatever the outcome, may He get all the praise and glory, and may all of us as His children learn His lessons toward us, particularly the hard ones, because no matter what He does, or doesn't do in our behalf, His motivation is always out of love to His working toward our good ---

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 15:57

Hi everyone

I had to go back and read this thread from the beginning, so playing catch-up here:

Quote:

----- Mike said on page 1:

Think the whole of what has been couched in the language of "Five-fold" ministry is an overdone extrapolation and needs a re-examination. It does seem to come back to that which is descriptive over that of 'position' or title.

Something both puzzling and troubling that the emphasis has been placed on to use the modern parlance, 'What is my S.H.A.P.E'...

You have an important point here, Mike. Probably most of us went through a phase of wanting to know "What's my ministry?" I certainly did. These days it doesn't matter any more to "know my gifting" or have a label for whatever the Lord wants to do through me. Step by step is enough!

I was given a book by mistake about the S.H.A.P.E. thing. It was horrendous, pandering to human vanity and self-seeking.

However, that doesn't mean that Ironman and Rahman necessarily have wrong motives (such as those that are attracted to S.H.A.P.E. and other such nonsense), in claiming a prophetic calling.

The Lord looks on the heart.

In Him

Jeannette

Re: question for Mike - slight digression..., on: 2007/12/21 16:23

Quote:

-----Mike said on page 1:

Hi IRONMAN,

Since earlier days here and even our own ... seemingly at odds with each other over this matter of prophets...

Just a question Mike...

A while back you rejected a prophecy I posted, (it wasn't through anyone on SI), giving the reason that it was in the first person, speaking "as the Lord". At the time, though finding your response rather hurtful, (the Lord had spoken deeply to my heart through that particular word), I made no comment because there was a heated debate going on and I didn't want to cause further bad feeling.

But I'm wondering... Do you still hold to that view, or was it just a reaction to what was going on in the debate at the time?

If you still hold this view, how do you reconcile it with the fact that many, or even most of the prophetic words in Scripture are also in the first person? This is especially in the OT, but also in Revelation for example. Sometimes they go from one to the other in smooth transition, as if the man is speaking personally, then suddenly he shifts into the prophetic realm

and the Lord Himself is speaking.

For example, in Psalm 91:

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 **Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.**

Obviously we have to discern if an utterance is of God or not, (if it goes against the message or Spirit of the Bible, then of course it isn't of Him). But I honestly can't see any sense in rejecting a prophecy merely because it speaks as if the Lord is speaking. It is understood by all that the person isn't presuming to be God, and that the utterance is in quotes!

in Him

Jeannette

S.H.A.P.E. ??? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/21 16:28

Sis Jeannette ...

What is S.H.A.P.E.? ...

You know it was a real shock for me to come out of the error of the JW religion at 29, only to find such a diversity of other errors in the true Body of which it's obvious many have fallen into ... i'm glad God delivered me from the error of the JW's but in retro they're pretty consistent with their error, not to much has changed in JW theology in the past 50 years of my knowledge of them, whereas within The Body there seems to be one movement after another ... i don't know, but if brother I and i are in error it's not of S.H.A.P.E. because we don't even know what that is ... i'm just amazed at where i am right now at this very moment spiritually, having come from such a closed, and locked down background where to say one heard from God, if one was not a member of the elite brethren in NY, was grounds for serious reprimand, then i found the Baptists weren't too keen on it either ... Only in the Pentecostal Church did i find encouragement in my belief that God was talking to me, but that kinda went out the window too when the messages were constantly of our need for repentance and revival, and not the feel good kind that promised "wealth & health" ... i'd love to go on and serve God in the capacity, and ministry i believe forth coming, even in the time of His correction, but if such is not the case it will be good to be freed from such a long burden of self-inflicted struggle, and tho i won't know why i'd done it, perhaps God in His working of Rom. 8:28 in my behalf will let me know ---

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 16:33

Quote:

WorldView wrote:

You know I think where some, if not many contemporary prophets go wrong, is that they are so used to having the Lord speak through them that they begin to assume that everything they have to say is of God.

I submit that as food for thought.

What I want to see are more Samuel prophets. The Lord let none of his words fail. That is probably because he only spoke what he knew was the word of the Lord.

I want to see more Elisha's too. When the Shunammite woman came to him on behalf of her dead son he said, "...the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." He was in such communication with God then when something happened that he did not know about, it was because God hid it from him.

Actually I don't want to just see it, I want it in myself.

AMEN! (Especially the last sentence - me too!)

Jeannette

Re: Economic downfall....., on: 2007/12/21 16:48

Quote:

MSeaman wrote:
I'm not wanting to get in the middle of this, but I would like to say that I have heard several people say that God has shown them that the economy will be failing soon....I've also heard the year 2008 mentioned...

It is really sticking one's neck out to give a specific time. That the Lord will judge the Western world (beginning with the USA?) is almost certain but the timing is far less certain, (unless our two brothers really have heard accurately from the Lord)

Especially uncertain because, as has been said, the Lord sometimes relents and delays His judgement if people repent. No doubt that was one reason Jonah was so upset when God didn't destroy Nineveh when *he* said He would.

However, it *was* destroyed some time later (over 100 years if I remember right?) So Jonah was correct in that aspect...

So was Jonah a false prophet when he got the timing wrong, or wasn't he?

And if economic collapse doesn't come at the end of this year, does that mean Ironman and Rahman are false prophets, or not???

This still puzzles me...

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 16:51

I think this was a quote from Mike (not sure)

Quote:
-----Where is the office of being put on a shelf for a season, or the office of suffering, the title of persecution, the gift of ... not speaking and being in adverse situations, financially destitute, living under daily threat or living with an unbelieving family and suffering quietly. What tends to get overlooked in this whole matter is the emphasis on "me".

AMEN! That really resonates personally. I've been in the state of "being put on a shelf for a season" for some years, and the Lord has done so much preparation for whatever He does have next, taught me so much, and healed so much inner hurt during that time. Hurt that was only important in His purpose because it made serving Him and following Him fully almost impossible...

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 16:57

Quote:

WorldView wrote:
...I embrace the prophetic, while being wary of its pitfalls, being one who operates in it myself. The more I am in the ministry, the more I see the prophetic springing out of me.

Am I a prophet? I don't know.

Thank you Keith, I'm 100% with you on this...

Quote:
-----Just today I delivered a prophetic word before our leadership and our entire Bible college. It didn't seem all too significant to me. God just showed me something and prompted me when it was time to get up and deliver it. When it came out of my mouth, it came forth in power, and it had a greater impact than I thought it would. It actually kind of scared me when I saw the results.

After I delivered the message, my leader took the mic and began to cry out to God very passionately and in tears. Then I noticed other people in the room in tears and crying out. I was like, "Ooooh God." My leader was declaring it to be a Word from the Lord and telling everyone to write it down. And it is kind of scary to have people claim words coming from my mouth to be the Word of God, though I have no doubt that they were.

That's awesome! It's a sign that we are really being used of God when it's that obvious to all that it isn't us! Almost it's like sitting back and watching or hearing someone else...

in HIm

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 17:13

Quote:
-----Mike said:

The standard of the 'prophetic' cannot be any different than the standard for all of us as the Lords own.

That is so true

What exactly makes a prophet true or false? Is it solely judged on whether their prophecies come true or not?

False prophets have spoken true words (Balaam and Caiaphas are classic Biblical examples). So might the converse also be seen, that a true prophet could make mistakes in thinking something was from God and it isn't after all?

Could it be that the person and his prophecy are not always linked as closely as we tend to assume? We need to discern in the *man*, as well as the message he brings.

I'm only asking this question because of not being sure myself, here and in the last post about what makes a prophecy true or false - eg as here, if the time isn't correct. The Old Testament condemns someone whose prophecies are wrong, (Deut 18) which is worrying because, if nothing happens by Dec 31st, I would hate to have to put these two in the same league as so many of the obviously false prophets who are around these days...

One characteristic of a true prophet seems to me to be humility, and willingness to admit he could be wrong. Jeremiah, when the Lord told him that his cousin would come and offer to sell his field (where the Babylonian army was probably camped at the time!) didn't seem quite sure at first. When it happened he said, "Then I knew that it was the word of the Lord."

Quote:
-----This doesn't necessarily apply to some of the statements made elsewhere here. The 'ease' for a lack of a better word is troubling, the defending and ever ongoing explanation of the 'office' and the 'prophet' that seems to shed less ... credibility rather than more. The concern seems put back on the man rather than on the Lord. That, is what is I guess so troubling.

Mmmm you could be right on this, Mike..

I'm not sure one way or another about the prophetic claims. Many of us on this forum do move in the prophetic gift, but the office of prophet is something else.

But whatever, I love these brothers...

in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2007/12/21 17:19

hi, some of you know that len ravenhill and i were friends.here is how we met... i was working in retail under strict rules of no preaching on the clock (stealing)... an old man came in my department and that voice said "go ask this man if he was ready today to meet the judge of all creation; Jesus the Christ. it was bro len. jimp

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/21 17:22

Quote:

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I think we should hold Ironman and Rhaman to the same standards they are holding themselves to. They have given us a date of economic collapse by 2007 and they said unequivocally that if this not come to pass then they will recant and cease from prophesying. What is really at stake here is not the integrity of these two men, but of our integrity as friends and as brethren. For if we move the goal posts on this one, we only add confusion to an already maligned and misunderstood gift.

While there are many slippery definitions of prophecy afoot today, when we make predictions with certain dates, we are making a clear guileless prophecy that cannot be spun. This kind of prophecy does not pose itself as the 'heart of God' or a 'confirmation of the Word' or start finding calendar loopholes or some other liquid post-adapatable thing. On the contrary, the date makes it certain what kind of prophecy Ironman attempted---Ironman believed God called and enabled him to predict history...prewritten history.

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If sentiment be our chief guide, then what is our sentiment for this (<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,240841,00.html>) prophet?All I can say, if Mr. Robertson was as humble and transparent as Ironman and Rhaman are, my sentiment towards him might be better. The difference is that the former seems uncorrectable, while our two brothers are still growing and open to correction. Perhaps we can say there is a difference between a false prophecy and a false prophet.

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Blessings,

MC

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/21 17:34

MC, well said. Very well said.

jimp; That was something ... what was his response?

Re: S.H.A.P.E. ??? ..., on: 2007/12/21 17:42

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I can't remember what the letters SHAPE stand for exactly, (could look it up if there's time) but it's one of Rick Warren's things, or those connected with him. Basically (if I remember right) it's a way of "maximising one's potential" by finding out what natural and spiritual gifts the Lord has given you and developing them.

It's all man-centred and man-exalting, even when supposed to be serving God through our giftings.

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Jeannette

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Thank you so much for this. Especially the reminder not to "move the goalposts" and "If we allow our love for these two brothers to be confused with sentiment then perhaps we have no one to blame for false prophets but ourselves."

Indeed I have been tiptoeing around this issue because of "sentiment", although it was more than sentiment. It was also a sort of "referred self-defence", as your words made me realise.

I'm over-sensitive on the subject because of having been personally rejected more than once as a result of giving something I believed was from God. Maybe it was of God, (on one occasion it certainly turned out to be true - not sure about others), but those I shared it with didn't think so, and rejected me because of it.

So the thought of others being made to suffer as I did is so horrible that there's a tendency to err on the opposite side. Even though the Lord has been healing the hurts there are still scars...

Thank you once more MC, you are absolutely right.

In Him

Jeannette

Re: question for Mike - slight digression... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/21 23:34

The acronym for "SHAPE" ;

Spiritual gifts:

Heart:

Abilities:

Personality:

Experiences:

Here is another one, "FLAB"

Faith

Liabilities

Attitude

Brokenness

;-)

Quote:

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Hi Sister, truly sorry to hear this, that you were hurt ... it is difficult not recalling what you are referring to now. Just as well, without going back over a lot of ground and rehashing so much of this ... Yes, still find almost all of this prophetic business as it is construed in our day to be pretty far flung and far too casual in utterance, more so when it does go into a "thou sayest ..." mode of operation.

This still to me, keeps coming back to a definition of what it is and what it means, especially in a New Testament understanding. Actually, I may have strayed here a bit and now recognize more of what you are getting at regarding the first person as exemplified by the Psalm you posted. It did catch me a bit (even back at the time I was making note of it) when I recalled that this is often the case, going back and forth as David does, others as well ... Seems to be something of prose I am fairly sure as much as anything.

I don't really see this Psalm as being 'prophetic' however. Interestingly, there was a time when that last verse was something very personal to me ...

I am in agreement with Sparks when he made mention of us all often 'getting our wires crossed' in spiritual/natural matters and think this is where our day has really exemplified that. As MC pointed out, it isn't the person that is under scrutiny if that could be taken in the sense I mean, as much as what he or she is speaking as an 'oracle of God' or from/for Him personally. Recognize the verse that speaks to this very matter but I am still hanging on definitions. To the best of my understanding a prophecy is a "so" not a "maybe" or a "perhaps" or something close, something that needs defending and explanation and so and so forth. I still receive and still cringe at the 'prophetic' "words" given out by way of newsletter from Charisma magazine for instance, why I continue to receive it? ... I like J. Lee Grady well enough for his heart and other things, his commentary, etc. but am still puzzled over these 'prophetic' industries and speakers and this constant free flow of contradicting ... sentiment that is produced through them. Most of it is completely vague and so general as to me an absolutely nothing at all, kind of a Christian "Horoscope" that anyone could find anything they might want to derive out of it. Only using this as an example of what has become a whole cottage industry or 'ministry' these days.

This is all far more than I am really up to speaking towards to be honest right now. It is something that I find a great deal of trouble with and fear for the weaker Brethren who take it all in and later have it just kind of fade off into no importance when all these utterances never come to pass, it devalues what even the spurious definition might be and makes one wonder why the bother in the first place.

Something to leave off with;

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

"... for the testimony of Jesus ... is the spirit of prophecy"

There is a lot of context to be sure here, *"of thy brethren ... that have the testimony ... of Jesus"*

Taking all this into account, coupled with some thoughts from an article mentioned earlier;

"He never apologized for any word or action." And yet, is it not true that the ability to apologize is one of the elements of true greatness? It is the small-minded man who will not stoop to apologize. But Christ performed no action and spoke no word that required apology.

He never asked for pardon. Nowhere is it indicated that he ever felt remorse for sin or exhibited any fear of future punishment. He admonished His disciples when they prayed to say, "Forgive us our debts," but He never related those words to Himself, because He owed no debts either moral or spiritual.

He never sought advice from even the wisest men of His day. All other great leaders consulted learned men, even Moses and Solomon. On the rare occasions in which well meaning friends gave advice to Jesus, He rejected it, as for example when His mother reminded Him of the lack of wine at the wedding feast (John 2:4-5).

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id21331&forum35#166722) The Moral Perfection of Christ ~ J. Oswald Sanders

It would truly take a reading through the complete article to get the manner which I would be equating this whole consideration to.

Really it does boil down to "it is so" or it is not. There just cannot be all this equivocation in speaking in God's stead.

Re: Prophetic Credentials II, on: 2007/12/22 0:30

MC said

Quote:
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Mike,

I'm wondering how you read Daryl's post at the top of p9?

Also, I hear the UK may well reduce its interest rates again, having followed the US in a counter-intuitive bid to keep our economies afloat.

I'll be amazed, frankly, if Western economies don't show serious signs of deterioration by the third quarter of next year... and that's not a word from God.

Btw, I thought Daryl made several good points:

Quote:
-----once a prophesy is given,,,especially in impending judgement or doom, there's always a thread of mercy that can turn away the judgement or make a way escape *or at least delay it for a time*. The Nature of the prophesy has to be consistent with the present age of grace and the purposes of God which is that all may be saved unto Jesus Christ, so every prophesy must point ultimately to eternal salvation. *emphasis mine*

I learned quite a bit from Daryl. :-) Another good post, bro.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2007/12/22 3:27

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Re: Ravenhill and prophets - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/22 9:07

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That's wonderful brother ... that whole dialogue just warms the heart, guess just that prompting you had and where it all led to ...

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"Date stamp", comes to mind as it often does. "This is the year of ____". "The Lord will pour out His anointing because ____" (Fill in an appropriate scripture verse). There is no end to it and worse no accounting for any of it. What was the "word from the Lord" for 2007? From 2006 and 1978 and all the years in-between? It is noise and confusion, where are the things that are so, indefensible and without equivocation? The things spoken and things that happened *exactly* as they were purportedly 'fiat-ed' to coin a word as 'God said' they would? I am talking about precision and not 'perfection' if that could be grasped.

Give me two old ladies praying in a barn for a minister to come speak to their people and then have that minister prompted to come hundreds and hundreds of miles and show up (ala Duncan Campbell) all without the middle-man of *man* and I believe you have something much closer to the spirit of prophecy.

This is not as difficult as it ought to be. The trouble is in having to devolve what the whole business has been setup as the structure, this strange marriage of Old Testament prophet and prophesying that Paul speaks of, there is a great deal of speaking from silence or from extrapolation that makes the whole defining process about as clear as mud. It would be redundant, but there is far more an emphasis and dare I say an implication that prophesying is *teaching* ... but I digress, this is not the 'popular' view and the 'prophets' will come out en masse to explain it, defend it all for us.

I am not trying to be curt nor haughty here but there is something of credulity and creditability at stake here, what about ... *the Lords testimony*? All this stuff, all these things spoken, for the greater part are the Christian version of the Globe or The National Enquirer and no one seemingly cares how much of a blight it is on the Person and misrepresentation of the Lord. The world is watching and waiting for witness in truth and we give them ... spurious predictions and follow it all up with a 'well ... it could be that the Lord granted mercy or is delaying or, or, or ...' Such rubbish, it is giving an out and an excuse rather than a calling on the carpet, an accounting. It is a fix and a cloak for just more and more of the same. I am sorry, I mean to smite no one but somehow there has to be a better understanding of this. There are prophets and prophesying going on in this very forum and it has been going on for a long time, the trouble is we don't acknowledge them as such, they don't consider themselves as such by 'title' but they are those who are speaking life into the Body, not predictions of market collapse and ... I will go out on the limb, 'coming destruction'. This is what may seem 'apparent' from reading current states of things especially here in self-absorbed America, but there is just as much if not more fodder for destruction due to nations around the world for their transgressions, for injustice, for worshiping false idols and the whole itinerary.

There is something quite ironic just to look at the stock market itself. Admittedly, I am but a mere novice yet I have a stake in it due to the graciousness of my employer granting some options. Trust that I am indeed paying attention and just observing it all ... It is uncanny but if you want 'prophets' my, the correlations that could be drawn. "Speculators" there's a word with some ramifications, dare I say these are also our modern day equivalents? "This, that and the other is what is coming/happening - my chart proves ____" "It's a bull". It's a bear". "Recession!" "No, just a correction". The language itself is interchangeable with our 'prophets'. There are some very smart people and there are some very stupid ---- Let me insert I am of this later ilk ---- that are being swept up and cajoled into it, dare I say because they do not understand it or just put their trust in ... 'the prophets'. My stupidity is in missing it when it would have been a good time to sell, but I have a goal to get out of debt and patience has yet to completely prove this wrong, I for one certainly do not wish to see this whole thing collapse, call it greedy or materialistic but I must wonder at the welcoming of disaster, whatever happened to;

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.
Amo 5:18

Please, it is the principle underneath it all it does not need to be defended or explained, I know this is not in most hearts, I just wonder if we may have well forgotten just all what this truly means.

Do we *know* what we speak of? Or are we just poking around with current events and making educated guess, mixing it up with our spirituality and turning it back out as speculative - prophesying?

oops ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/22 9:40

Sister, it suddenly dawned on me that there are two Mike's here and I may have misinterpreted that to myself, when you were addressing MC. My apologies for launching off from there ...

Re: This makes me sad - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/22 11:44

Hi Dorcas,

Yes, I did read Dohzman's posts. I was blessed by his perspective on the mercy of God, even as judgement is being threatened. I am doubly blessed knowing that this is the real Daryl, having had the honor of him praying and speaking with me at the altar in Canton. And I have a fresh cup of coffee waiting for him in Columbus...

I can only offer that I accept what he said fully, yet try not to infer anything from it in relationship to the specific predictions we are discussing in this thread.

Indeed, this is perhaps one of the great pitfalls that lead to mis-spoken words. We infer what was never implied from our personal experiences with the Lord. I've shared in other threads how people have spoken 'words' to me...some of which I believe are authentic. Yet, I've learned to leave them where I found them rather than to extrapolate their meaning or to project their conclusions.

Consider this analogy of sincere but faulty extrapolation from something that is true into something that is not true: You are supposed to be flying from Chicago to Hong Kong but you discover your passenger jet is heading towards the North Pole. So you stand up and shout to the other passengers that the jet is off course! Soon a stewardess assures you that the pilot knows what he is doing but you point to the radar screen proving that the plane is indeed close to Alaska already. People begin to wonder if you are correct...

Likewise our very atmosphere is filled with prognostications of despair. Dommsaying is not a prophetic event but a secular one. This is not to say that Ironman and Rhaman were wrong...but it is to point out that one does not need to be a Christian to predict problems for the country and the world. It might well be that fearful predictions are simply the flu symptoms of contagious angst that slips into our dreams after an evening of meditating on CNN and Fox news. Our plane is headed for disaster...but when? What shape? How sudden? To what outcome? What does it mean?

My point is not to denounce any prediction, but only to say that predictions can't be tested except by the outcome. And if the outcome isn't as plain as the prediction given, then it has failed the test.

If we offer fine arguments, such as that the outcome is invisible, or has not manifested in the 'natural' yet, then we are begging the issue. We are making prophesy to be pointless because none of us can measure it to tell when it is something true or not. It is as mysterious as the stuff of Nostradamus. (Was Hisler really intended to mean Hitler? Does it matter anymore?)

I am not so superstitious as to believe God will hold us accountable for unintelligible prophecies. He's written his Word in our language because ostensibly he means to communicate...I imagine the word of his prophets will be consistent with the character of His Word. If 1.1.08 arrives and there is no plainly recognizable disaster, then what more is there to say regarding the prediction of such?

Some have pointed out that Jonah was made to look like a false prophet by the Lord's mercy. I do not believe this is not a good comparison, because Ninevah famously repented from the King down. I doubt that the same well-intentioned people who want to compare Ironman and Rhaman to Jonah would compare America's spiritual state to the repentance of Ninevah.

And a comparison to Jonah overlooks one other plainly evident fact: Jonah was affirmed a prophet by the scriptures. We hardly need anymore proof than that.

Now, on a personal note, I offer frankly that Ironman's heart is truer than my own. He is spontaneous, honest, and transparent, while I am often calculating and cautious to the point of vanity. Having had the pleasure of talking with him over the phone I find he loves the Lord without a hint of irony or guile, and is persuaded completely of his coming. His passion to be a complete disciple is encouraging. I believe the same is for Rhaman.

As I said before, the spotlight is shifting from these two brothers, to the rest of us. How important is the gift of prophesy to us? How important is God's word to us? Are we willing to lay down our reputations for it? Or are our reputations more important than the fidelity of the Gospel...because the credibility of the Gospel is exactly what we erode when we make room for spiritual spinning. If we announce that the same God who gave us the Gospel also told us that the economy will collapse by 2007, and it doesn't...then we have to make a choice which Word is true.

We care for Ironman and Rhaman, but do we care for the other brothers and sisters who have to work out for themselves between truth and fiction. Let's be honest...we can't lie to ourselves even if we wanted to on this matter. We may pretend that nothing controversial happened, but inside we would know better...and the reality of our testimony within this online community would suffer.

Or we can use this as an opportunity to grow together.

Blessings,

MC

dear saints - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/22 12:45

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

this thread is certainly a blast from the past; given that the year is about to end it is timely also given what i believe our Lord had me say on Prophetic Credentials 3. i see much of the focus is on the economic judgment, there is also fire which will fall from the sky upon New York and D.C. the nature of which i can only say is only explainable as God though men will explain it every other way.

i suppose the future fascinates us, so much so that the term 'prophet' is oft identified as one who foretells the future. This is true to some degree, however the work of the Prophet has always been to relay the Heart of God to His people, sometimes this involves telling forth what is to come. Most of the time though, what we read in the prophets is God pouring His Heart out to a vessel and sending him with that message.

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i've posted perhaps 1800+/- on these boards and i would guess maybe 100 at most have had to do with what i believe will happen in the next few days or the future in general. Most of what God has had me do is question, exhort or minister to in some other way. i agree with you in that there is to be more in terms of teaching from the N.T. prophet. i would ask though, is it possible that in our own fascination with the future we have paid much more attention to what has been spoken of the future (true or not) and not taken into account some of the other things with as much fervor which have been said?

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to be sure there is quite a bit of this going on which i have found grievous. Some have made a in industry like unto Bala am.

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bro you know you could have just named names here on who is talking about collapse! :-P or perhaps it is just understood! :-P

anyhow, the prophet is constrained to whatever God gives him to speak. believe me i'd much rather not have spoken any of the things i believe God has had me say for obvious reasons. my personality type is phlegmatic which means i'd much rather blend in and go unnoticed. bro there have been a lot of dark times during this period concerning all this which you couldn't know about unless i told you. i've wept a lot, grieved a lot and Lord knows i'd much rather be quiet in a corner somewhere so i don't say any of these things with any ease at all. some things i guess aren't communicable over the net. i fear that maybe i'm the one trippin and bringing shame to His Name by assigning things to Him which aren't from Him at all but from my own folly. that's not a thing one can just brush over. concurrently i fear that if indeed this is God and i say nothing, then God will hold me responsible for that silence...if the former i look foolish and rightly so but worse i've brought reproach to the Name of God, if there is a thing i fear bro, it is that. however i fear also the consequences for those who didn't get the memo coz i was too afraid to speak out...i've chosen to speak out and as i said, if this isn't from God it won't happen and i'll come on these boards, apologize to you all, repent and recant before all and sit down and be quiet, you won't have to worry about hearing anything nutso like that from me again...

bro Mike, i'm sure you could go back through my posts and see that there aren't that many which speak of the coming collapse and that perhaps, maybe God has blessed some saints by saying something through me. again i wonder if perhaps our fascination with the future may cause us to focus more on things spoken of it rather than other things spoken here. also bro Chris did say that all this has caused him to pray all the more for our nation, and it has caused me to do the same also, i'm not sure that qualifies as "speaking Life into the body" perhaps it does but i was encouraged that at least one brother was so moved.

if i may be candid bro, there are times i have hoped i was wrong that things would just go on, and yet if this is all life is, i've had enough...there is something i believe i am desperately trying to find which i can't find here and unless God moves, this thing will go on like before and get worse...i have a wife, a 3 yr old daughter and one due in a couple of weeks, if this happens, naturally i am concerned for their safety, how would people react to seeing us out...yet God has assured me no harm should come to them. i wish i could better capture in words some of what i feel that it may be understood more fully/clearly.

if i'm wrong then i'll be dead wrong and you won't have to worry about me saying anything like this again...i'll not be found trying to recast/remix/remake that prophecy, i'll put it down as false and be quiet.i would hope that if that proves to be the case y'all would pray for me and bro R both coz we'd be in sore need of it...

in a few more days as bro R said, we'll be free from it (if this is of the flesh) or we'll be free in it if this is of God, coz if He has spoken indeed, His word will not fall to the ground for any reason whether we like, acknowledge,agree with or not.

bro Mike Compton brought up some very interesting points which i'm yet digesting, i believe it is something worth reading for us all.

Grace and PEace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

Re: dear saints - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/22 13:48

Here goes nothing ...

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Anyone still recall the nuclear arms race?

In those days was pretty well convinced that it was over for us all. I was in a quasi-state of understanding back then, not quite in the Light yet. I lived in great fear that this was impending and upon us, only a matter of time.

What happened? The odd thing is, not much of anything other than some ratifications and what not, the end of the cold-war. It did however disappear from the headlines of the news and today, at this very moment, one gaff, one flick of the switch and everything as we know it is dramatically changed.

Wanted to come back here and express something I fear might be lost in all this transaction. I take absolutely nothing for granted. Not a minute or a moment, not a morning or an evening. In fact every new morning is still a miracle of God's grace, there is no assumptions and to get to the point, neither a wholesale discount to whatever our own Brethren may be ... considering ... or believe they are hearing, it is never just so simple as all this. That is not giving a quarter, am just trying to be honest with this.

My allusion there was to draw back to things forgotten while we are preoccupied with what is current and in our face so to speak. If the economy does turn around and the market stabilizes next year ... what of it? And if it does not, have we now just vindicated the 'prophets'? In turn, if they are correct and these woes befall us ... What then, "I told you so?" Please recognize I am speaking in some generalities here.

A message I heard some time ago was about a missionary who awoke every morning and left his house with the thought "Today could be the day" of the Lords coming. It has stuck with me for years. I just as well expect (and pray) that it would be so ... This world holds no charm nor anything within it that wouldn't be traded for the greatest sigh of relief in all human history, an end to this madness. Still, there is the outplacement of those ... the unfinished business. That day is both incredible and terrible;

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

It could be this afternoon for all I know.

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

...

2Pe 3:12 *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

Seems almost to contradict the earlier verse in Amos. *Hasting* ... A tension here, no?

2Pe 3:13 *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

The grand sigh ...

2Pe 3:14 *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

Be diligent ...

2Pe 3:15 *And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;*

Longsuffering ... quite obvious His is far different than ours

2Pe 3:16 *As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

We know quite enough of this no doubt.

2Pe 3:17 *Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.*

"Beware" ... steadfastness

2Pe 3:18 *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

Maybe all that I wanted to add is this redundant expression of holding things in abeyance, in tension, in the 'pool of perhaps'. And lastly this word, this tremendous word;

Authenticity.

This is what is needed. In fact this is *the definition*. This is the word embedded deep within, *this* is that which good old Art Katz drove home amongst so many other things. If we cannot give the world *this*, despite what they may or may not do with it, then we are nothing but frauds and tragic comics presenting an offering of a cubic zirconia for the Real Diamond. This is the business we are trafficking in with this 'style' of prophesying, not to mention all of the Church proper, and that there cannot be a very long pause to consider the ramifications ... is well quite past me. It is compounding error when it is *not* so, this is not favoring the odds or a perhaps and a maybe ... Isn't it strange enough when the animated prophets are so sincere and forceful and crying out at the outset and then the months and years go by and ... what? Nothing. Nothing happens and the world just goes right on by, just another gimmick, some throw away thing, a cheap plastic, fake diamond. It just makes a complete mockery of the Lord and we will say nothing to keep from offending each other.

If I am getting off track here I apologize, the considerations just keep coming;

*And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.* Mar 13:2

What takes hold of my notice is the immediate; This *happened*. Forget the date stamping and projecting, there is and was nothing speculative going on with this. But here is where I am trying to pull all the above together with the illustration to the nuclear war heads that we have pointed at each other, *right now*.

What was the effect on His hearers when Jesus said these words? Quite outlandish ... and quite specific. There doesn't seem to be any indication that anyone was expecting from then current events that this would be a possibility, it wasn't 'in the news' so to speak.

Something quite out of the ordinary.

We do not know and that is where I am continuing to have a great deal of issue with this whole matter. It is predominantly a 'newspaper theology' as it is termed, full of speculation also simultaneously and otherwise known as 'prophesying'. There can be but one answer and that answer is get it right or don't get it wrong, there is no wiggle room.

Now I am about to really get myself into some trouble ... For your consideration, those of us who are convinced we are indeed hearing from the Lord in this way and uttering our utterances, has it possibly occurred to anyone that this may well be none other than Satan himself? I ask it as a heart searching question and not as an accusation, I am firmly still in the camp of "I do not know".

Told a brother earlier something of a secret prayer of mine in this whole regard and it is very much along these lines;

*And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty right*

*eous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?* Gen 18:23,24

Yet still,

*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* Rev 22:20

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Rev 22:21

**Re:, on: 2007/12/22 13:55**

Someone on this thread had asked about S.H.A.P.E..

Some critiques can be found in the September 2006 page.

<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/HerescopeArchives.htm>

Sorry to interrupt.

**Re:, on: 2007/12/22 18:49**

Quote:

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crsschk wrote:

Quote:

-----Just a question Mike...

A while back you rejected a prophecy I posted, (it wasn't through anyone on SI), giving the reason that it was in the first person, speaking "as the Lord". At the time, though finding your response rather hurtful, (the Lord had spoken deeply to my heart through that particular word), I made no comment because there was a heated debate going on and I didn't want to cause further bad feeling.

But I'm wondering... Do you still hold to that view, or was it just a reaction to what was going on in the debate at the time?

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Hi Sister, truly sorry to hear this, that you were hurt

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Apology accepted, no problem on that score. However, the hurt wasn't important, but the fact that you rejected a true prophetic word. Even at the time I was at least as much hurt on your behalf as on my own! And even more on the Lord's behalf, because it was very much in line with Scripture, (Hebrews 12 for example, quoted below, although it spoke of "storms" rather than shaking). It confirmed what the Lord had already been making clear, and was a call to action, to preparation, to being prepared...

Quote:

-----... it is difficult not recalling what you are referring to now.

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I could post it again, but don't know if it will help as you were so very resistant to it at the time, and may still be.

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-----Yes, still find almost all of this prophetic business as it is construed in our day to be pretty far flung and far too casual in utterance, more so when it does go into a "thus sayeth ..." mode of operation.

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I can never understand why people who prophesy in meetings have to tag "thus sayeth the Lord" onto it. It seems to be a habit of speech with some I've known, regardless of whether the content of the word was actually of God or not. But, if it is a true prophecy, it ought to be obvious that it is the Lord who is speaking, not the person who is saying the words. If it isn't, that prophet is risking God's judgement by speaking presumptuously.

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I don't really see this Psalm as being 'prophetic' however.

My understanding of prophecy is simply when God speaks through a human agent. So, to me, those particular verses of Psalm 91 are prophecy!

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True, but the word I posted was nothing at all like that!

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----- I still receive and still cringe at the 'prophetic' "words" given out by way of newsletter from Charisma magazine for instance... I am still puzzled over these 'prophetic' industries and speakers and this constant free flow of contradicting ... sentiment that is produced through them. Most of it is completely vague and so general as to mean absolutely nothing at all, kind of a Christian "Horoscope" that anyone could find anything they might want to derive out of it. Only using this as an example of what has become a whole cottage industry or 'ministry' these days.

Again I agree, but that makes your point-blank rejection of the word I shared so perplexing, because it was *nothing* like these kinds of words.

This was the Scripture from Hebrews 12. The shaking, at least the first rumblings, are upon us. The Lord needs those who will be able to stand in these days.

Luke 21:25 is also relevant:

Heb 12

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Luke 21:

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

I'm not saying that these things are going to happen this year or next, but that they are already beginning and will escalate.

Meanwhile, as Daniel said, "Those who know their God will be strong and do exploits".

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/22 20:09

Quote:  
-----M.C's: For the sake of the body, we hold prophesy to a gold standard, or the gift is fiat and good only for confusion in the church. In deed, I fear it is already that anyways.  
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And if I might play upon these words, you can take true prophecy to the bank. Simply put, if God spoke it will come to pass, if man spoke it *might* come to pass.

I have been around, as many here have, a fair share of prophesying. I have noticed that at times men and women will be caught up in a moment or will mistake something that God did through them in the past as a green light to speak for Him in 'the now'. I have seen men get angry and prophesy other men's destruction and it did not come to pass. What happened? These mistook some feeling- some leaning about- some inspirational loftiness of elevation- that made them think they could speak for God, at that moment in time, *predictively*. Anger and frustration are not inspiration and anointing. The one comes down from above, but the other is earthly, sensual, or demonic (James 3:15). It is earthly at best and demonic at worst or a combination of all three.

Sometimes we get carried along and intuitively or logically piece together information(s) as if somehow we have enough data to predict the future. I say 'intuitively' because intuition calls forth the 'a-ha' experience that can easily be mistaken for the voice of God. I think this is an important distinction to be made. If we rely on our intuition to hear from God then the enemy will give us clues that are subtle enough to lead us into error. This is a strategy. Some things can be plainly spoken and have little impact or 'weight' upon the mind and heart; but if through the process of intuition a person is led step by step to what they believe is their own conclusion then they will swallow the whole lot hook, line, and sinker. People always hold more dear to their hearts those things they believed they discovered in their own minds. But understand, it is sometimes a stacked deck that the enemy has dealt.

It is my experience, that when God really speaks to me, especially something that is drastic, I always come away in great awe and wonder. I handle what I have received with fear and trepidation. I allow God to keep dealing with me about it as opposed to going off the deep end too fast. For this cause I have practiced moderation in these types of things and cautiously not allowed myself to be deceived into destroying myself. The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. Sometimes it is like fire shut up in our bones; but in any case one ought to always tread cautiously when they send out a "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Not so much that we fear the prophetic gifts and all, but that we don't presumptuously speak for the Lord.

As for the economy? We have an aggregate debt in the US about 48 Trillion dollars. That debt is being serviced by more debt. Our whole economy is driven by more debt and the ultimate devaluation of our currency through the ongoing increase in money supply among other things. At some point it will have to collapse. No prophet needed to predict that, only a little insight into the Federal Reserve and our modern banking system that continually loans out billions of dollars that we generated out of *thin air*.

As for these men? I believe charity is always in order. Charity and humility can walk together. It is not necessary to be a 'recognized prophet' in these last days. No need for banners and titles. If you would be stripped of it; what have you really lost?

Re: here goes nothing... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/22 20:59

bro Mike Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

Quote:  
-----Anyone still recall the nuclear arms race?  
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no...but i heard about it :-P

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Quote:

-----My allusion there was to draw back to things forgotten while we are preoccupied with what is current and in our face so to speak. If the economy does turn around and the market stabilizes next year ... what of it? And if it does not, have we now just vindicated the 'prophets'? In turn, if they are correct and these woes befall us ... What then, "I told you so?" Please recognize I am speaking in some generalities here.

you were speaking generally but i'll speak for myself. if the economy turns around and stabilizes then we all know that what i said was of me and thus false and i'll not be running my mouth any more thereafter. if it does collapse as i believe it will, you will not hear me say "i told you so" either. The Lord would have certainly Vindicated what He said and His messengers. i would ask though why you'd think anyone really sent of God would respond in that manner to begin with. perhaps i'm assuming too much in assuming that it is understood that the true prophets of God don't act that way. if you were given such a word which came to pass would you respond that way? not an accusation, just questions.

Quote:

-----This is what is needed. In fact this is the definition. This is the word embedded deep within, this is that which good old Art Katz drove home amongst so many other things. If we cannot give the world this, despite what they may or may not do with it, then we are nothing but frauds and tragic comics presenting an offering of a cubic zirconia for the Real Diamond. This is the business we are trafficking in with this 'style' of prophesying, not to mention all of the Church proper, and that there cannot be a very long pause to consider the ramifications ... is well quite past me. It is compound error when it is not so, this is not favoring the odds or a perhaps and a maybe ... Isn't it strange enough when the animated prophets are so sincere and forceful and crying out at the outset and then the months and years go by and ... what? Nothing. Nothing happens and the world just goes right on by, just another gimmick, some throw away thing, a cheap plastic, fake diamond. It just makes a complete mockery of the Lord and we will say nothing to keep from offending each other.

i guess if there isn't a date stamp on it as in this case, there may well be time yet for some things to come to pass, assuming of course it is of God. if it is of God it will come to pass. the Messiah was spoken of for millenia before He came and He said He would return and millenia have passed since. if it's of God, it will come to pass, it always does...Jeremiah cried out many years before Babylon came through...perhaps we forget the Mercy and Longsuffering of God when He tarries?

Quote:

-----What was the effect on His hearers when Jesus said these words? Quite outlandish ... and quite specific. There doesn't seem to be any indication that anyone was expecting from then current events that this would be a possibility, it wasn't 'in the news' so to speak.

the majority of people, experts and not so expert don't think we'll even have that much of a recession let alone a sudden collapse. if and when i say we're having economic issues, most are like "huh?" and then don't believe it and go on. there are a few weirdos i have talked to who believe they have heard the same thing, we'll we're about to know for sure...i don't speculate on any of this and i know some do, some get paid to speculate. it may seem so to you and others but if i didn't believe God showed me this, i'd have said nothing and saved us all a lot of drama.

Quote:

-----We do not know and that is where I am continuing to have a great deal of issue with this whole matter. It is predominantly a 'newspaper theology' as it is termed, full of speculation also simultaneously and otherwise known as 'prophesying'. There can be but one answer and that answer is get it right or don't get it wrong, there is no wiggle room.

we don't know, but God knows and perhaps, or should i say i believe firmly that God has spoken concerning this to some others here and out there also. so i believe also God told me that this was the year, another brother also was shown this year. he was shown this in about 2000 or so and God said to him someone else would know of the 2007 date and that person is me. so if '07 doesn't pass with any of the things on PC3 coming to pass, there is no wiggle room for me in this and none for bro R either and we'll apologize, repent, recant and be quiet.



Quote:  
-----Now I am about to really get myself into some trouble ... For your consideration, those of us who are convinced we are indeed hearing from the Lord in this way and uttering our utterances, has it possibly occurred to anyone that this may well be none other than satan himself? I ask it as a heart searching question and not as an accusation, I am firmly still in the camp of "I do not know".  
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you're in trouble now! :-P don't you make me come to Cali and find you! bro you asked if we ever considered this to be of the enemy. i have, more so than you may know/think. i've been asked and asked myself "what if this isn't God?" if it isn't, i could simply do what i'd much rather do...chill and not worry about much and be my phlegmatic self...that is a no brainer. this question however "what if it is God i find more troubling because if it is, then i can't do what i've always done...chill. suddenly i have to do something completely different, something which if i was left to my own devices would in nowise consider coz it would bring me too much trouble. it's not been easy bearing this burden and there have been times i've just wanted to give it up and hide somewhere but something won't let me quit and i believe it's Him because He is determined to see this work done. the beginning of the year wasn't so bad but just like the start of a race, it's all good till you get close to the end, you start cramping up but you have to maintain that stride...these last few days have been something of a roller-coaster between me fussing about things i don't like about myself which i think would disqualify me from this to then conceding that God chooses as He pleases, from being unsure and being certain...from wonderings if this is a ploy of the enemy or God Himself...yet even in spite of all this, the latter always wins. i've considered if this is the enemy bro Mike, it has occurred to me.

you're in the camp of "i don't know" and in about 9 days you'll know one way or another as will we all. at that point i'll either be putting this behind me or going where i never considered i'd go and understand a bit better what Paul meant when he said "eye hath not seen..."

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

#### Re: Prophetic Credentials - II, on: 2007/12/23 1:33

Dear Mike,

I was not sure how to reply to your post - if at all - but to acknowledge it without disputing your comments seems best:

Quote:  
-----our very atmosphere is filled with prognostications of despair  
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Quote:  
-----I can only offer that I accept what he said fully, yet try not to infer anything from it in relationship to the specific predictions we are discussing in this thread.  
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Quote:  
-----My point is not to denounce any prediction, but only to say that predictions can't be tested except by the outcome. And if the outcome isn't as plain as the prediction given, then it has failed the test.  
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Quote:  
-----This makes me sad  
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You're right - whichever outcome we receive.

I seem to remember in Fair Sunshine, a stunning example of prophecy, which came true to the day. Really there's no argument. I see that.

Re: Prophetic Credentials I, II, III - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/23 12:04

*When he is quiet, who can condemn? When he hides his face, who can behold him, whether it be a nation or a man?--*  
Job 34:29

*God will be justified when he speaks and clear when he judges.* ~ Matthew Henry

IRONMAN,

Certainly we have gone around and around with our perspectives on this ... Too much emphasis on the man, too much on the opinion and explaining ... Somehow the attempt I am after is at the root, to somehow get us all to think more largely about what all this entails. This really has less to do with yourself personally than you might think ... hence the generalities. This is not a question of your love to the Lord or your heart or your 'burden' or what the outcome will dictate and your response and ours likewise. Forget all that for a moment.

I lifted that line from Matthew Henry as it stood out and arrested my attention while I was looking for another verse having to do with what the Lord conceals from us.

"God will be *justified* **when He speaks** and **clear** when He judges"

If we are purporting to be mouth pieces for the Lord, speaking either directly His thoughts or even His very own words ... How large and incredible is that? How is it such a lite matter in this day where we have thousands of these mouth pieces and hardly are any of them put to the test of ... authenticity. It's as if it really just doesn't matter at all. We have made gullibility a byword in this era of Christianity and lifted men and their utterances up to the level of untouchable in so many cases that the inference is to err on the democratic side of the law, innocent until proven guilty. That just cannot be the way we go about this, for we are not talking about fallen, fallible men but God Himself. The standard is set and unmovable, *let God be true and every man a liar*. That means there is no hit and misses only as Robert wrote; "Simply put, if God spoke it will come to pass." And to finish that thought; "if man spoke it *might* come to pass."

*If ...* This seems to be the operative word, *if ...* Is this not where we find ourselves? Hedging bets as it were? What makes this all the more difficult is something that crosses my mind all the time here, for the better part we are Brethren together, not opposing ... what it is the word here ... entities. This is not the Pharisees or the 'heathen' vs. the Church. Am inserting this for recognition and also that the brothers still understand where the generalities stop and start, am sure you can read through that which is applicable or not, for instance whether or not this is taken lightly by you, there is no doubting sincerity. However, sincerity, burden, validation all these things are, at the core all besides the point.

Recently read through Andrew Strom's book on leaving the prophetic movement and there is enough fodder in there to be both righteously indignant as to weep profusely over what is happening in this day and age of ... un-thinking Christianity. Prophets for hire as it were, prophets that 'will speak into your life' or whatever the crass, beguiling vernacular for ... *money!*?

Act 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

2Co 2:17 For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. (ESV)

It just goes on and on, unchecked, untested, *un-contested*. It's air and wind and noise and contrary to even the scriptures that so much of this is even derived from, twisted and contorted to suit whatever flavor and imagination that flows through these corrupted melons of ours.

Words. Our words. God's word. Words carry meaning and depth and ramifications. How they are wielded or restrained. Mentioned earlier this tremendous thought;

*"The Lords testimony"*

What of it? What *about* it? Is it not at stake? Brother Denny made much of it during the recent conference and so did we by emphasis, or rather Greg by highlighting it for a season afterwards, drawing attention to it. Not the only one for certain, this was a common construct and appealing of T. Austin Sparks, is it not important in our considerations of these things

, of all things that we have to do with?

Some words can stand alone and speak volumes. One that comes to mind along these same lines and especially as it pertains to so much of this prophetic business ...

Reproach

At this point it just goes on to be redundant, Robert and MC have brought out better grasps of this of late and others far earlier.

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Couldn't agree more.

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Holding back, allowing time and space, patience ... waiting. One of the places I find myself getting into the most trouble is, strangely enough, straight from the prayer closet and this ambition to start writing first thing in the morning. The day progresses and the words are often still churning and by the time it comes to a close I often have all these regrets for not holding back and really considering just what I am presenting out there. Perhaps that is a bit off the subject of particular 'prophesying' ... Speaking of holding back ... Have been really reluctant to say this in many places for a number of reasons, maybe it's just to try and hone in on the heart/root matters so much ... But, the Lord is not completely silent to me, just more often than not, it is not a steady stream of dialogue, will grant my suspicions of others that seem to think this is the case, I am just being honest here, this day grants much to be wary of. There are two voices or better, let me put it this way ... The only ones that ever call me Michael are my mother and the Lord. My Ma is not around anymore to draw off everything unspoken that comes along with hearing her say my name that way and others could well use it rather than the abbreviated version, it just doesn't have the same ... ramifications. "Martha, Martha" is often "Michael, Michael" by way of that hard to describe ... intuition, that's not the word I am thinking of ... the Lord grabs our attention, "speaks" ...

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: Joh 10:27*

I do not know how we pit one against the other here, for instance what Rahman or IRONMAN is 'hearing' over against what little I might ... perceive. More likely than not I would grant that I rarely put anything out here of this style because it is

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either just very personal or not worthy of even being put to the test in the first place. Interesting thought there, ... *is it worthy of being tested?* There is a large question and perhaps where so much of this prophetic 'movement' is arrested at its inception ...

" ... *that we don't presumptuously speak for the Lord*"

Sister,

Quote:  
-----However, the hurt wasn't important, but the fact that you rejected a true prophetic word. Even at the time I was at least as much hurt on your behalf as on my own! And even more on the Lord's behalf, because it was very much in line with Scripture,  
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Mike, sorry if I misjudged you on this. It was certainly true at the time that word was shared. It's just that I'm rather fearful that you will again reject it. It was a call to all leaders, or others who have any kind of spiritual responsibility. So to have it scorned was hard to bear.

I will post it to you privately. You were probably reacting to other things that were going on at the time. At least I hope so.

Come to think on, David Wilkerson also prophesied more than once of coming judgements on America, as have others on Britain (Clifford Hill for example) though I don't think anyone gave a time scale.

Do you witness with some, or all, of what he has said?

Re Ironman and Rahman's prophetic word, my only doubt is the timing. That economic collapse is coming is in no doubt, and doesn't even need a specific prophecy to discern. It's plain in Scripture that things such as this will happen increasingly throughout the whole world. We Christians in the Western world have grown so comfortable and have such a false sense of security, that, unless we are prepared, we may well go under when this judgment really starts to hit (whether it begins with economic collapse or in some other way).

Love in Him

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/23 14:39**

Quote:

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We shouldn't let our convictions regarding what America deserves tempt us to make a mistake here.

As you have said, Ironman, and Rhaman, aren't the only people who have given timeframes to these things and have been wrong. And the consequence of our biased treatment of these unrealized prophecies is that even believers, let alone the unbelievers, are getting tired of the false alarms.

I believe we could even coin a phrase for this symptom among the brethren...Prophecy fatigue. Immunity to God's word is the consequence of not caring whether our prophecies are real messages from heaven or simply personal convictions. (Though personal convictions of a Godly person are most precious, they have no business posing as the very Words of God.)

It is my intention to be soft spoken, but the more we try to pass over this with a magic wand the more I will protest and hair split. And before people wonder if I am against prophecy, it may very well be that my rigid insistence on testability allows me to claim I hold prophecy in higher esteem than the 'prophets' themselves, who seem to allow the straw to be mixed in with the gold without losing a wink of sleep. Personally I couldn't imagine daring to speak for God without this type of utter accountability.

Now, many of us are not called to be teachers, prophets, or preachers. Yet all of us are called to hold the Word of God with the utmost of our various intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical strengths. In that context, how greatly we have allowed the walls of our city to fall in disrepair. There are no boundaries anymore...few of us can tell Spirit from feelings because we bring no discipline to our study of the scriptures.

Truly we are lax to compare Ironman's and Rhamans unrealized pronouncements to the word of God. Even David Wilkerson has spoken out of turn, and at least on one occasion he admitted he spoke not with inspiration but out of fear. Yet we love these men so much we refuse to take them off their pedestals.

Am I against prophecy? I should hope not! But prophecy is like preaching...it requires more than the texture and rhythm of what has come before...it requires the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit of truth knows how to tell time by the way...he does not miss dates.

In discerning the difference from our sincere pretensions to true heaven born Words, I am reminded of a quote by the music critic Virgil Thomas. Whenever he heard a new piece of music he would measure its importance by a simple but elusive metric. Is this just a good piece of clockwork, or does it actually tell time?"

Well there is too much well intentioned speaking today, whether it be in the pulpit, the street, a book, or on the internet, that only superficially resembles greatness. In the end, little of it is telling us what time it really is.

I anticipate that many here will respond by informing us that New Testament prophesy isn't meant to be 100% reliable. To that I respond that if prophetic integrity is discretionary then prophetic listening is also. If the prophet will not hold himself accountable for how he speaks, how dare he hold others for how they listen?

Personally speaking, if and when the crisis comes, I will want to deal minute by minute with only plain facts and not sincere speculation. I will not listen to any well-meaning leader, spiritual or secular, who does otherwise. Anyone who has been in a dangerous or time-critical situation knows what I am talking about.

My goodness, many here are so quick to accuse President Bush of lying for the failure of his intelligence agencies. These are mere human agencies...yet we openly call the President of the United States a liar. Then we are reluctant to humbly yield when our own intelligence agencies are also wrong. We believed these events would happen in 2007, and we believed our sources were authentic...but the facts are plain; we were misinformed. Let's not compound our mistake by adopting new doctrines of relativity regarding New Testament prophecy.

If 1.1.08 passes by without a collapse, then our brothers have not prophesied. They are still our brothers, but they are not prophets. I am merely observing. Does anyone see something else?

MC

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i believe you have touched on some things here which i didn't pick up right away. indeed we have a lot of people running around saying they speak for God and aren't tested. i suppose in many ways it is an indictment against us, our laxity for if men can be so bold as to say they speak for God when they don't, it's a symptom of something deeper...the word says he who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall be given a prophet's reward. that implies somehow that there is a point at which that prophet is proven true and perhaps we may have gotten the receiving part down a little too well...i guess that was part of bro Katz's work...there have been times when i've read words/books of heard men saying things which i've felt were dubious at best and wondered why nobody said anything...as you said though from the word the standard is let God be true and each man a liar.

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that last line made me think, when things seem to be going too smoothly, check your surroundings...somehow it has been for me that when i'm on the Right Path, it's always uphill, there is always resistance in one form or another from within as the flesh rebels against what God is working out and from without to some degree also. do you find this in your own walk?

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you know i sometimes have that same experience but i find God does something to shift my focus so i remain still for a while, or sometimes i have to say 'hold up...' lest i run my mouth...like you there have been times when i have run my mouth and afterwards been like "uh oh..."praise God though that He works in spite of us coz Lord knows we sure can mess it up...now this may not be so apparent to you but what you said though has a everything to do with prophesying...because prophecy is not only speaking the Heart of God to His people but also at the time of His choosing and often there is a period of waiting, perhaps short or long in the interim. i've found i don't like thinking of the consequences of when i mess up sometimes because they are often pretty big...as believers the things we do and say and think somehow affect us all in some way...not sure if that makes sense.

Quote:

-----Speaking of holding back ... Have been really reluctant to say this in many places for a number of reasons, maybe it's just to try and hone in on the heart/matters so much ... But, the Lord is not completely silent to me, just more often than not, it is not a steady stream of dialogue, will grant my suspicions of others that seem to think this is the case, I am just being honest here, this day grants much to be wary of. There are two voices or better, let me put it this way ... The only ones that ever call me Michael are my mother and the Lord. My Ma is not around anymore to draw off everything unspoken that comes along with hearing her say my name that way and others could well use it rather than the abbreviated version, it just doesn't have the same ... ramifications. "Martha, Martha" is often "Michael, Michael" by way of that hard to describe ... intuition, that's not the word I am thinking of ... the Lord grabs our attention, "speaks" ...

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bro Mike you have no idea how that blessed me so! i suppose we're trying to get at the root from opposite ends of the tree, not that we are fighting but differing perspectives of the same thing maybe like the blind folk holding different parts of the elephant...as for God speaking to you, a part of me said/thought "well why didn't you say so sooner!? i'm glad there are more weirdos out there!" but i suppose also that same reluctance you felt is the same i do and that oft keeps me from volunteering the info you just did to others. a couple of weeks ago a lady in our sunday school class asked if anyone had dreams from our Lord, she doesn't and i stuck my hand up...nobody else did...perhaps it's not so much that you're weird for hearing God's voice calling you "Michael, Michael" but perhaps it's more weird that as His children, we don't all hear Him call? something i have been thinking about awhile now.

Quote:

-----I do not know how we pit one against the other here, for instance what Rahman or IRONMAN is 'hearing' over against what little I might ... perceive. More likely than not I would grant that I rarely put anything out here of this style because it is either just very personal or not worthy of even being put to the test in the first place. Interesting thought there, ... is it worthy of being tested? There is a large question and perhaps where so much of this prophetic 'movement' is arrested at it's inception ...

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as i said i believe we have differing perspectives but the end result which God desires is that we end up more like Him. We're pressing for the Truth. i see more clearly where you're coming from and it is a most important place because we do need to try things and see what sort they are. you know bro Mike God may have called you to this work and perhaps there is much that you may not think is worthy of being tried that ought to be. that is between you and our Lord however so y'all work that out. you asked a question, "is it worthy to be tested?" if we don't let things be tested, as you said in a previous post, the error is compounded. if i'm in error over what i believe ?God said, i do not want to continue in it coz that further muddies muddy water...the last thing i want to do is to speak presumtuously for/about God.

Grace and PEace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.



**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2007/12/23 16:52**

Iron Man

Maturity.

The lack of this is very evident.

You might deny this but you are drawing attention to yourself not to God.

I am not trying to take away anything God has spoken to you. Hold that close to your heart.

Luke 2v18-19 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

If you are called to be a Apostle/Prophet then good. To come on here and tell everyone this shows the lack of maturity.

God will promote you in due season and in due time. What you are doing right now is your promoting yourself. You need to stop.

Hope you still love me

:-) :-) :-)

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2007/12/23 21:54**

hi, a few points from an old man...God gives gifts and people receive them; healings, words etc. the minister is a conduit only... a wire in electricity or a hose. wires and hoses have no anointing and are worthless unless properly hooked up to the source. the receiver gets all the benefit of the anointing stemming from the Source. it is so stupid to give{or take} any credit for being a wire or hose or the chisel used by Michelangelo. jimp

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/23 21:58**

bro Jim Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

you said:

Quote:

jimp wrote:

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AMEN.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus. AMEN.

**Re: Prophetic Credentials I, II, III - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/23 23:21**

Quote:

-----Mike, sorry if I misjudged you on this. It was certainly true at the time that word was shared. It's just that I'm rather fearful that you will again reject it. It was a call to all leaders, or others who have any kind of spiritual responsibility. So to have it scorned was hard to bear.

Not sure why you would be fearful of that sister, it matters little what I might think or 'reject'. I did read it again but will admit that I began to check out almost immediately. Whatever this may be it doesn't sound like nor bear any witness that it is the voice of the Lord. A difficult thing to say as it would be to further develop the question, "What then does His voice 'sound' like"? To be truthful I have not the foggiest idea in one sense having never heard it ... Am I about to climb into a h

ole I can never get out of? Especially after mentioning how I do perceive the Lords inflections\promptings though they be quite rare?

The easiest way to put this is, does it sound like the sound of scripture? There is as much first person speaking here as t o certainly suggest that these are supposedly the Lords words but they do not breed that familiarity ... Anyone that we kn ow intimately has an inflection and way and a manner that bypasses our best articulation, you just know the person by th e combined qualities that make up the whole. This may be the closest I can get to some assimilation.

I am sorry, but these things still make me cringe even if there is nothing inherently wrong with whatever the content is, it may be a man's thoughts about God's thoughts, but His thought's alone? I don't think so, no.

Feel free to post it again though, it is a bit difficult to discuss this without the benefit of everyone else and makes this a bi t too personal.

Quote:

-----Do you witness with some, or all, of what he has said?  
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Regarding Wilkerson? Think I would be of the same mind as MC ... mixed. Even Art Katz ... What I found especially ear nest was his admission that he may well be wrong but he was also quite a bit different in his ... foretelling, if it must be p ut that way. Mentioned this elsewhere, but there is a message where a brother interrupts him and begins prophesying (I n Kings James English) that never has really sat right even though he remarks at the conclusion of the brother speaking something along the lines of "To be spoken to by the Living God". The content wasn't anything of future tense forth tellin g ... I don't know, I really don't have a reference point or idea in mind when it comes to these things other than what was already mentioned, that 'sound' of scripture.

MC, man it is difficult to lift from the whole here ...

Quote:

-----It is my intention to be soft spoken, but the more we try to pass over this with a magic wand the more I will protest and hair split. An d before people wonder if I am against prophecy, it may very well be that my rigid insistence on testability allows me to claim I hold prophecy in higher esteem than the 'prophets' themselves, who seem to allow the straw to be mixed in with the gold without losing a wink of sleep. Personally I couldn't im agine daring to speak for God without this type of utter accountability.  
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That's it, a higher accountability and higher esteem. Also, believe this is far more rare than the constant and now commo nness it has been largely made out to be. Besides, still think we have some very muddy understandings between prophe cy\teaching vs. so much future-casting anyway. I concur brother, wholeheartedly.

**Re:, on: 2007/12/24 16:25**

Quote:

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Compton wrote:

Quote:

-----Re Ironman and Rahman's prophetic word, my only doubt is the timing.  
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We shouldn't let our convictions regarding what America deserves tempt us to make a mistake here...

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Hi MC

I assume your post refers to what I said, as you have quoted part of it?

I don't quite understand what you mean, unless you are speaking generally?

What is it to do with what I (or anyone else) *thinks* America deserves? I'm not even American! Or what is it to do with p ersonal convictions?

I was speaking about things I know, not solely or even primarily to do with America - except that what happens to America, as the only superpower, will no doubt affect the whole Western world.

What really puzzles me is why it isn't obvious to all that there are more difficult times ahead than we have yet known, and we need to be ready spiritually, or else we will go under.

Remember what Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2007/12/24 18:39

Quote:

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crsschk wrote:

Quote:  
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Not sure why you would be fearful of that sister, it matters little what I might think or 'reject'.

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Fearful because what if it's a true word that you have rejected after all? Also perhaps a bit of a feeling of personal rejection. Irrational I know, and completely unimportant, but still made me hesitate, more than I might otherwise, expecting a rebuttal.

The Lord has done a great work of healing in this area of rejection, but there's still that temptation...

But that's irrelevant...

Quote:

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I don't think there's any point, but if anyone wants it?...

Quote:

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I too am all for accountability in these matters, that's one reason I don't really understand your problem with that word, as it seemed very much in line with Scripture to me.

More to the point, what do you think of the relevant scriptures? (Key parts bolded)

Heb 12:

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**

**27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

Luke 21:

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and **upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring**

Blessings

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/24 20:51**

Hi Jeannette,

Quote:  
-----I too am all for accountability in these matters, that's one reason I don't really understand your problem with that word, as it seemed very much in line with Scripture to me.  
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I don't have a problem (to use your phrase) with Ironman's word because of any scriptural conflict in the content.

Also, I apologize if I sounded like I was making an assumption regarding your attitudes towards America sister...I was only wanting to make a general point. I shouldn't have added any specific reason or motive to my point.

And my point is, regardless of our various individual positions, we should let the outcome of history, during this final week of 2007, speak for itself.

Blessings,

MC

**Re:, on: 2007/12/25 2:13**

Hi Brother Compton. Jeannette was responding to MikeB about this "word" she posted on the Something Horrible thread.

This word, despite that fact that it's in the "first person", is one in a zillion that I agree with whole-heartedly. No exaggeration on that "one in a zillion" part neither.

Anyhow, here it is ~

Quote:  
WALKING ON WATER  
A Prophecy to leaders in the Church  
Through David Noakes

'In the days which are to come , that part of the Church which will survive and prevail as overcomers will be that part which has learned to walk upon the waters, trusting only in me. There will be such storms that it will no longer be possible, as it were, to cross the waters by the ordinary means of using a boat, for the storms will be such that any boat will founder.

The ways of traditional church organisation will not be adequate for the needs, because they will be too rigid and inflexible to withstand the wind and the waves, and those who have put their trust in them for their security will be like those who find themselves in a boat which is overwhelmed and doomed to sink.

'In those days only those who have learned to walk upon the waters will walk in safety. Do not put my people into rigid formal structures, for to do this is to put them into a boat which will seem adequate and comfortable while the waters are calm, but will later become a place of death for those whose only experience has been to get in and enjoy the ride.

'The structure of my church is not to be like a ship, a monolithic whole, a structure created by men. It is to be my body, a thing which is completely mobile and flexible, able to respond and adapt to the needs of the moment.

'A body will survive; but any structure created through the wisdom and efforts of man will prove to be like the ship which will sink in the time of trouble and pressure. Do not over-organise my people but teach them the ways of God; teach them the way of listening for the voice of my Spirit, and of spontaneous action in obedience to those promptings.

'Teach them not to rely upon men or upon any form of organised structure, but teach them that each one must have his trust solely in me, the Head of the body, who alone has the wisdom to guide his people through the stormy waters.

'The days are coming when every item of your security which depends on the ways of man and the structures of the world will be taken from you, No matter how hard you have laboured to build it up and no matter how much my people have asked me to bless it, it will all be like having placed your treasure in a bank which has suddenly closed its doors to you and will permit you no access.

'Teach my people, therefore, the way of walking on the water. Teach them in these days while the waters are yet calm to put their eyes upon me with a whole-hearted intensity, and to trust me implicitly in all matters, whether they seem great or small.

'As each member learns to recognise and obey the instructions of the Head, so all together will begin to be able to function as one body.

'This will never come about through human organisation, but only as they learn to walk continually under the direct leading of my Spirit. Your task is not to organise them but rather to teach them how to walk hand in hand with me.

Consider what is written in my Word and hold it close to your hearts.

'Thus it is written, "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord, for he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green; and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit."

'Let me teach you how to live and how to lead my people according to this word, in order that I may have a people who are able to walk upon the waters in the day of the storm.'

Not endorsing Noakes, but this word/message/whatever is the need of the hour I believe.

Just my personal opinion, and I do know what that's worth.

Shalom in Him.

**Re:, on: 2007/12/25 6:42**

Duplicated post!

**Re:, on: 2007/12/25 6:48**

Thank you Annie

I was going to post the link only (when there was time to find it) but again that hesitation; for it is a fearful thing to reject what God is saying to the Church in these days. As it is also a fearful thing to go after false prophets.

I read that word again - was there a possibility that it wasn't right?

But the message is clear, and in full agreement with Scripture; the only difference being that it *applies* what the Bible alr

eady speaks of, and gives practical counsel on that basis.

For example:

Quote:  
-----'A body will survive; but any structure created through the wisdom and efforts of man will prove to be like the ship which will sink in the time of trouble and pressure  
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Haven't saints in lands where there is persecution already found that to be true? Our problem in the West is that we have had things so easy for so long. We are not ready!

And

Quote:  
-----'The days are coming when every item of your security which depends on the ways of man and the structures of the world will be taken from you, No matter how hard you have laboured to build it up and no matter how much my people have asked me to bless it, it will all be like having placed your treasure in a bank which has suddenly closed its doors to you and will permit you no access.  
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Note there is no time scale given, only "the days are coming", which is obvious anyway. And the signs are that it *will* be quite soon, (this isn't intended to be prophetic, but I shall be surprised if I die physically before Jesus returns). For, though not all is ready for the coming of the Lord, (for example, the Antichrist comes first before the true Christ's return), world events are escalating fast.

Indeed this is much bigger than even what happens to America and the Western world...

Romans 13:

11 ¶ And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.  
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Of course, that was 2,000 years ago. How much more now is "the night far spent".

in Him

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/25 10:43**

Thanks Annie!

...all these Mike's around here Jeannette!

Merry Christmas morning.

MC

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2007/12/25 13:00**

There have been some very astute observations on this thread, and I have read it from "oldest to newest". Some very wise words by our moderator, and by the "other" Mike, and many others, and the beauty of this whole thread that the questions, the rebukes, the admonitions have been just as the Word commands us, in the spirit of meekness and consideration and yet some very plain and needed calls for authenticity. I have to agree that this whole thing of anyone proclaiming themselves a prophet is quite troublesome, and especially the whole nexus of this whole thread. In the New Testament, the prophecy regarding Paul in connection to what would happen to him in Jerusalem was not just by "a" prophet, but the Word says:

Acts 20:23 (KJV) 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

In other words it was confirmed, (in that day before the New Testament was written and the canon of scripture complete)

e) by the Holy Spirit in many places by many of God's children... That is not to say that God cannot and did not and has not given words of prophecy to just one or two individuals... But all this self-defense and speculation, and maybe and back and forth, I hope, I really hope is not read by sinners and seekers for truth outside the SI family because instead of clarity, this can only result in confusion with a capital C which is NOT of God regardless of how many good intentions are involved.

And where in all of this "word of prophesy" is what "edifies the church" (1 Corinthians 14:4). The whole thread has been that of treading lightly trying to "edify the 'prophets'".

1 Corinthians 14:12 (KJV) 12Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church...

22b "...but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe."

1 Corinthians 14:26 (KJV) 26How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:29 - 30 (KJV) 29Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

Again there is the unquestionable assurance that there will be an assurance regarding the absolute truth of the prophecy in the body...

1 Corinthians 14:37 - 38 (KJV) 37If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

As has already been pointed out many times in this thread, there is absolutely no need for a prophesy regarding the economic collapse in this country, the world is already expecting one.

Another key word that has been used is "maturity". Modesty has been defined by "not drawing attention to oneself" "... sorry, but this whole thing has been immodest.

And to compare any of this, even some of the more well known folk who have "prophesied" in these last days with the prophets who were thrown into slime pits (Jeremiah), sawn from straddle to head (Isaiah), put on bread and water until the prophesy came to pass (Micaiah), exiled and fed by ravens, hidden by God until the word came to pass (Elijah), or the prophet/apostle Paul whose life was one of suffering the loss of all things and counting them but rubbish... bearing in his body the marks of Jesus Christ, tribulations of every sort for speaking truth.... to compare that to having hurt feelings because someone did not accept "a word"...

That is a sad commentary on how unprepared we are in this country for the realities (not our feelings and speculations and attempts to speak to someone else what God can and does speak to those who are His without having to have a little help from friends...) that His Word so clearly, clearly has already prophesied regarding the last days.... "nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh will He find faith on the earth?"

There is enough to keep us all very busily engaged regarding what is coming IN THE WORD. And the fact that America will suffer for her sins is not something that takes a special calling to predict but a very simple understanding of the holiness of God.

Closing with this one question... "how much have you suffered for simply declaring what the Word says?" That is the question that qualifies...

In love,

Clint



Re: Prophetic Credentials II, on: 2007/12/27 13:03

broclint, that was an excellent post - which makes it hard to change the subject somewhat.

I wanted to make a short list of a few things of which I'm aware which make 2007 different from other years. Washington and New York, are a kind of code, like 'Egypt' or 'Jerusalem' which similarly have *histories* which are on-going and meaningful in their engagement with world events - whether overt or clandestine. I'm sure other items could be added to my rather UK-orientated observations.

During 2007, there was an uncontested change of leadership in the ruling political party here. I don't know if this has ever happened before but we have a new Prime Minister - Gordon Brown - whose ten years in the Treasury while Tony Blair was Prime Minister, enabled the UK to go to war in several places.

Tony Blair's resignation was soon followed by his appointment to a post which I believe has been created for him, as Europe 'develops'.

(<http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,,2111455,00.html>) Tony Blair now Middle East peace envoy

'Diplomats said there was some disquiet over the way US talks with Mr Blair were well advanced before any details were shared with the other quartet partners.'

(<http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/Page12006.asp>) Brief bio ends 'He continues to be interested in inter-faith issues and the promotion of inter-faith understanding.'

([http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/6760937.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/6760937.stm)) Blair in Europe: a false messiah?

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id21365&forum48&0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id21365&forum48&0)) Tony Blair joins Catholic Church on 24th December, 2007

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id20836&forum48&2](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id20836&forum48&2)) Middle East peace conference opens in Maryland, US

'Standing before the diplomats from more than 40 countries and international agencies at the US naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, President Bush stepped back to allow the Palestinian and Israeli leaders to shake hands.'

One can't help but note the Pentagon's provision of a conference venue.

This month, in Iraq, British Forces in the south of the country officially handed over operational control to Iraqi forces, although there will be background and continued training and reconstruction support from the British. A withdrawal of some troops is planned for 2008. Some will be sent to Afghanistan.

I'm sure more has happened this year, but it's remarkable how quietly these *major changes* have passed with very little media analysis.

**Re: change the subject somewhat - posted by broclint (), on: 2007/12/28 16:47**

quote:I'm sure more has happened this year, but it's remarkable how quietly these major changes have passed with very little media analysis.

It is like the line from Philip Brooks hymn: "how silently, how silently..." another line says, "above thy thy deep and dream less sleep".

Mr. Blair openly joining the Catholic Church, the continual drumbeat from both sides of the Atlantic to make a "Palestinian" nation... you are so right, regarding "major changes". On another thread, "HeReigns" has pointed out some major changes within what is called "the church" that is totally in lockstep with the march toward One world government.

I just watched Greg Gordon's interview regarding how this site was conceived. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

How we need to pray for one another as we see the DAY approaching.

Thank you for complimenting the last post... I certainly did not and do not want to hurt the brothers who are no doubt in enough pain at this time.

What a challenging time to be alive!

May God help us all to humble ourselves... let me rephrase that... may God help ME to humble myself more than ever before to seek His face that I may be used for His glory "for such a time".

Clint

**Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2007/12/28 20:47**

Dorcas

I would like to point out some other things.

1. 2007 marks Jerusalem in Israel's hands for Forty years.
2. 2007 marks the 300th anniversary of the Act of Union between England and Scotland. That means for the none British people that was the start of the United Kingdom.
3. 2007 Marks America's 400th Anniversary. Jamestown founded.
4. 2007 marks the 140 years since the passing of the British North America Act by the British Parliament, the Province of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia became a federation, regarded as a kingdom in her own right.
5. 2007 marks 200 years of the Abolition of the Slave Trade it become law on 25th March, 1807.

Are there any others I have missed?

Are these timings a fluke or what?

What is God saying to us?

**Re: Prophetic Credentials II, on: 2007/12/28 22:13**

Hi murrcolr,

You have added a most interesting and splendid list from a completely different perspective.

Particularly 3. as Spitfire, a sister here, has had a word from the Lord about the grip of 'religion' in the US (where she lives) having lasted *four hundred years* and that He is already working to break that bondage.

The only one I knew was the Union of the Flags, but of course, the Union of the Crowns in 1603, for those who believe there is some significance to England coming under the reign of its first 'King Jacob' (James VIth and Ist), is more significant still as another four hundred year marker just passed.

Jerusalem is also interesting. Do you mean that despite the creation of Israel the land, Jerusalem was in dispute for the first twenty years? (Truly shows up my grasp of modern history!)

Really, what I was thinking when I posted, was something about what has gone on behind closed doors, being like the rest of the iceberg of which my notes were but a tip.

Something about this...

James 3

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2007/12/29 14:24**

Dorcas you said;

I wanted to make a short list of a few things of which I'm aware which make 2007 different from other years.

I was just pointing some things from a historic view point that makes 2007 different from other years.

The key point being Jerusalem in Israel's control for 40 years.

Going in to 2008 we have moved into a different timing. We as individuals should and must be praying and seeking God's face more than ever. There is in my spirit a great dread a feeling of something bad is going to happen. I need to go and pray and ask God why I have this burden.

I also see that there is a certain groups speaking about Great awakings also The Call and Battlecry. I feel uncomfortable and agitated when watching them and can see the hand of the flesh operating. It looks like there going to drum up move of God. It looks like God (Holy) but it's not.

Be careful of the Judaizer's in today's church.

The Galatian churches has come into being as a result of Paul's missionary labors. He was moved to write this letter when he learned that certain Jewish Christians called Judaizers were seeking to impose many of the ceremonial practices of the Old Testament, especially circumcision on the Gentile converts to Christianity. The Judaizers may have been motivated by a desire to avoid the persecution of the Zealot Jews who objected to their fraternizing with Gentiles. The Judaizers also argued that Paul was not an authentic apostle and that out of a desire to make the message more appealing to Gentiles he had removed certain legal requirements.

Paul responded by clearly establishing his apostolic authority and substantiating the gospel he preached. By introducing additional requirements for justification (works of the law), his adversaries had perverted the gospel of grace and, unless prevented, would bring Paul's converts into the bondage of legalism. It is by grace through faith alone that man is justified

d, and it is by faith alone that he is to live out his new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

On a positive note I also believe that God is calling a people forth. The church Gods people are getting closer to the Jordan River. Many know that there is a mighty Move of God coming. We must be like Elisha he was willing to pay the price to cross over the Jordan River. The sons of the prophets knew God was going to take Elijah away but they did not pay the price to cross over the Jordan and get the anointing that was going to fall.

It is the same today. Let us be the ones who pay the price.

God will have a Victorious People in the Last days.

REV 15 V 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God.

Praise God let us be that people Amen.

#### Re: Prophetic Credentials II, on: 2007/12/29 15:24

Hello murrcoir,

Many have had dreams or other warnings of trauma to come. I don't 'feel' it as some do, but my spirit is alive to the truth that God is bringing His will to pass as promised in scripture, and some of this includes utter devastation to some people.

In another thread I've commented that I believe we are living under persecution of the *slow burn* type; the kind that dulls our senses to recognising sin by the drip drip of uncleanness from every quarter - that lulls us into a sense of helplessness to resist the effects of this socially acceptable onslaught - hoping to encourage us to feel we can sin and it won't count against us because it's only a little. Whereas we should be being even more ruthless with *anything* that taints the clarity of our view of God and our knowledge of His word and will for us as individuals. The commonality and failure engendered by this haze in which we are trying to pick a holy way *through*, does not absolve us from responsibility for our actions, including our continual return to walking in light where the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. This is why we should be washing each others' feet every day.

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I love Paul's simple retort to this charge (which you've explained better than I've ever understood it before; thanks), 'And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, **why do I yet suffer persecution?** then is the offence of the cross ceased.' (Gal 5:11).

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Yeah! Try listening to 'Escaping the Theology of Babylon' ([www.tscnyc.com](http://www.tscnyc.com)) [www.tscnyc.com](http://www.tscnyc.com) (Carter Conlon) for the strongest endorsement I've ever heard of this - although I know God has His people tucked away all over *the world* also, and, those who are willing to come out of Babylon before the single hour in which she is destroyed.

EDIT: I found this on SermonIndex:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid11764>) Escaping the Theology of Babylon

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2007/12/29 18:12**

Dorcas

Thanks for the recommendation I will listen to it.

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In the wilderness it was all about Moses and the leadership team.

In the days of Joshua it was about the people the people say to Joshua all that you command us we will do.

That is why I say God will have a Victorious People and not God has a Victorious People.

The Victory first of all has to come in their own personal lives. We have to be the Gospel in manifestation. Have you victory in every area of your life. I know in my life I have not.

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When this happens some Pastors will find it hard to deal with as they control the people. But God will help the Pastors as well.

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One thing she spoke of in this prophecy was three different flows of God coming together.

God has given me some understanding on this three flows are Anointings.

## General Topics :: Prophetic Credentials II

1. Love
2. Might
3. Courage

These people will be a Holy People.

These anointings and Holiness will come like they never have before. The strength of this move of God is the People.

### Prophetic Credentials 3 - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/29 20:55

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

i believe that this is the time for the announcement of what i believe i heard of God over 2 yrs ago. if i've heard wrong and have made this up, none of this will happen but if God has spoken it will come to pass. if the former, i will apologize publically, repent, publically and sit down and be quiet and make no such claim any more because God knows i have no interest in remaining deceived if i am.

if any feel so burdened it can be passed on as God leads.

what i believe God said is

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic\\_id12628&forum35&post\\_id&refreshGo](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id12628&forum35&post_id&refreshGo)) here on Prophetic Credentials 3

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

### Re: Prophetic Credentials 3 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/29 22:12

"If"

Quote:

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This is the time? Brother, you are not making this any easier. Even at this late date you are still equivocating. To go back and read through all these things ... you are going to have some accounting to do. This is not going to be easy nor simple I am afraid.

### Re: Prophetic Credentials 3 - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2007/12/29 22:45

Hi IRONMAN...

This entire situation is in my prayers. I want you to know that you will maintain my godly respect and fraternity whether the economy crashes or not. Yes, there will be some explaining to do (or perhaps, an *admission* of sincere error). However, my heart aches for the hurt that you may feel once December 31, 2007 comes and goes.

Please do not lose heart. We all miss it and we are all learning. I know of a brother, who in complete sincerity, has told me and others what he felt to be a "sure word from the Lord" with a certain Earth-time-centric deadline. After the time came and went, he entered into a deep depression. However, he has since dusted himself off. He is a wise man, and his godly words still hold great weight with others.

My prayers are with both you and Rahman. We should all live as if the world (and economy) could end at any moment. One day, this world will collapse. I have endeavored to live as if I was ready to depart it at any time.

Be encouraged in His understanding arms. It is always better to fall upon a Rock than to have the weight of a Rock fall upon us. My prayers are with you both.

:-)

All i can say is, "THANK GOD"!!! ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/30 12:23

Someone wrote;

"Re Ironman and Rahman's prophetic word, my only doubt is the timing."

--- Praise God the timings's your only doubt, as for me this whole long 20+ year experience has been one long organizing roller coaster ride of doubt (what if it isn't God) being overcome by the completion of one more act in faith (but what if it is God) of what i believe i've been hearing from our Lord to do - so i did ...

As this time is winding down to it's very end here over the past holiday week (i've been on vacation) i've spent it praying to our Lord, and musing with Him the past experiences of the last 20+ years ... How that when i first came to the belief that our Lord had called me prophet, and some of the things i believe i heard Him to say, and to address, and to bring forth words about, how many saints/pastors began to discourage me from it, and tell me how careful i had to be in this to not go off the deep end, in fact in my initial Baptist experience i was flat out told that there was no such thing as NT prophets in the Church ... Of course it's obvious that i didn't listen to them, but soon after finding out what grief such actions brought down on me from other saints, pastors especially, believe me i tried to convince myself to listen, but "the Voice" (i capitalized it because i believe it to be His voice) would not leave me alone ... i tried to escape by running headlong back out into the world, but there was no place i could hide from the convicting, correction and calling of "the Voice", His sharing with me His pain and displeasure of what my own weak Christianity was causing Him, and then His telling me to multiply that by billions ... i know it sounds weird, it's weird to me too, it's weird even in my Pentecostal circle, and it got weirdest at the beginning of 2007 when i heard "the Voice" say "This is the Year", and immediately i knew it had to do with the economic collapse of the US Economy (of which i believe He's been talking to me about for a long time) and final REVIVAL/HARVEST beginning at Mt. Airy C.O.G.I.C., whose pastor i believe our Lord has assigned me to bring words in attempts to the choosing of a "pro-jective repentance" instead of a "re-active repentance" ... If anyone on SI thinks i'm a pain just in the postings of my weird faith, you ought to be glad your not the recipient of it personally ...

Anyhow in my musings with our Lord i thought about whether He proves me (and bro Ironman) false in our weird faith, or whether He proves us true, it's been really ironic at how many saints who've not dealt with such a burden as ours are the ones who know exactly how we should handle it, what we should do and should not do ... i thought to our Lord, "Lord whether bro Ironman and i are truly of You, or as mad as hatters, the only folk who seem to know exactly how we are to react in our weird faith are those who neither have the same, and are the self-proclaimed sane" ... i don't say this in any bitterness or in attempts to get anyone twisted, it's just my own straight up Vulcan Spock observation ...

i've been struggling with, and against, this weird faith for over 20 years now, hearing "the Voice" telling me to do this, that and the other in regards prayer, delivering words, writing letters, two books with the self publication of one, the putting away of money in preparation for a future time when it would be of need to saints of His choosing, so many weird, not like me things to have become involved in, that make no earthly sense whatsoever, and could only become sense in their being either being proven of God's doing or the madness of a self delude man ...

For someone whose been dealing with this for over 20 years i thank God, finally, for this timing ... i'm but a day and a half away from the ending of this year and my weird faith still cannot let go that it is our Lord, and then there are those little mustard seed occurrences that keep happening to keep my faith bolstered ... Here's the most current example: There was a speaker scheduled for Wed. (12/26) mid-week service who canceled at the last minute, the replacement speaker came bearing the message "If God said it, He will do it, and that REVIVAL was already in our presence at Mt. Airy" ... Was that God? ... The devil? ... Happenstance? ... Now for anyone else this may not mean much, while some may think me a drowning man grasping at straws, but what that said to me was "stay the course, keep believing" ... In my musings i believe at best it to be of our Lord, at worst happenstance, but i refuse to give any credit to wicked spirit forces because i won't believe that my Lord would allow the enemy to play me in such a way as this in the sincerity of my faith and so any proven delusion would have to be of me ...

Timing is everything ... This is perfect timing, at least for me, because the times almost up to my becoming "free in it" or "free of it", this weird faith that i've carried for so long ---

Bro Mike wrote to bro Ironman;

"This is the time? Brother, you are not making this any easier. Even at this late date you are still equivocating. To go back



k and read through all these things ... you are going to have some accounting to do. This is not going to be easy nor simple I am afraid."

--- Bro Mike you know when i first came to SI the thing that always stuck out about you to me was your light-hearted sense of humor but that seems to have become overcome with grief ... "Grievous" is a word that you've come to use often, especially in regards bro Ironman's and my own weird faith ... Personally of all who have been offended by my belief of calling, and words, to cause you such grief has bothered me most, and so another real good reason for me to be glad of this year being almost over ... Just think of it, soon and very soon this will all be done ... If our Lord proves brother Ironman and myself to have been of His employ there will be wonderment, and amazement at what He's done ... Then on the other hand if bro I and i are proven false prophets (which actually will mean no prophets at all) well then i believe it'll all quickly pass because most folk didn't believe our words anyhow, a few i told you so's, and then SI can go on about it's business without myself (i can't speak for Ironman) once i post my open letter of apology, and the asking of forgiveness from all i would have caused unnecessary grief with my nonsense ... My posting on SI would cease ... In fact i would hope bro Greg would find and strike ALL my threads, or at least somehow put them to use as perhaps a road map of warning of how it can happen to a saint of getting way past God to the point of attributing word to Him that aren't His ...

You said to bro Ironman, "you are going to have some accounting to do" ... If proven not of Him, perhaps we might, but i dare say that since God does in fact read the heart i don't think that He'll take us to task to badly in that everything done was done via faith, and certainly not for wealth or fame" ... People surely will probably expect an accounting, but as i said before the first thing i'll be doing is heart-felt and remorseful asking of forgiveness from Him, then asking SI's forgiveness, also from those few whom i know had a mustard sized faith that God just may be speaking thru me, and my pastor of 20 years for meddling in His business

Take heart bro Mike, it's almost done, and one way or another two who may have added to your grief will be removed - --

Bro Chris wrote;

"However, my heart aches for the hurt that you may feel once December 31, 2007 comes and goes."

and ...

"I know of a brother, who in complete sincerity, has told me and others what he felt to be a "sure word from the Lord" with a certain Earth-time-centric deadline. After the time came and went, he entered into a deep depression. However, he has since dusted himself off. He is a wise man, and his godly words still hold great weight with others."

--- Ha! ... Ha! ... Bro Chris i surely appreciate your love and kindness here but if this year passes and none of what i've believed to say comes true it's not gonna be hurt i feel, as i've tried to point out before what i'll be feeling is "freedom", the freedom of either becoming "free in" the subsequent ministry i believe our Lord has in store for me if proven of His employ, or "free of" this long, weird, and burdensome faith that i've carried for so long ... i assure you bro the "hurt" has been in this process, particularly in this year of 2007 ... As i've recently said to bro Ironman, "If our Lord proves us to be under His employ, everything will take care of itself, but if we're proven untrue then we will have become taken care of - as in exposed and disposed" ... As i'd much prefer to be true and in future under God's further employ, as i've also said for me it's really a win-win situation in light of the latter to be finally free from all this ... You have no idea how much i've asked our Lord over the years to free me of this if it's not of Him, and now i'm finally here, the reckoning as Ron Bailey called it, and i'm ready for whatever His will is proven to be, and if it's that i'm false bro Chris you have no idea the sense of relief i feel that i'll not believe myself called any longer to butt heads with saints, especially leadership ... i can become a "normal" Christian ...

Bro Chris the brother you speak of you said eventually suffered "depression" because his "sure" word He believed to be of our Lord didn't come true ... Well bro i can assure you that "depression" won't be my outcome because unlike that brother i've never been sure of anything i believe i've heard from our Lord, had i been sure it wouldn't have taken faith for me to step on out and do it anyhow ... The agony and/or grounds for depression for me isn't hinged on the outcome in that all i want is for Him to get whatever praise, honor and glory that's His due no matter what occurs (or doesn't), that agony and my subsequent bouts of depression have already been had and overcome during this long actual experience, so one

way or the other i sense and elation, a new vista, a third wind if you will that will carry me from here to the end of my days here on earth

i'm really glad to finally be here! :-D ---

**Re: All i can say is, "THANK GOD"!!! ... - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/30 12:42**

Rahman, you are deffinatly not false. You are of the household of God. you are his humble servant and i know you love Him and belong to him.

I believe nothing is proven here ...true or false.

There are many factors to consider.

We look through a Glass darkly but soon face to face.

Bro, You are prophetic. You have a prophets mantle.

The problem is you are human. You are no better than Paul.

You are no better than Peter.

Peter was prophetic and fell on his face.

Shipwrecked.

You will just keep going foreward.

Hatred follows the prophetic mantle.

Being wrong doesnt mean squat.

The peophetic and healing mantles are the bitterest of all cups.

A ruined reputation is most always a good starting place.

Lets all of us take our ruined reputations and go decapitate some demons.

David

**Re: All i can say is, "THANK GOD"!!! ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/30 13:08**

Quote:

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*Wrong!*

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Or are trying to turn this all back to biblical moorings.

A long response forthcoming.

**Re: All i can say is, "THANK GOD"!!! ... - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/30 13:13**

Rahman, I just thought of something.....On one of my visits to time square church Dave preached a message "the death of a promise" in which any man of god goes through.

What God promises he will roll death into it and out of the ashes the promise comes forth.

This is hidden from most men of God!!!

We are circumstantial and dont see the whole picture.

Abraham is one ex. But Dave brought out many ex. and I remember buying the tape after the service. . this was many years ago and i am trying to remember the ex. Dave used.

Extremely valuable to anyone called into ministry!  
If anyone finds this in archives I am interested.

David

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/30 13:46**

crsschk, biblical moorings? Look at all the men of God that were wrong and what came out of it.

Bathsheeba was pretty good mistake but Solomon came forth from this mistake.

Peter was so wrong that Jesus named him by name to come back to the flock.

Peter was so wrong Paul had to rebuke him to his face.

These are just off the top of my head.

Of course being wrong matters.

But now that you mention it I suppose in the long run of God's purposes and in light of His gracious use of us humanoid  
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If being wrong mattered we would only have the book of Genesis.

We would all get what we deserve.

Yes being wrong is horrible!

On the other hand anyone that is wrong is in good company with the patriarchs of the Bible.

Wrong is no litmus test.

All the saints are wrong about something. Thank God for His word and each other.

We will make heaven not through our "rightness" but I think through something else.

It's not "what I have wrong" but "what I have right"

David

**Re: - posted by MikeH, on: 2007/12/30 16:40**

Quote:

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murrclor wrote:

2. 2007 marks the 300th anniversary of the Act of Union between England and Scotland. That means for the non-British people that was the start of the United Kingdom.  
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I think Dorcas provided a little clarification earlier, but a little more won't go amiss.

The crowns of England and Scotland had been united in 1603; that is one man (or woman? Can't remember if there was a queen during that time) wore both. This led to a political union of England and Scotland in 1707 to form the Kingdom of Great Britain. The Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland were united by the Act of Union of 1800 to form the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; later adjusted to Northern Ireland between 1922 and 1927. So Great Britain was formally formed in 1707, but the United Kingdom was not formed until 1800.

This doesn't add or subtract from your dates, only clarifies what did and did not happen all those years ago.

Regards  
Mike

**Re: - posted by murrclor (), on: 2007/12/30 16:54**

Thanks for the clarification

Re:, on: 2007/12/30 17:30

murrcoir wrote:

Quote:

-----Dorcas

Thanks for the recommendation I will listen to it.

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I found it encouraging. Please post a comment somewhere.

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Lots to think about here. I certainly identify with that sense of not belonging in church. It is really difficult to know what to do with one's real connections with other believers. Mainly I nurture the links I have with those who feel isolated for one reason or another. I do believe the Lord is using this, to connect *me* to other believers, if only a few.

I realise there may be people out in cyberspace who feel as if they 'know' those of us who post, even though they don't make themselves known. I value the prayers of these saints, as if I had met them, even though I may never do so. A sense of connection in the Spirit is hard to deny.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/30 19:24

Quote:

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Come, come now! Where has this come from? There has been no hate in this thread. In fact, I think there has been a double standard of grace extended...an extension that I dare say wouldn't have been given to a Benny Hinn or a Pat Robertson.

Quote:

-----Being wrong doesn't mean squat.  
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Sadly this has become the case. Of course this also means that being right doesn't mean anything either. Only now, after hundreds of posts in the thread titled "Prophetic Credentials" do we finally arrive at the conclusion that a prophet's credentials are not established by any objective criteria, and that a prophet need only claim to be a prophet to be licensed.

In light of this attitude, I would like to make a 'prediction' of my own. Should a crisis ever befall us, whether it be economic or military, the number of prophets coming out of the woodwork in our churches will multiply at an exponential rate. They will all be making different fearful predictions but, empowered by a wave of fear and hysteria, will overwhelm the church with confusion. Only those who have given up their superstitions, and insist that all speaking prophetically for God is as warranted as the plenary inspiration of scripture, will not be tossed about by every rumor, vision, and proclamation.

If you share fears and concerns as a fellow saint, then you are transparent and accountable. But when you speak as a prophet, you are announcing authority over the saints that demands a response on par with scripture's call for repentance. You are saying that "God will judge the church for not listening to my words." This is the authority of an Old Testament prophet, which is how these words have been positioned. In fact, they've cited precedents for their predictions from Jeremiah, Hosea, and Jonah. Therefore, if their call for repentance is linked to predictions that have not come true, they create confusion in the church. Everyone, not just the prophets, should own up to this responsibility. Please.

They could've simply asked for repentance according to the authority of scripture. But they claimed their own authority directly from the Lord, and therefore are not open to being 'wrong' as if they were mere fellow saints sharing their feelings and fears. Waffling on this point is a lack of integrity.

Forgive me, perhaps I am too much of a fundamentalist when it comes to the subject of inspiration. I do not believe there are several levels of inspiration (mystical or natural). I do not know how to make the transition from placing my faith in the words of scripture which comes with a warrant of inspiration from the Lord, to placing faith in these prophets that arrogantly tell us they do not need to be right in order to be prophets.

This is not hate. In fact this entire issue is beneath serious contempt. Really, it is for the love of our brethren that we even indulge these irrational discussions. Perhaps some brethren are so sincerely burdened for the need to see true prophets that they mistake this burden for being one themselves. I dunno...just trying to give the benefit of the doubt here. However, all this well-meaning burden to see the true prophetic in our churches reminds me of some simple poetry.

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree...

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

MC

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/30 22:07**

Compton, I only said hatred follows the prophets to show Rahman that the calling on the prophet is bitter.

I never said this thread showed hatred.

But I was keying off scripture, namely

Matt. 5:12 23:30 23:31 23:37 and Luke 6:22 6:23 6:36 11:50 13:24

not to mention John the Baptist, Paul, and the two witnesses in Rev.

Acts 7:52 says "which of the prophets have your fathers not persecuted?"

Were you aware of the hatred of the prophet?

I would like to have that comment back

"being wrong doesn't mean squat"

Not that I was wrong or mispoke but I set myself up to be quoted out of context.

If you will read what I meant..... You will see I qualified my statement.

Also in my next post I explained my statement.

Of course it is bad

I'm dumb but not that dumb.

My point is.... to be wrong does not disqualify the prophet.

Prophets are seers, they see things

strongs con.=inspired or poet....illumined one

It seems that there is a strong consensus that somehow a prophet is foolproof?

I will ask you flat out what is the definition of a prophet and what is the litmus test?

David

**Re: - posted by Lowly, on: 2007/12/30 23:11**

I am sure someone has already quoted Deuteronomy 18.

Just a humble reminder of the Word of God, and how the Lord spoke to us concerning His prophets.

How can we be sure it is a word from the Lord?

"When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing that the Lord has not spoken, but the prophet has spoken it presumptuously..." Deut. 18: 22

Concerning Peter - Peter's rebuke had nothing to do with prophecy, but his humanity

Peter states in 2 Peter 1: 19

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto you do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Really enjoying the discussion, I am learning so much. :-)

In His amazing love,

Lowly

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2007/12/30 23:56**

quote by MC: This is not hate. In fact this entire issue is beneath serious contempt. Really, it is for the love of our brethren that we even indulge these irrational discussions.

Agreed. There has been considerable graciousness in this dialogue and I have posted already to that point.

As far as the being wrong does not mean squat quote... Peter did not by any means make a prophecy that was wrong. The rebuke by Paul at Antioch had nothing to do with ANYTHING Peter said, and Peter's reaction to that earned rebuke is found later in scripture:

2 Peter 3:15 - 16 (NKJV) 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—also our beloved brother P

Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

Which by the way is an appropriate commentary on this whole discussion.

The others cited by Psalm1 are totally beside the point. Those men certainly made mistakes and sinned, "for all have sinned and come short.." but that sin had nothing to do with them saying "thus saith the Lord". I believe it was Brother Ron at the Conference who said that those in position of leadership can only be considered fit for leadership when their repentance becomes as notorious as their sin... And of all those cases you cited, that was definitely the case or else they would not have been quoted.

But again, their sin, their "being wrong" was not at all associated with "being wrong" about what God said.... that is the point. As kindly and with as much meekness considering themselves, as all of those who have tried to bring some accountability to these brothers have been while still recognizing them as brothers... there is still this defense! If it is God's Word it does not have to be defended "it will come and not tarry".

As I said in the former post, and we can add to those names the ones that have been brought up here... how in the name of honesty and integrity can we make such a comparison between what this thread is about, and Peter who was jailed and crucified upside down (according to tradition), Paul whose litany of tribulations would fill pages, and David whose life was one cringing suffering after another for his sins, and also for his service to God...

Please, until we can say, "let no man bother me, I bear in my BODY the sufferings of Christ"....please, no more comparisons.

In Godly love,

Clint

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2007/12/31 1:56**

hi, in reality isaiah prophesied wrongly in hezekiahs case. the old prophet told the nameless young prophet to come to his home for water;causing death to the young prophet. i am more worried today about the spirit and intent of the 'profit'.jim p

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2007/12/31 2:25**

jimp quote: in reality isaiah prophesied wrongly in hezekiahs case

Could you elaborate on that statement with chapter and verse please... not disputing just need a little clarification.

And the other example regarding the old prophet causing death to the young prophet... could you clarify how that relates to a prophet prophesying falsely? In that case the young prophet said what was absolutely true and it came to pass during the days of Josiah. The old prophet misled the young prophet by purposely lying, so how does that relate? Not trying to start an argument but just trying to see where you are coming from or going?

As to the "profits", I totally agree as I mentioned in another post, not by that name, but regarding one of the "profits" that another poster was highly defending while condemning this whole SI site.

Clint :-)

**Re: I can say - posted by dohzman (), on: 2007/12/31 8:35**

I'm posting this under Bro Clints last comments because it helps keep things in order. I did want to comment about what many including Mike Compton has said. To error in prophesy is of the most serious nature, however there is grace which we can offer in this case under NT covenant. However Like Jeremiah who told God that He fooled him, if this situation is handled properly by ironman and rahman they can come out of this with a genuine Word from God and that will be spot on. I do believe that in order for this to happen they will have to do a sort of self imposed period of silence as to the saying of anything predictive in nature, that is only one side of a prophet, a very limited side, as the prophet operates in encouragement toward others that almost supercedes natural knowledge. I do know some individuals who are what I consider prophets, they seem to protect their words much like many protect their monies or investments, they tend to have an extraordinary prayer life and they will spend years waiting on just one vision or dream to be clarified to their understanding before you will hear anything of it from their lips, I have a friend from Africa (he'll be here this week) the first thing he does when he gets here (after resting a day and night), is he'll go into the church and spend the next 3 days at least praying without ceasing and fasting, he does this every time he is here, he has a real handle on the workings of God and God's Word. Very seldom have I heard him speak predictive, but when he does it causes something deep inside you to start to cry out to the Lord, sometimes in repentance, mostly you are humbled. It has been said of the FBI that when they teach their agents how to spot counterfeit dollars what they do to train them is to have them study the real thing, in that way when they come across that which is counterfeit they easily recognize it, I've always thought that was a good practice. One of these days I may start a post on the mark or nature of Godly prophesy and prophets, but I don't have the time and energy now.

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/31 9:17**

Again I didn't say Peter prophesied wrong. I said he was a prophet and was wrong.

But now that you mention it his prophecy concerning himself was definitely wrong and Jesus had to correct him.

But he went on to fulfill his prophetic office...and that is the point.

Look my whole point to this is.....don't label a man a false prophet because he sees something and misinterprets or God intervenes

I was in Times Square church when Dave Wilkerson prophesied "a thousand fires" over NY.

He did not set a time frame. It has NOT happened. And this was many, many years ago

Was Dave wrong?

Could intercession have stopped disaster?

Is Dave human?

You try to make the prophetic one dimensional

And it helps the false prophet cause.

I am currently doing a "false prophet" word study.

My own little study.

I never even looked at the false prophet verses.

There isn't a whole lot of merit in it.

It's like doing a study on the devil.

Neither of them impress me.

I did find one verse in the Old Testament but it specifically stated "one who causes God's people to worship the devil"

some of the verses in the New Testament people so quickly ascribe to modern charismatics, are specifically referring to the beast and antichrist in Revelation.

Which by the way the great deception is not here yet.

Those that belong to Jesus will not be deceived.

Oh sure we may be deceived but Jesus never is.

You people talk to me as if I am making a case that the only good prophet is a wrong prophet.

The false concepts concerning the prophetic mantle here on earth are a perfect incubator to mislead.

Why do you think the church suffers deadness?

We have deaf and dumb churches.

No prophetic.

When is the last time you heard a prophecy in church?

And you most likely won't. Why?

Because those with prophetic mantles know if they miss it the brethren will beat them down like dogs.

Anybody with prophetic gift needs a loving environment to develop their gift.



You never will have anything perfect.

Teachers miss it, pastors miss it, missionarys see prayer unanswered, and guess what? prophets miss it too!

My guess is {and this always happens since the false prophet label is so liberally applied that it creates a glass house.

Will the USS Berean ship's spotlight shine on its own belly?

Time will tell!

David

**Right is Right - Wrong is Wrong ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/31 9:23**

Bro Dave you wrote;

"Being wrong doesn't mean squat."

--- i truly appreciate your heart, your love, but i agree with bro Mike ... Wrong means you're wrong, and God is about right ... Listen, in all this i'm finally brought to this point of culmination, it's truly almost done, so i've been on this weird faith journey of mine across a span of 20+ years, when i look back on it i really could not tell you how i got here but i did, and our Lord has been good to me in that He's kept me all this time, He didn't kill me if i'm proven to be wrong, neither has He struck me with any sickness or disease, a neither did He answer any of my prayers to free me of this during all the time that i excercised in the things i believe i was hearing from Him to do until the first of 2007 when i heard in my spirit (that same voice) "This is the Year" ... i took it to mean what i've stated previously concerning the fall of the US economy and REVIVAL coming to my church home, i also said that i heard Him say that i should proclaim it, and i have ... Now to be proven wrong in any of this, especially under

proclamation that it's a word from God, does make me "wrong", "false", and therefore worthy to have such words and works thrown in the fire because the bottom line is they're proven to be not of our Lord ... Right is right, wrong is wrong, so please don't try to defend what would be proven to be indefensible, instead as i myself would be doing, take the lesson of what can happen to a saint if we somehow get way past God ... To be proven not in the employ of our Lord in these matters will certainly change my view on "This is the Year", as i will then take it to mean that this was the year in which i, and all whom i've touched, would finally be freed from my folly, my nonsense, and that will be fine by me because all that i've done has been done in the face of much opposition, and in the faith of what if it is our Lord talking to me" ...

Perhaps to much OT influence in my upbringing to listen to those who've tried to deter me in the past, but that OT upbringing said to me to keep hanging on to the promise of what you believe you've heard Him say to you ... Even now i'm doing so, and as i've said to many a saint who've been concerned about my weird faith, it's something that only God Himself could free me from, and that time is here ... i feel like i've been on a hook for some 20+ years in all this, one frankly i've not enjoyed at all - especially this past year, and one way or the other He's about to take me off of it ---

**Re: Obstacles Should be Removed ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/31 9:26**

Bro Mike you wrote;

"Or are trying to turn this all back to biblical moorings."

--- Amen, and as i said i for one will be glad to have been moved out of the way ---

Bro Mike you wrote;

"A long response forthcoming."

--- Edit 12/31/07: Original comment and laughing face icon deleted as per PaulWest comments below and my explanation in my following post ---

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/31 9:31**

If a person wants to understand a prophet .....unless you are under a prophetic mantle you wont understand them.  
They see differently.  
They almost have to because heaven speaks a different language than us.  
It is inverted and coded.  
similar to the parables.  
Look at all the times Jesus never answered.  
Or answered with a question.  
The job of the leadership is to recognize the gifts that are on Gods people.

David

**Re: those with prophetic mantles know if they miss it [AND THEY WILL] the breatheren will beat them - posted by brock**

2 Timothy 2:23 - 26 (NKJV) 23But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. 24And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Thank God for those on SI who have the knowledge and discernment to recognize what is the calling of the prophet and have handled their discernment with courtesy, compassion, and godly correction.  
Truth is not a beating and brethren do not beat their brethren, it is the hypocrites and sinners and false prophets who beat at the brethren. ;-)

Clint

**Re: Obstacles Should be Removed ... - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/12/31 10:26**

Quote:  
----- Of that i have no doubt :-P ---  
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Brother, you are on the verge of great shame and humiliation - and yet you still find it in you to laugh. I am not writing this to scoff, but in wonder and sadness. How is it that something like this can be taken so lightly, so jocularly? We should be in the dust, trembling, shamed and low and not posting with "laughing faces."

Does the severity of God not phase us any longer? It is precisely because of this that the ungodly and heathen mock us and blaspheme God. If the integrity of God is not taken seriously even by his own children, what can be said about those that are without?

**Re: Prophetic Credentials I, II, III - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/31 10:30**

David you are making quite the muddle out of all this. You are going to have to make a distinction across all these lines, the ones spoken within these posts\threads and the comparing of both scripture and other examples, such as David Wilkerson.

There are things contained within these posts spanning quite some time that are indeed *specific* with specific dates\time-lines. One aspect. There are others 'vague' as to time-lines and still others vague period by way of being mentioned 'in general'. Others here are correct in pointing out where you are erring by way of applying all this so loosely to specifics.

I had shaved an earlier response after seeing MC better articulate it, a remnant from it;

*What is the point of particular 'prophecy' if it is not to be heeded in the first place? If it is riddled with doubt or is indeed wrong and thereby false there never was anything to do with it at the inception? Are we to be in the educated guess business or are we purporting to be speaking in God's stead with a caveat of ... 'never mind, it wasn't really that important' as a sort of back up, just in case? That is what we will be saying if we continue to turn a blind eye to these things. And that is*

*predominantly what has been going on now for many years, these 'prophets' expect us to listen to them when they speak at the beginning and then start backtracking when it comes time to put up the goods. And then along comes someone to their defense to smooth it all over. Who cares what this all looks like or what reproach it all brings upon the Lord and His Church.*

*Think there is no ramifications from these things? Remember Y2K?*

*Right or wrong is indeed the litmus test for these utterances. Either it is so or it is not so, either God has spoken or He has not. Either the prophecy is true and the proof of it is measurable and accurate or the Lord has not spoken and the 'prophet' is not a prophet.*

Feel free to disregard it however, there is much more to be pointed out.

Went back and did some homework and some digging through the archives here. A quick insertion, saints if I may say it ... *go and do likewise!* the things you come across here, the things all but forgotten about, the surprises and self-indictment of even ourselves, the true depth of love and concern, the misunderstandings ... it just goes on and on and on.

To the matter at hand. There are volumes to be read here and though I am branching off into generalities, David please avail yourself of these things again, this is not simple and you are jumping to great conclusions here.

Had a difficult time tracking it down but the first of this now long 'trilogy';

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id5425&forum35](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5425&forum35)) Prophetic Credentials.....

A important and helpful post with some definitions of all these considerations;

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic\\_id14746&forum35&post\\_id&refreshGo](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id14746&forum35&post_id&refreshGo)) The Spirit of Prophecy

If that isn't enough to satisfy the curiosity or desire, what have you, yet another;

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id14379&forum36](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id14379&forum36)) To all the "Prophets"

I do want to set forth some precedence of intent and firmly even adamantly make a proper distinction once again before this all begins to play out before our eyes. There must be a distinction. MC has attempted it, I have myself, others and with some apology to Ron wanted to lift up this subsection again as a first fruit so there is no mistaking motive, there is a agreement here spiritually that I have no qualms associating with those who have a dissenting, if it must be put that way, point of view about this important topic. From page 3 of this thread;

Philologos is here responding to Rahman;

Subject: **Love is not easily provoked ...**

Quote:  
-----perhaps we could just disagree on these points in love and not call one another "liars" veiled in scripture as you did in reference to brother Ironman "thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:" ...  
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It was not a veiled accusation of 'liars' and you misjudge me to accuse me so. If you recall your earlier declaration that "God had told the last revival was going to break out in your home church" you will know that I tried to 'cut you some slack' so that you could back-peddle from the categorical statements you were making. Yes, I will challenge self-styled prophet and apostles because this is a public forum and such claims if made here should be challenged here.

You judge me of being mean-spirited. God knows my heart. Neither do I have any quest to whack him. Neither do I have 'contempt' for you, nor have I ever had contempt for you. I think you are given to flights of imagination that have lured you into the fantasies of Enoch and into thinking that your imaginings are prophetic.

Quote:  
-----Until i have a report of REVIVAL breaking out at my church this is all that i have to say on this subject for as i afore-statated i heard our Lord say to me "Just Be", and i also don't want to be party to having this thread locked - just wanted to answer your question brother Ron.  
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This is all I have to say on the subject too. I am content to wait to see if your prophecy was God-inspired or man-inspired unless, of course, you refer to it or to self-claimed prophetic gifts when I will examine and challenge as I think appropriate.

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A number of reasons for drawing this back up. One is to settle this right now about where we are coming from because this is going to be quite serious as it goes forward. Secondly it affords an opportunity to state something that I must state and may you forgive me brother if it is somewhat ... too personal.

There are some precious and forever treasured memories that came forth from the recent Revival Conference this past October in Canton, Ohio. It is difficult to isolate one from another, brother from brother, saint from saint, the names flow freely and easily ... The prayers and hearts, the small things, the unspoken things those who were there know, know what I speak of. I must declare to you that there is an extraordinary heart in all these brothers, but Ron very well may engulf them all in a way that defies my explanation. I still am just in a state of astonishment how much was communicated in sheer embrace without hardly a word spoken. In the three days time I doubt there was but a handful of actual words spoken to each other and yet the volumes that passed between, from eternity past to the present to the future, I knew this going in and yet still it was surpassed. This is a pastor of over 40 years experience whose great love of the Lord and His church and of us .. it just surpasses. He ought to be respected and heard, his words weighed carefully, prayerfully ... It is a concern borne of sheer love.

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/31 10:43

crsschk, Rahmans response changes everything.
I didnt want him mistreated.
But maybe I butted in.

Maybe it is best to let the chips fall where they may.

David

Re:Obstacles Should be Removed ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/12/31 12:01

PaulWest you wrote;
"Brother, you are on the verge of great shame and humiliation - and yet you still find it in you to laugh. I am not writing this to scoff, but with wonder and sadness. How is it that something like this can be taken so lightly, so jocularly? "

---Hmmm ... when i posted the "laughing face" i actually started to post the "smiley face" instead, either way i certainly didn't mean for it to come across as you've taken it, but did so in trying to convey to bro Mike a spirit that i'm not adversarial, or in any way have any animosity about his posts in this regard ... It was actually directed at him, and no others in that i know my weird faith has grieved him in a way i think far surpassed to others ... So i withdraw the comment and the "laughing" icon, as "lightly" and "jocularly" was not my intent ...

As to your comment about my being "on the verge of great shame and humiliation" i can understand your perception, but that's certainly not how i see it, or will react to it (as still the year is not past) because "self" is not at the core (and if it is

then i'm still unaware of it and perhaps God might show me how and where) ... Scripture says "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" and God knows that all that i've said and done has been out of faith and love of Him, it may be yet proven to be misguided but it will never be proven to be malicious, and if i have to answer for such a delusion before His throne my answer to Him will be, "Yes Lord i was really way afar afield on that one, but it wasn't because i didn't believe it was You" ...

Again what i will be feeling in being proven wrong is great sorrow in having attached God's name to what will then be obviously again what Ron Bailey will have so rightly called my "nonsense", at which time i will be doing a 1John 1:9 in all earnestly before Him about an "unrighteousness" scripture assures me He will forgive in my confessing it as sin ... Then those few folk whom i know personally whose lives i'd have caused unnecessary grief to ... The next thing will be an open post of apology and the asking of SI Forum members forgiveness in my folly, which would be done on 1/2/08 ... And then to my current pastor for meddling into his affairs via false words ... Perhaps it may cause some even further consternation that i'll not be feeling what you've suggested, but will in fact be feeling something of which i've not felt in quite some time - FREE ...

i'd written a bit further here but my computer crashed and this is all that remained so i suppose is all that is necessary ---

Re: listening to a pastor - posted by broclint (), on: 2007/12/31 12:09

Thank God, that God gave some... pastors with a pastor's heart.

Mike B. quote: There are some precious and forever treasured memories that came forth from the recent Revival Conference this past October in Canton, Ohio.

Brother Mike I confess that reading those tender remarks resonate the whole experience of the Revival Conference for me.... Seeing and feeling the sincerity of so many of these brothers and sisters in the Lord that totally transcended the non-essential.

I am not a baby boy in the Lord anymore myself, but the scholarship, the sincerity and the new insights that were brought to the table the day Brother Ron spoke regarding the man after God's own heart and the deep tragedy of his sin, brought an almost constant stream of tears to my eyes that day and was one of the highlights of the meeting. It is amazing how quickly sometimes we can jump to conclusions and be so completely wrong. I had spoken to those who came with me regarding those whose messages I had downloaded that were going to be the speakers and had categorized those "must hear" and those whom, if we had to miss, we will miss this one, and those in the middle. I have to confess that I had put Brother Ron's name in the middle. I suppose if some were to hear me on tape I would be put on the "miss" list... but there is that vast difference sometimes between what is conveyed through spoken words that fails to convey the sincerity, the brokenness, the compassion and the passion that is so clearly seen in the countenance. I regret that I did not come out of my shell and introduce myself to some of these brothers while I was there, with the exception of Brother Currin... but be that as it may, I felt the fellowship from the pew.

The difference that has already been stated on this thread between maturity and the pride that can so easily come from one that is a novice in suffering "for the Lord" and confuses "suffering", as Peter said because of being buffeted for faults for persecution and trials.

So much that can be learned by listening... so little by being puffed up rather than mourning.

Clint

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2007/12/31 14:45

Prophetic Credentials

A challenge to would be Prophets

Hosea had to marry a whore; Jeremiah couldn't marry at all!

God chooses His prophets, God prepares His prophets, God sends His prophets.

By the time He gets around to the sending part, those prophets usually find any reluctance overcome by divine compulsion. The message has become their own and they would not silence it if they could.

The life of a prophet reflects the particular message God has given him. One of the reasons for this is that his life is brought into subjection to and molded by that message. One of the practical applications of this is that no prophet of God will allow anything in his life, whether good or evil, that will detract from his effective communication of his message.

So you think or know God has given you a message to your peers or to one of the other generations about you?

A message about You?

Then let the message and the Spirit that gave it burn in you with enough heat to consume all things in your life that would either combat or frustrate the delivery of that message.

A Prophet does not just give out words of prophecy he is the message.

Hope this helps you understand exactly what are the credentials of a Prophet.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/31 15:16

David (Psalm1)

I appreciate your response brother. I think sometimes our individual vocabularies gets us into more controversy than our actual meanings. Still I think it's important to iron out our differences as much as possible, even if these differences are only in terminology. I say this because some have adopted two different standards of what qualifies as inspiration in the church...a low standard for prophets and a high standard for scripture. I believe a low standard for prophets ultimately affects our esteem for scripture's reliability...if not among us who are already convinced, then certainly among unbelievers or immature believers who are not yet convinced of the complete authority of scripture.

With this in mind I graciously hear and take to heart Dohzman's contrast between a New Testament prophet and an Old Testament Prophet. I happily acknowledge that the prophetic burden spans two different dispensations but cautiously point out that, in my experience, too much license can be taken with this loophole unless there are some stipulations. Sure enough, there is some room for discussion about the differences between a Old Testament prophet (such as the foreboding Jeremiah), and the practice of prophecy that Paul was encouraging in the Church. Yet, regardless of how we settle on these differences in the end, even a New Testament prophet must be able to stand up to objective testability in both word and character...not to avoid an Old Testament stoning (thankfully), but to avoid engendering honest skepticism among even open minded Christians...let alone the world! (Google Pat Robertson's public record of missed prophecies.)

Keeping all these things in perspective among friends, I want to say how glad I am that we are able to discuss and learn from each other respectfully. I appreciate Ironmans and Rhaman's willingness to stay in the conversation. I can appreciate the investment of faith that they have placed in their predictions, to which I do not wish to be trite or flippanant in my questions or concerns. Our glad fellowship, communion, and kinship in Christ, transcends these discussions of whose a prophet and whose not. John the revelator was content to identify himself as 'the desciple that Jesus loved'. I believe I can safely practice affirming that identify in each of my brethren to the best of my ability, producing a good and encouraging effect in each member of our 'household of faith.'

Happy New Year,

MC

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/12/31 17:23

compton, I took the low road on purpose to hopefully sway any condemnation off of bro's ray and iron.

I merely wanted to point out that to "fail"

only puts these two in company with the greatest of the men of God.

One day I will stand before my king and my "rightness" won't be the basis of my homecoming.

This is all I wanted for these two {a beginning not an end}

What's that about a glass of water to a prophet?

David

if i've been the one in error... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/12/31 17:24

Greetings in Jesus' Name dear saints by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

I bow my knees and thank God for the Mercy and Grace shown us here. If none of this which I have believed over these last few yrs comes to pass I take some comfort in that I won't be continuing in that error into '08. I'm not sure what I would do but there would certainly be much agony. I'd be sure to apologize before God and before you all dear brethren and seek forgiveness from you and God knows thereafter. There wouldn't be anything left to say (I don't think anyway) except to admit gross error and seek forgiveness. Bro Chris said and hoped that I'd not go into depression and I don't think I'm prone to that. However to think that I don't know God's Voice and/or how to listen to Him and obey may leave me depressed and a bit more guarded. I'd post little if anything I suppose, fearing stumbling anyone. If this burden has been self-imposed, I don't know how I'd deal with anything in the future resembling it. It would be a hard thing to come to grips with if it's proven I've been foolish all this time and caused God and you my brethren undue grief from the moderators on down, to my brethren at the church I attend... Romans 8:28 does say He works all things for the good but this would be a tough lesson... all the same I'd rather that than continue in error.

It's as if as bro R said we're between the red sea and pharaoh's army, can't go forward unless the sea is parted, can't go back unless the army is vanquished. If I've run from Egypt prematurely or should have stayed there, either I'm going to drown in the sea or get hacked to pieces, perhaps I may be dragged back in bonds.

Let God be proven True. AMEN.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus. AMEN.

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p.s. I hope that whichever way this goes we can hold each part of the 5-fold ministry to God's Standard trying and proving whoever calls him/herself apostle, prophet, preacher, teacher, evangelist lest phonies abound.

Re: if i've been the one in error... - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2007/12/31 19:27

Post - Prophetic Credentials - A challenge to would be Prophets

Check out this posting.

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=21522&forum=35#168191

Re: January 1, 2008 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/1/1 11:24

Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Job 38:2

But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

And you may say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?"

When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken.

The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him (Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

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Prophecy with a disclaimer. Prophecy that deifies its own definition. Prophecy without pain or repercussions, ramifications or accounting. Smooth things\Hard words, abstract reasonings, a crap shoot, a hunch, could be, may be, perhaps ...

Perhaps not.  
A big deal?  
Or not a big deal ...

Enough!

Am unsure which is worse, a rushing to the aid before an incursion or an explanation of an outcome that may be just as bad as yet another failed prediction. What on earth is going on here? What in the world are we saying if all our reactions are pre planned including the results? Are we yet prophesying our prophesying? Counting our chickens before they are hatched? The great trouble here is we are not dealing with speculations nor predictions but utterances supposedly from **the** God of all creation and we are to make light of it ... this is to add injury upon devastation and makes the whole matter one of playing games with the Lord of glory. How in the world can we not take this to heart?

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Read your bibles! Read what precedes even this statement. Read the correlations stated of the earth and heaven being shaken and the 'prophecies' right here of the very same thing and tell me this is some throw away matter ...

No. We will not have an accounting we will have a counseling session ...

This whole matter turns on a handful of words. Presumption. Equivocation. A lack of humility to listen to wisdom and appeal to scripture and a constant defending of the man, over and over again ...

Strange thing in this day, this cowardice to face up to truths, to be a man, to play the man, to repent to *God* in all earnestness. Moreover the light treatment given all this prophecy business. No one to take notice of just how much our very faith is built on the foundation of *true* prophecy. This is what we tell the world, that Jesus Christ *came* as it was spoken of Him in Holy Writ. This is prophecy! And yet we would throw the whole thing on to a dung hill, yet another issue of the National Enquirer ready for the trash bin.

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Had written what follows a number days ago and am almost hesitant to bother. This madness of the self-styled prophet needs to stop and it breaches well beyond these bonds here.

A backdrop and recommended reading to what is to follow; http://www.moriel.org/articles/sermons/judge_not.htm

Judge Not
by James Jacob Prasch

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From this basis I want to go forward. Will pass by the niceties very quickly here. There is as much trouble and presumption I am afraid and this has been mentioned many, many months ago about even dictating the how's and whys and results of all this failed prophetic business. *If "A" happens then I will follow along with "B". If "B" happens ... and so forth.* There is as much problem in *dictating* in this way as to the business of 'prophesying' itself. Let me say it from the bowels. Much rubbish!

This is not about love to a brother or lack thereof, It is, most emphatically getting down to brass tacks and sheer honesty, including accountability.

I want to draw the attention to something I fear has been lost on what I cannot otherwise find a better way of putting it, t



hat we have right now a Christianity that is a sham, and in many ways a complete falsification. Worse, there is now an acceptance level that will not hold each others feet to the fire. We fear not God but each other in some diabolical way that pits our love for the Brethren at odds by way of 'offendedness'. It is made personal at the expense of *The Spirit of Truth*. Take a long and sincere notice at what was established at the very inception of the Church in its true apostolic foundations;

*... a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Act 5:1-3*

What is the great and grand point of all of this and why exactly at this very inception of the Church? Is it not the requirement of *Honesty*? So why bring this into all this? It is not to ascribe it to intention nor motivation of what has been 'prophesied', it is to ascribe it to the realm of judgment and how we are to judge and *why* we judge. If we cannot ever be after the root of this tremendous and noble faith in the Son of God we will forever be excusing our way around things that need to be brought to the light and dealt with, *honestly*.

There has been enough equivocation on even this subject matter that I am compelled to admit my own shortcomings for not being even more adamant about it. I do indeed want to use this as something both general and specific as to what has been now a year long process of back and forth and some who have tried very hard to reason and call this all into question, the whole of it.

This measure of truth and honesty cost both Ananias and Sapphira their very lives on the spot. The days of prophetic utterance had a similar qualification ... *the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, **that prophet shall die***. To borrow from Jacob Prasch above;

*"We do not stone them to death any more, but the sin is no less serious. They shall die if they do not repent."*

And equally there is a strong agreement as he follows;

*"We are not under the law, but under grace; but their "ministries" should be stoned. 1 Corinthians 14:29 does not say that we are entitled to diakrino prophets or prophecies, rather we are commanded to judge prophets and prophecies.*

*On this basis, Rodney Howard Browne is a false prophet. On this basis, John Wimber was a false prophet. On this basis, Rick Joyner is a false prophet. And on this basis, Paul Cain is a false prophet.*

*The founders of the Mormon cult and the Jehovah Witnesses were false prophets; they predicted things that failed to happen. The Roman Catholic nun, Lucia, from Fatima, in Portugal, is a false prophet; she predicted things that failed to happen. John Wimber and Paul Cain and Rick Joyner (as well as John Kilpatrick, Michael Brown and Gerald Coates) are false prophets; they predicted things that failed to happen."*

And Benny Hinn and Kenneth Copeland and Pat Robertson ... Cindy Jacobs and Matt Sorger, Jill Austin, Chuck Pierce, the whole lot of them associated and promoted by Charisma magazine. Read Andrew Strom's book *"Why I left the Prophetic Movement"* and all the names named there, along with all the shenanigans, throw them into the pot of accountability. These ministries ought to be shut down and boarded up.

Why?

*"they predicted things that failed to happen"*

Key word there, "predicted". But it gets worse than even that, there are some who have gone beyond these bounds and stated and let me emphasize the word most stringently, *dictated* that these things came from and are *the very words of God Himself*. This is high treason! This is scandalous, incredulous and presumptive and let me overstate the matter one last time, this has nothing to do with sincerity or love for the Lord or any other thing, it is not the point! There is a world of difference between using hyperbole to stress a point, to using a "I think" statement on its own, "I got a sense", "I got a hunch", "I could see the Lord doing \_\_\_\_". And that which is statement, that which is "factual" and that which is supposedly 'from the Lord' or "Thus sayeth the Lord". These distinctions are what are under examination. And those which we ought to be calling an accounting for, *statements* of events not transpired according to that which was 'prophesied'.

This all begs a million questions. Ramifications. What are we to say now to those who have bought all this non-sense, to those babes, to the new believers who have bought into all this for days and months and years. Put a notion in their head of coming destruction or pleasant prosperity. Fostered an abstract, vague and horoscope like insinuation that is counter to or the equivalent of The Psychic Hotline? Pick and choose, maybe this and maybe that, perhaps it's a delay, perhaps the 'prophet' is off with his time-line, maybe 'they repented'. The catch words and 'Christian-ease' vernacular surrounding all this, 'flows' and 'anointings' and "prophets" patting each other on the back, "God is shaking ... God is "releasing" ... God is \_\_\_\_\_"

No! Absolutely not, NO!

It is high time this whole thing was called on the carpet. The sheer lack of concern, the sheer lack of *thinking*, if these are so good at predicting why pray tell can they not see far enough into the future at what all this has wrought? Do they fool themselves into thinking that they are God's mouthpiece while the world looks on and waits for something ... honest and true, something of what we, **Christians** purport to live and die for? This? This take it or leave it mentality, this ... oops, I guess I was off here a shade or two, maybe the Lord meant ... next year?

Dear people this is so much rubbish!

*The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.* Jer 23:28

Grand statements here. Are we still deriving from Old Testament times and 'prophets'? An open question and debate, still the definitions are muddy. But is the principle still applicable? Forget the word 'prophet' for a moment, the man/woman who has a dream, let them tell a dream and even if that dream has to do with the Lord does His Name thereby have to be brought into it as *ipso facto* as either factual evidence that this is *His* communication? Tell the dream and leave it at that, **IF** and a grand *if* at that any one of us is going to be so astute as to pronounce anything whatsoever, any word, any thought, any direction or forth-telling there can be absolutely NO equivocation, none! When this is done the whole credibility is out the window by sheer definition. IF you have heard from the Lord you have heard from the Lord, If HE says something is going to come to pass it will come to pass in the time-line and at the time that the one who spoke the words said it will or it is NOT from the Lord. Period. Don't think for a moment that there is not an abduction for turning back by repentance and that this is also not very generally more in line with particular prophecy any way. The preaching of Jonah and the repentance that followed staved off what would have met their fate if they had not. But far too often these prophetic utterances come without any true and real qualifiers and worse, the aspects of reality that might otherwise prove their validity are not shown nor recognized. For a modern day 'prophet' to warn of "This, or *else*" and there be no proof of turning will not validate a 'missed' 'prophecy'.

***he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully***

That is where this whole year long process has now come to an end. Both IRONMAN and Rahman, you have 'prophesied' falsely. You have equivocated and defended that which is indefensible despite the attempts of some of us to turn your thoughts again to whether or not what you think you have heard is indeed from the Lord. You have said some very incredible things throughout all these postings and over the course of the year if not longer. Go back and read them all, they are your words about what you 'think' and we have been trying in a variety of ways to tell you not to rely on your own musings and turn them out as 'prophecy'. They may be a hundred and one things, but they are not so. They may be most earnest and heart felt and what you felt and what you feel but we must get ourselves and our thoughts aligned with the Book.

Chapter and verse! *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.* Isa 8:20

Hard words? Indeed hard. I would not venture to apply that there is no light absolutely, but the words, the 'prophecy' and to apply this more generally to the so called prophets with a free flow of notions and slippery, sloppy, unthought utterances ... there is no light in them and that is what many of us have been trying to speak back into the hearing of this whole flimsy 'prophetic movement'.

You have given many people some very hard words yourselves with these utterances. Thank God He is merciful! If you

had lived in the days of Deuteronomy you may well have been under a pile of stones! Think about it! And for the life of me, why will the 'prophets' of this day and age not think of the very same? Why will they not stop and think about the disgrace and shoddiness, the reproach cast upon the Testimony of the Lord, why can they not understand the few that will rise up and speak to this epidemic, listen to the heart of what I mean;

*I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.* Rev 19:10

Thy brethren  
That have  
The testimony  
Of Jesus

Is this not indeed what is ultimately meant by;

*And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.* 1Co 14:32

We still, to this very day, do not have a working definition that I for one am convinced of regarding this whole realm of prophetic manner as it applies to this day we now live in. I am admittedly and unashamedly suspicious of the whole great construct. Why...

For one thing it is setup with a reference to what is the Christian-ish status quo. In other words, there is an 'ideal' that has not been taken to task in and of itself. It has a likeness and derivatives certainly from the scripture but it is as if the whole thing is only partially or less, true. We are dealing with facts. We are dealing with exactness and we are dealing with authenticity. But unfortunately the point of reference is something man made and man derived and man driven. This is where the whole strange backdrop and I will say threat of *touch not My anointed* comes from. I beg to ask, just *who* are these things aimed at? It is a vague question towards a vague construct. For instance here, at SermonIndex, are we dealing with Pharisees who do not know the Lord in the deepest regions of their souls? What is it that is promoted here? Old, 'vintage' speakers, teachers, pastors, writers. In article and in voice. We are of the sort that is not better nor more spiritual but if we may say anything towards it at all, we are predominantly those who love the Lord with all our heart and all our strength and all our minds. Surely we are not alone and neither are we 'exclusive', we would be promoting the greatest oxymoron and hypocrisy there ever was by sheer definition and reproach of the ones still yet speaking!

I am bringing this all up because I well recognize what this whole business of judging is made up of. But I want to put it as plainly and earnestly as I can. I want to be judged *now* by God, not later. This is the time to get things reconciled and repaired, this is the time to be brutally honest, I welcome it whole heartedly, we all ought to welcome it *now*. Do we really want all our dirty laundry exposed at the judgment when we could well be washing each others dirty sin stained garment as now, along with our feet? This is the point, this is the effort.

I am of the mind that not only in this matter at hand but far beyond it, we are in need of true spiritual discernment. It can be and is something a bit evasive and why we need these 'old timers' who had it in great quantity and even each other to discern this present day and it's mass confusion. It is so, is it not? Wisdom from above. The ability to concentrate spiritually. To ponder and contemplate spiritually. To restrain ourselves from the compulsion to speak the first thing that jumps up into our minds, this, I am finding to my distress is still a great problem personally. To wait. To be patient. To just ... think. And I think praying is much of all these things and I am convinced that it is prayer where we are in a great deficit;

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?* Rom 11:34

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.* 1Co 2:16

The question arises, do we? Do we have *this* mind? If we do then how is it that we can get so much wrong, especially in regards to this prophetic business?

It is my sincerest hope that a great deal of good will come out of this in due time. That it might serve up as perhaps it's own warning, perhaps it's own 'prophetic-ness' if I must use the terminology. I did pray much before writing this all out and found it somewhat strange that it came about while my heart and gut's were being spilled out elsewhere, on completely different matters. Don't read into that anything please. I am not about to start injecting my own foolish notions into anything whatsoever, only an explanation to why after deriding myself for so much chatter in recent days this is all coming forth

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To the specifics more pointedly and the brothers ... I am of no respect to say anything whatsoever, these are my observations and my concerns. As a pilgrim I would suggest that you both might want to hold your peace for a season and take what will, I am assured will be other response here, to heart and to the Lord in prayer. I flatly refuse to start dictating outcomes though I might suspect there will be some pain involved. To reiterate what was spoken many months ago when this subject was reproached and an inference was made about what our response might be, again do not mis-judge us in the heart. There have been many prayers then and I assure you will be again now unto the days ahead. My prayer is that the Lord will be merciful but that you will not soon forget and that you may well become those who will turn this to true, scriptural and spiritual mandates after it all has been tried in the fire.

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"Weird faith". This has been swirling around since it has been mentioned so many times. Let me assure you that you are not alone and there is something almost derogatory that would set yourselves up as separate from the rest of us by way of this 'prophetic mantle'. You think you are alone in your burdens and perplexities and there is an inference and often an insinuation that *no one knows the pain I am going through*, do read the generalities straight into this, this is yet another aspect to the selfsame 'prophets' of our day, that they alone have a special burden exclusive to the rest of the Brethren. Well, rubbish.

Too much of the man

There is so much redundancy that it practically seems useless to keep going on and on and covering the same ground but I want to broaden this to these more high profiled self-styled 'prophets' of our day. It is a plea for an accounting and an accountability. You want to see revival and perhaps even at the most intimate place in your being springs your motivation. You want to see it? Then do the very thing that brings true revival ... repent. Repent to God. It is He you have to do with.

Then take up the courage and repent before your own Brethren and the world. Take off this mantle and put on humility, honesty and become as *he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully*. This is the nature of true prophecy, *faithful*, but I believe wholeheartedly that we do not even understand what a prophet is or is to do in this day and hour. This much I do know, it is definitely not what these have been doing collectively for however long now, this whole spurious, call it a movement, call it what you will but Andrew Strom was right, it is a spiritual quagmire.

There is no training in how to become a prophet. And to even bring the hard words necessary to a sleeping Church is not proof of validity either. The whole basis is full of leaks and holes. We have built up a construct that is part Old Testament oracle, part spurious divination, a sprinkling of educated guess and a bunch of parsed Scripture topped off with a spiritual cap. We have built up a *man* as the import to be heard, where a *prophet* is one who expects **God** to be heard. But again, we still have a flimsy definition. There is a confusion of office and title. There is a misunderstanding and misapplication of role. There is much in every way that begs more questions than answers. I cannot adequately do the defining but I am pleading for an honest re-evaluation and really am asking that this construct as we have it today be torn down, it is nothing but ruin to its hearers and is spreading both unfounded fear and unsupported pleasantries on the flip-side. Cults are made up of this very substance, speculative things, presumptuous things, things of the imagination and things of our fallen nature. It's a crossing of the wires, it's a crossing of the boundaries.

Witness

What does all of this say of our witnessing? We have an idea that our witnessing is something we do by way of handing out tracts and putting people on the spot like the telemarketer does when they call your house. And like them, most are just hanging up. Don't misunderstand, these things are not in and of themselves in error but it is our witness that breaches our efforts that I am speaking of. We are too often fueled by coercion, by manipulation and by program. Far too much. This prophetic utterance is ruining our witness by presenting us as prone to flights of fancy and indeed we are, our very results bring our indictment. The world looks on, and then hangs up.

Some observations

As it applies here to this setting, to this forum, there has been much and great patience with these things. I want to think it was as much an accidental as it was a purposeful one to allow this all to play out. I do pray if anything at all the charity

and patience in this allowance is never taken for granted. There are guidelines and there is the enforcement of them. We could be faulted for not being more stringent and even accused of duplicity, but I will forward it is charity and a best dependence as can be discerned as to what to do in any given situation. Going forward I suspect this realm will be treated quite differently, it has now come to a fulcrum.

We have to become even better students of this Book in this day and age we are living in. What we have at our very disposal is a mountain of precious thought experienced by thousands of our predecessors and could I just ask, where is this style of prophetic predicting and predicating so much in evidence? Is it not a modern notion? Is it not far more rare than common? Is not a prophetic forth telling of events on the horizon itself a rare occurrence, even in New Testament scripture, besides that of those walked before us?

There is very good reason for appealing to these Old Paths and old saints, they have something to teach us if we are but willing to hear them still speaking. Have in mind an example but before that, one last note.

Rebuttals to all this. We have heard many of them already and I do not know that everything is discounted or thrown off to the side, we are, hopefully, after one purpose and that is to get to the very bottom of matters if not more so the heart and truth of them. My opinion is worthless as to what is or is not 'in operation' in this day and I won't give it beyond what I can best discern is noted already, rarity. Rarity in forth telling. Probably the greatest 'counter' brought up to all this prophetic construct is;

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. Mat 10:41

There is much in every way the matter of context. Better I find it to let Matthew Henry speak to this as well as to the example I want to end off with;

"... That kindness to Christ's disciples which he will accept, must be done with an eye to Christ, and for his sake. A prophet must be received *in the name of a prophet*, and a *righteous man* in the name of a *righteous man*, and one of those *little ones* in the name of a *disciple*; not because they are learned, or witty, nor because they are our relations or neighbours, but because they are righteous, and so bear Christ's image; because they are prophets and disciples, and so are sent on Christ's errand. It is a believing regard to Christ that puts an acceptable value upon the kindnesses done to his ministers. Christ does not interest himself in the matter, unless we first interest him in it. *Ut tibi debeam aliquid pro eo quod praestas, debes non tantum mihi praestare, sed tanquam mihi - If you wish me to feel an obligation to you for any service you render, you must not only perform the service, but you must convince me that you do it for my sake. Seneca.*"

Matthew Henry

In hindsight I believe this needs its own treatment elsewhere. Had it in mind to develop from 1 Cor 14 all that is contained there. The words seem quite interchangeable rather than isolated, a handful of them;

Understanding.
Speaking.
Exhortation.
Interpreting.
Knowledge.
Revelation.
Tongue.
Voice.
Edify.

By contrast;

Unknown.
Uncertain.
Unlearned.
Unbelievers.
'Speak into the air'
'understandeth not'

The whole of this seems to suggest something that needs to be held together and not regulated out into departments as this day has it. Tongues, prophesying, knowledge, doctrine, revelation. There is a bottom line that must met with understanding or all is *madness*.

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 1Co 14:1

1Co 14:1-5 -

The apostle, in the foregoing chapter, had himself preferred, and advised the Corinthians to prefer, Christian charity to all spiritual gifts. Here he teaches them, among spiritual gifts, which they should prefer, and by what rules they should make comparison. He begins the chapter,

I. With an exhortation to charity (1Co_14:1): *Follow after charity*, pursue it. The original, *διωκετε*, when spoken of a thing, signifies a singular concern to obtain it; and is commonly taken in a good and laudable sense. It is an exhortation to obtain charity, to get this excellent disposition of mind upon any terms, whatever pains or prayers it may cost: as if he had said, "In whatever you fail, see you do not miss of this; the principal of all graces is worth your getting at any rate."

II. He directs them which spiritual gift to prefer, from a principle of charity: "Desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy, or chiefly that you may prophesy." While they were in close pursuit of charity, and made this Christian disposition their chief scope, they might be zealous of spiritual gifts, be ambitious of them in some measure, but especially of prophesying, that is, of interpreting scripture. This preference would most plainly discover that they were indeed upon such pursuit, that they had a due value for Christian charity, and were intent upon it. Note, Gifts are fit objects of our desire and pursuit, in subordination to grace and charity. That should be sought first and with the greatest earnestness which is most worth.

III. He assigns the reasons of this preference. And it is remarkable here that he only compares prophesying with speaking with tongues. It seems, this was the gift on which the Corinthians principally valued themselves. This was more ostentatious than the plain interpretation of scripture, more fit to gratify pride, but less fit to pursue the purposes of Christian charity; it would not equally edify nor do good to the souls of men. For, 1. He that spoke with tongues must wholly speak between God and himself; for, whatever mysteries might be communicated in his language, none of his own countrymen could understand them, because they did not understand the language, 1Co_14:2. Note, What cannot be understood can never edify. No advantage can be reaped from the most excellent discourses, if delivered in unintelligible language, such as the audience can neither speak nor understand: but he that prophesies speaks to the advantage of his hearers; they may profit by his gift. Interpretation of scripture will be for their edification; they may be exhorted and comforted by it, 1Co_14:3. And indeed these two must go together. Duty is the proper way to comfort; and those that would be comforted must bear being exhorted.

Matthew Henry

"of prophesying, that is, of interpreting scripture."

Notice the ties;

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Is this not where we are at right now? Is this not where the whole prophetic business and it's modern day construct has gone over the rails? Appealing to pride and to the 'man', the man of the hour, the 'prophet'? There are multitudes who are hanging on the words that these men and often women are speaking forth as oracles, oracles! Do we know what *that* word means?

ORACLE, n.

1. Among pagans, the answer of a god or some person reputed to be a god, to an inquiry made respecting some affair of

f importance, usually respecting some future event, as the success of an enterprise or battle.

2. The deity who gave or was supposed to give answers to inquiries; as the Delphic oracle.

3. The place where the answers were given.

4. Among christians, oracles, in the plural, denotes the communications, revelations or messages delivered by God to prophets. In this sense it is rarely used in the singular; but we say, the oracles of God, divine oracles, meaning the Scriptures.

5. The sanctuary or most holy place in the temple, in which was deposited the ark of the covenant. 1 Ki 6.

6. Any person or place where certain decisions are obtained.

7. Any person reputed uncommonly wise, whose determinations are not disputed, or whose opinions are of great authority.

8. A wise sentence or decision of great authority.

ORACLE, v.i. To utter oracles.

Certainly this too has been contorted and misapplied. We mean the opposite, not the scriptures. We ought to mean and to state, to borrow from Philologos; *saying the same thing as God says*. That goes for our repentance as for our utterance. The scriptures, let *them* speak, let them interpret, let *us* do our '*prophesying*' from them, within them out from them. This is the meaning of prophesying;

"Interpretation of scripture will be for their edification; they may be exhorted and comforted by it, 1Co_14:3. And indeed these two must go together."

I have a suspicion this will not play out very well. We will not like having to take down this idol or rather idle construct and bring it to the force and brunt of scripture itself. We would rather shove it off to one side and go on with our imagination and compulsions, our charismatic excitement and seeming ability to predict the future. It's strangely not as exciting. I think there is a large part of *I don't care* woven into it's fabric. We will go on doing what we have been doing because we *feel* that we have heard from God Himself and must go and tell whoever it is that it is so loosely aimed at or whoever stumbles into it's cross hairs. They won't stop. The false prophet will just as likely stop up his ears at the whole notion that he is *false*, it is too accusatory and we don't have a stomach for it. We don't have it in large measure at any rate and it is what stops us dead in our tracks because we are so ridiculously and easily offended. And we don't care about the effects or the ramifications on the hearers, the gullible, the new believer and we too soon forget that we were once all these things and just often bound up in them ourselves.

It has to stop, though it won't. We will have false prophets amongst us as it has been ... prophesied. Strange enough as it seems, false is false and yet there is also an aspect of 'intent to injure' or even the drawing off of *disciples unto oneself* that finds it's way into this muddy mix. Yes, I think there is a distinction to be made as far as our brothers here are concerned but I do not know where we merit out or dictate the results of all this, let me just plainly state it, the punishment or lack of. Sometimes the pain of forgiveness is as excruciating. That must be left to them and to the Lord. I hesitate to even say these words, I am an unprofitable servant, these are observations and compelling if you will, but for the life of me if we cannot address these things head on then where pray tell will be in the days and weeks ahead, as long as the lord tarries?

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/1/1 19:18

If I could put into words what my heart would say it would be what Mike Balog has wrote.

Enough Said

Re: to Ironman and Rahman, on: 2008/1/1 19:54

I'm just glad that there is grace for repentance and restoration now. In Old Testament Law it was the death penalty for this and other sins.

Peter denied the Lord with curses (= "bearing false witness")

He went out and wept bitterly, and was restored and given a "key role" in the early Church, to bring the Gospel to the people.

Paul exhorted the Corinthian church to forgive and restore the man who had his father's wife, because he repented.

Again worthy of the death penalty under the Law.

Samson despised his Nazarene oath and squandered his strength on prostitutes. He suffered greatly but gained victory in the end, and is even in the Hebrews 11 "hall of fame".

I used to claim that I was this or that in spiritual gifting (teacher and intercessor at different times). That doesn't carry the death penalty, but it was presumption all the same.

Now I know better than to claim anything, only to learn to walk more closely with the Lord and seek to move in the "works prepared beforehand", whatever they may be. Including keeping quiet when necessary, or as a friend puts it "keeping yer gob shut".

Yes there is need of repentance, Brothers. But when you have repented, restoration. As Paul said of the man who did a far worse thing - in the sense that it brought the church into greater disrepute - "2Co 2:7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."

I and others were probably at fault in that we tried to apply the comfort first, (partly in reaction to what was perceived as the condemnation of others) before the repentance!

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/1 20:16

Quote:

murrcolr wrote:
Prophetic Credentials

A challenge to would be Prophets

Hosea had to marry a whore; Jeremiah couldn't marry at all!

God chooses His prophets, God prepares His prophets, God sends His prophets.

By the time He gets around to the sending part, those prophets usually find any reluctance overcome by divine compulsion. The message has become their own and they would not silence it if they could.

The life of a prophet reflects the particular message God has given him. One of the reasons for this is that his life is brought into subjection to and molded by that message. One of the practical applications of this is that no prophet of God will allow anything in his life, whether good or evil, that will detract from his effective communication of his message.

So you think or know God has given you a message to your peers or to one of the other generations about you?

A message about You?

Then let the message and the Spirit that gave it burn in you with enough heat to consume all things in your life that would either combat or frustrate the delivery of that message.

A Prophet does not just give out words of prophecy he is the message.

Hope this helps you understand exactly what are the credentials of a Prophet.

Forgot to say that I appreciate that profound post. The prophet IS the message. YES!!!

Especially

Quote:

-----Then let the message and the Spirit that gave it burn in you with enough heat to consume all things in your life that would either combat or frustrate the delivery of that message.

And that is a faithful challenge for all of us who seek to serve the Lord, prophetically or otherwise.

On reading the original prophecy by Ironman, I was dismayed, feeling that, though there were elements of truth, there was also mixture in it. It didn't seem to have quite the pure, sharp thrust of the Sword of the Spirit.

The Lord said to me, years ago, "You will never be truly happy until you have lost all you *think* you now have". It's only in recent years that I've begun to appreciate something of what He meant. For He began to strip me of every area in which I thought I could serve Him, and gave no opportunity to use the gifts He had given...

Often He *has* to strip us before we can be reclothed in His glory, in His garments, rather than our own (Zechariah 3)

So the word to our brothers is, repent, deeply repent, despise not the chastening of the Lord.

But do not despair...

in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/1 23:29

are there any true prophets where a person could go and get trained? For example elijah training Elisha.

David

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 6:15

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

are there any true prophets where a person could go and get trained? For example elijah training Elisha.

David

Interesting question! There are supposed prophetic schools, though don't know if there are any non-dodgy ones. But that was Old Covenant, we don't need them now, except to know the Bible well.

Jeremiah 31:34

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

and Moses said (Numbers 11:29):

would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

And Paul said, (1Co 14:31)(For ye may *all* prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. (my emphasis))

Blessings

Jeannette

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/2 6:20

Samuel started a school for (of) the prophets. Forth telling is a very limited aspect of the ministry of a prophet. And to say that they must be the message is no different than that of all Christians, we ARE epistles read by all men everywhere, so that call of the prophet and the life of the prophet is in many respects the call of all true Christians. Learning to discern the voice of God on the other hand is a whole other subject. I suppose that for the present this scripture is good enough to stand and speak much to this country presently.

2Co 12:1 It is necessary to boast; it is not helpful, but I will move on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven 14 years ago. Whether he was in the body or out of the body, I don't know; God knows.

2Co 12:3 I know that this man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

2Co 12:4 was caught up into paradise. He heard inexpressible words, which a man is not allowed to speak.

2Co 12:5 I will boast about this person, but not about myself, except of my weaknesses.

2Co 12:6 For if I want to boast, I will not be a fool, because I will be telling the truth. But I will spare you, so that no one can credit me with something beyond what he sees in me or hears from me,

2Co 12:7 especially because of the extraordinary revelations. Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so I would not exalt myself.

2Co 12:8 Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me.

2Co 12:9 But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

Re: Forth telling is a very limited aspect of the ministry of a prophet. - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/2 6:59

I believe (I hope) you meant FORE telling is a small percentage of the ministry of a prophet... :-)

Clint

Re: quote by Crsschk - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/2 7:12

CRSSCHK quote:

“The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. Jer 23:28

Grand statements here. Are we still deriving from Old Testament times and 'prophets'? An open question and debate, still the definitions are muddy. But is the principle still applicable? Forget the word 'prophet' for a moment, the man/woman who has a dream, let them tell a dream and even if that dream has to do with the Lord does His Name thereby have to be brought into it as ipso facto as either factual evidence that this is His communication? Tell the dream and leave it at that, IF and a grand if at that any one of us is going to be so astute as to pronounce anything whatsoever, any word, any thought, any direction or forth-telling there can be absolutely NO equivocation, none! When this is done the whole credibility is out the window by sheer definition. IF you have heard from the Lord you have heard from the Lord, If HE says something is going to come to pass it will come to pass in the time-line and at the time that the one who spoke the words said it will or it is NOT from the Lord. Period....

No one to take notice of just how much our very faith is built on the foundation of true prophecy. This is what we tell the world, that Jesus Christ came as it was spoken of Him in Holy Writ. This is prophecy! And yet we would throw the whole thing on to a dung hill, yet another issue of the National Enquirer ready for the trash bin....

It has to stop, though it won't. We will have false prophets amongst us as it has been ... prophesied. Strange enough as it seems, false is false and yet there is also an aspect of 'intent to injure' or even the drawing off of disciples unto oneself that finds its way into this muddy mix. Yes, I think there is a distinction to be made as far as our brothers here are concerned

ned but I do not know where we merit out or dictate the results of all this, let me just plainly state it, the punishment or lack of. Sometimes the pain of forgiveness is as excruciating. That must be left to them and to the Lord. I hesitate to even say these words, I am an unprofitable servant, these are observations and compelling if you will, but for the life of me if we cannot address these things head on then where pray tell will be in the days and weeks ahead, as long as the lord tarries?Â”

Agreed, in fact the very first post that I made on SI began with that very verse from Jeremiah.

To add to clarification and take away from the confusion that is apparent in so many regarding Â”prophesyÂ” and Â”prophetÂ”:

According to VincentÂ”s Word Studies: The popular conception of a prophet is limited to his foretelling future events. This is indeed included in the term, but does not cover its meaning entirely. The word is from φημί, to speak, and πρό, before, in front of. This meaning of the preposition may have reference to time, viz., before, beforehand; or to place, viz., in front of, and so, publicly; and this latter meaning, in turn, easily runs into that of in behalf of; for. The prophet is, therefore, primarily, one who speaks standing before another, and thus forming a medium between him and the hearer. This sense runs naturally into that of instead of. Hence it is the technical term for the interpreter of a divine message. So Plato: Â”For this reason it is customary to appoint diviners or interpreters to be judges of the true inspiration. Some persons call them diviners, seers (μάντεις); they do not know that they are only repeaters of dark sayings and visions, and are not to be called diviners at all, but interpreters (προφῆται) of things divineÂ” (Â”Timaeus,Â” 72). Similarly of an advocate to speak for, or instead of one. The central idea of the word is, one to whom God reveals himself and through whom he speaks. The revelation may or may not relate to the future. The prophet is a forth-teller, not necessarily a foreteller. The essence of the prophetic character is immediate intercourse with God. One of the Hebrew names for Â”prophet,Â” and, as some maintain, the earlier name, signified a shewer or seer. See 1 Corinthians 14:26Â–30, Paul shows that revelation stands in necessary connection with prophesying.

In the New Testament, as in the Old, the prominent idea is not prediction, but the inspired delivery of warning, exhortation, instruction, judging, and making manifest the secrets of the heartÂ”...The New-Testament prophets are distinguished from teachers, by speaking under direct divine inspiration.

Let us prophesy

Not in the Greek.

According to the proportion of faith (κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως) Ἁναλογία proportion, occurs only here in the New Testament. In classical Greek it is used as a mathematical term. Thus Plato: Â”The fairest bond is that which most completely fuses and is fused into the things which are bound; and proportion (ἀναλογία) is best adapted to effect such a fusionÂ” (Â”Timaeus,Â” 31). Â”Out of such elements, which are in number four, the body of the world was created in harmony and proportionÂ” (Â”Timaeus,Â” 32). Compare Â”Politicus,Â” 257. The phrase here is related to the measure of faith (v. 3). It signifies, according to the proportion defined by faith. The meaning is not the technical meaning expressed by the theological phrase analogy of faith, sometimes called analogy of scripture, i.e., the correspondence of the several parts of divine revelation in one consistent whole. This would require ἡ πίστις the faith, to be taken as the objective rule of faith, or system of doctrine (see on Acts 6:7), and is not in harmony with v. 3, nor with according to the grace given. Those who prophesy are to interpret the divine revelation Â”according to the strength, clearness, fervor, and other qualities of the faith bestowed upon them; so that the character and mode of their speaking is conformed to the rules and limits which are implied in the proportion of their individual degree of faithÂ” (Meyer). unquote.

What Paul says in the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians if my elementary understanding of the original text is correct (that does not contain the word Â”giftsÂ” at all but rather uses a word that contrasts spirituality with carnality, which is the theme that he introduced early on in the letter) is that they (we) should seek to be spiritual rather than carnalÂ”... and their carnality had been displayed by their pride regarding their superior spirituality in the use of Â”tonguesÂ” rather than seeking to plainly and clearly seek to reveal the clear message of the scriptures and the words of Christ. This is the Â”prophesyingÂ” that he was advocating.

For a long time now the definition that I heard as a youngster from a long deceased man of God was that prophesying was far more forth-telling than fore-telling. In fact even the Old Testament prophets spoke directly to their generation, forth-telling as much or more than fore-telling, with a message of repentance for their then-present sins with warnings regarding what would happen if they didn't...i.e. the judgments of God would fall, and promises for their good if they repented. Many, if not most of those warnings were based strictly upon the already "chiseled in stone so-to-speak" warnings in the Book of Moses, the Law (especially those in Deuteronomy which are still being fulfilled, thinking specifically of the 28th chapter which many have wrested as they do the other scriptures). The prophecies were not predictive per se, in many cases any more than one can read the already recorded Word of God now, that already has the authority of "thus saith the Lord" because it is the eternal inerrant unchanging Word of God that has two options just as it always has... the option to repent and be saved or rebel and be damned.

To be quite frank I believe this thread and this humiliating exposure can and should serve as a warning to all of us not only regarding what we may have considered immature and spiritually ignorant utterances, but regarding those of men that may be in the spotlight and regarded by many as "the man of the hour". To preach faithfully the Word of God, considering carefully and prayerfully the context and declaring cautiously in love what the text says, and applying the practical implications of the text, applying the text to the times, as God leads, just as He did with the scriptures used in the early church, with men of diverse backgrounds and diverse callings from Stephen the martyr to the apostle Paul... that is certainly sufficient "prophecy" to carry us all the way to the end. In fact when you consider what the apostle John said at the end of his prophecy at the very end of the Bible itself...(Revelation 22:18) and the cautions in Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:6, Matthew 15:6-9 among others.... Anyone bold enough to preach or teach their dream, vision, revelation, or whatever else rather than sticking to the Book and keeping what they "feel" in their spirit to themselves and God, is taking a very bold step indeed.

Certainly God can send prophecies in the sense of future events, but then as the song asks, "what more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?" It is abundantly true that an element of pride can very easily be attached to this "God showed ME" thing, so much so that Paul, as much as he suffered for Christ, confessed that BECAUSE of the revelations he had had, the Lord sent a messenger of Satan to buffet him lest he, this humble slave of Christ get puffed up!

I was reared in a church atmosphere where one spurious "prophet" (in the sense of those who tried to have a word regarding the future) after another came through and all they accomplished was "making the heart of the righteous sad... and strengthening the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way by promising him life" (see Ezekiel 13:22)... Or either stirring up some folks with a false expectation that ended in disillusionment causing the "way of truth to be evil spoken of".

When the Lord and the apostles told us repeatedly to let NO ONE deceive us in the context of the warnings regarding the last days, a healthy skepticism is in order for any "God showed me" utterance that is not already clearly "shown" in the Word of God.

Sorry, but I will always be skeptical regarding anyone who has a message for the Whole Church, as if there are not plenty of men of God who are in touch with God and can seek His face and hear from Him from His Word without having to hear and revere someone's else's dream or vision or revelation outside HIS word. Remember what God said to Elijah when he thought he was the only one left. We can see by all the messages available on this site that God is not and will not just speak through one person... "in the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established".

That is not to say at all that God can not and does not have those whom He can use to warn us of things to come, but then it is not the added word, but the Living Word who speaks through His Written Word through which He has made such exceeding precious promises.

The Words are abundantly true and will always be true because they are unquestionably the Word of God indeed, and the whole context is important as well:

Jeremiah 23:28 - 29 (KJV) 28The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. 29Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

I was reading one of the early church fathers, Chrysostom in his commentary on the letter to the Galatians and thought these words were appropriate in relation to the subject before us:

{ Â“And would pervert the Gospel of Christ.Â” (Galatians 1:7)

They had, in fact, only introduced one or two commandments, circumcision and the observance of days, but he says that the Gospel was subverted, in order to show that a slight adulteration vitiates the whole.

For as he who but partially pares away the image on a royal coin renders the whole spurious, so he who swerves ever so little from the pure faith, soon proceeds from this to graver errors, and becomes entirely corrupted. Where then are those who charge us with being contentious in separating from heretics, and say that there is no real difference between us except what arises from our ambition? Let them hear Paul's assertion, that those who had but slightly innovated, subverted the Gospel.

Know you not that even under the elder covenant, a man who gathered sticks on the sabbath, and transgressed a single commandment, and that not a great one, was punished with death? (Numbers 15:32, 36.) and that Uzzah, who supported the Ark when on the point of being overturned, was struck suddenly dead, because he had intruded upon an office which did not pertain to him? (2 Samuel 6:6, 7.) Wherefore if to transgress the sabbath, and to touch the falling Ark, drew down the wrath of God so signally as to deprive the offender of even a momentary respite, shall he who corrupts unutterably awful doctrines find excuse and pardon? Assuredly not. A want of zeal in small matters is the cause of all our calamities; and because slight errors escape fitting correction, greater ones creep in. As in the body, a neglect of wounds generates fever, mortification, and death; so in the soul, slight evils overlooked open the door to graver ones.}

What is the point? The point is that we have a full revelation in the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ answered the devil with Â“it is writtenÂ”. If it was sufficient for Him it ought to be for us. The written Word has everything we need to consume our energies and strength and enough to reveal to us all we need to know regarding the future:

David said, Psalms 119:160 (NKJV) 160 The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

The Lord Jesus quoted to the devil the scripture from Deuteronomy 8:3 Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) 4 But He answered and said, Â“It is written, Â‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.Â’Â” It is not just one scripture or one phrase or one verse, but the whole. It is every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Paul said to those whom he was about to leave for the last time at Ephesus:

Acts 20:26 - 27 (NKJV) 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

To simply study as Paul admonished Timothy to "rightly divide the Word of God" is a lifetime task. And to exemplify it is certainly the point of that challenge.

Please... why seek to obtain some "office" before even getting to know the Book and the Author.

Clint

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 8:13

Amen Broclint well said.

Re: PS to Rahman and Ironman, on: 2008/1/2 12:09

After error, repentance

After repentance, forgiveness

After forgiveness, restoration

After restoration, commissioning anew in His service

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/1/2 12:19

LittleGift Said:

I and others were probably at fault in that we tried to apply the comfort first, (partly in reaction to what was perceived as the condemnation of others) before the repentance!

It has been good to see how the different giftings in God's people have come to the surface in these postings.

The prophetic gifting has come to the surface on here and can come across as harsh and judgemental. A person who is prophetic has to be careful that he does not cause death by a thousand lashes. Meaning that he can see what is wrong through that gifting but comes and speaks out of the flesh to deal with it. This can and does cause great pain to others.

Then there has been the shepherds the ones who care, guide and protect the sheep. That is where I would put you. They think about the person but they have to be careful of getting in to the flesh and trying to protect that which should not be protected.

Then there was the teachers they focus on changing lives by helping others understand the Bible better, giving attention to details and accuracy. They have to be careful as well that they don't get boring and cause sleep by a thousand Hebrew meanings.

I can say that I have learned and experienced God at work in his people on this posting.

Rom 8 v28 And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.

LittleGift Said:

Forgot to say that I appreciate that profound post. The prophet IS the message. YES!!!

Thanks for the compliment I have re-read it myself a few times and was encouraged by another brother's post where he reminds us that we are to be living Epistles or LIVING LETTERS.

Very challenging !!!!!!!!!!!

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 13:06

Quote:

murrcolr wrote:

Then there has been the shepherds the ones who care, guide and protect the sheep. That is where I would put you. They think about the person but they have to be careful of getting in to the flesh and trying to protect that which should not be protected.

Thank you Brother, that is so very true. And, like a sheepdog, I can sometimes try to bite those who I perceive as hurting the flock!

In Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 13:35

Quote:

-----I believe (I hope) you meant FORE telling is a small percentage of the ministry of a prophet...

FORE telling or FORTH telling?

Revelation 19:10

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

I do hope Forth-telling is a tremendous part of this Gift.

One Forth-tells what is already written in scripture. A New testament Prophet does not fore-tell anything not already written and backed up by the finished completed Word of God. THAT WOULD PROBABLY COME UNDER THE CATEGORY OF FORTUNE-TELLING.

We do seem to be seeing much of that today, where not all are 100% accurate and they want you to think that's ok too.

We have Genesis - Revelation...the Alpha and Omega of God's Word. Nothing new and different is going to change the facts.

Every Gift in the Body is as important as the other, and can't even function without the other members. We should never glory in our Gifts, but Glory in the Lord who gave us gifts that cannot operate without His power working through us.

We should never think more highly of ourselves as we ought.

But we are called to obedience in using our Gifts. Unfortunately, carnal baby Christians, rather than grasping their own and growing in what God gave to them, sometimes envy someone else's, and we know the spirit of envy is murder.

I once heard a very wise pastor say, the greatest enemy in the church is Carnal Baby Christians. They do more damage by not getting out of the way, many times hindering God's work, by jealousy, gossip, or complaining (driven by envy) then the outside unsaved world.

The rivalry that goes on with those who sing...Christian Musicians is an example. Someone getting more press more compliments etc, watch out. Yet how often too do many of these stand in the Glory of God taking the bow of applause...receiving that Dove Award for the most albums sold.

True Gifts bring death to self, because then and only then can the Holy Spirit work through you. Our gifts do not work through our flesh, as the Holy Spirit does not anoint our flesh by any means.

Anyone can have charisma...just look at those self help guru's... Ra! Ra! Re! cheerleaders, the Joel Osteen types who have audiences cheering. FLESH excites FLESH!

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/1/2 21:00

Katy-did said:

Our gifts do not work through our flesh, as the Holy Spirit does not anoint our flesh by any means.

If you read what I said earlier you will see someone who operates in the prophetic can see something in there gifting and then can then jump right into the flesh (get angry) to try and deal with it and completely make a mess of it.

Please read about Moses in Numbers 20

Katy-did said:

I once heard a very wise pastor say, the greatest enemy in the church is Carnal Baby Christians or the world.

He is very foolish. A pastor can do far more damage in the church than a Carnal Baby Christain. Look at what is going on in the church right now is that Carnal Baby Christians and the world.

A Pastor feels threatened by someone in his church he thinks that person is better than them and out of that insecurity he attacks that person from his pulpit. After years and years of putting up with this they have left the church hate God and are in Lesbian marriage.

The same Pastor goes away on mission the leadership team is left in charge of getting the quarterly magazine ready. His instructions are get it done. He comes back sees the magazine he calls a church meeting where three churches come together. He hands out the magazines to everyone there and asks who was involved in doing this as they stand once they are there feet. HE GOES MAD I MEAN MAD. Made everyone look stupid and told them they had to pay for the magazine cause he never approved it. After years and years of abuse these leaders leave the church and have never set foot in another church.

My wife says she met one woman that used to go to that church and after about 5 years would like to go back but is scared she will get shouted at.

Children in the church couldn't move with someone getting on there case. Come on take hold of Jesus. Most are off chasing after the world some are drug dealers some drug addicts. A girl who is now fully grown still cuts herself she still hates God.

Sad, very sad. The Pastor still runs off to the nations to preach. He has went from having three churches to none one burnt down, one closed down due the lack of finances someone took over the leadership in the other. He has never repented for utterly destroying peoples lives.

Oh I forgot to mention BMW and Jaguar cars nice big house with ministry maintenance team down doing work on the house most days.

Hey he was Gods prophet he had the word of God of course he was right...

Coming to a church near you soon.....

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 22:54

murrcolr,

Quote:
-----If you read what I said earlier you will see someone who operates in the prophetic can see something in there gifting and then can then jump right into the flesh (get angry) to try and deal with it and completely make a mess of it.

Oh, I definitely agree.

However, that's not what I was talking about. Paul talks about carnality in 1st Corinthians 3. James too talks about carnality.....immaturity. But thank the Lord, we all have to Grow up sometime, and the Lord sees to it we do.

Even Moses. Gee, when he tried to protect his brethren who were being abused and ended up killing someone...WOW. Then of coarse, when he struck that rock out of anger...even after 40 years tending sheep preparing him for God's calling on his life....yet look, Who was standing with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? Moses!

You know, our real growth comes through our failures. Peter denied Christ three times, but look at Peter's transformation over time.

Who in scripture was perfect? Was David...Oh no!
A murderer and adulterer.

The greatest blessings we have are through our failures...we learn...when I am weak, then I am strong.

Paul said, forget those things that are behind and press on to what is ahead. Get up guys, and keep those Nike's on.

Don't let the enemy beat you down and tell you what a failure you are....press on....press on... repent, confess...and move out.

Murrcolr, I'm sorry you have not experienced a Godly Church with Godly leadership. But you know what...that's no excuse to turn lesbian...under any circumstances. You can't blame others for your own failures. If you look at man and put him on a pedestal, and that man falls, taking you with him....you are in idolatry to begin with...worshipping man.

I've been in churches like you describe, and it only made me stronger.

Something interesting the Lord showed me....when the children of Israel were in Egypt.....it says they grew bold and strong under that oppression. Look at the first part of Exodus.

I am sorry because you sound so bitter. Yes, there are imposters in the Church trafficking in the Gospel...that makes me angry too, and has actually made me very bold and strong in the Lord.

I've seen a lot of junk too...stuff that would make you gag, but it only shows me how close we are to the return of the Lord, and how much the Lord has pressed on my heart to speak up and speak out.

When God knows your heart...even if others misunderstand it...it's God and He alone we please...not man.

It's going to get worse, I do agree. But YOUR faith is not dependent upon someone else's arrogance, disobedience or false prophecy.

Be a good Berean, and search out the scriptures for yourself to see if what they are saying is true.

You can't love God and mammon ...so there it is..falsies.

God Bless you murrcolr

With Love
Katy :-)

forth telling or fore telling?----oops:(- posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/3 6:31

Quote:

----- I believe (I hope) you meant FORE telling is a small percentage of the ministry of a prophet.

I used the wrong wording, I meant fore telling the future events, sorry for the confusion it may have caused. You was right Clint, also enjoyed your follow up post, a good read.

Re: forth telling or fore telling?----oops:(- posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/3 7:52

It seems to me from reading the posts that the main belief is the prophets just kind of shoot up out of nowhere.

Different people have different callings.

A pastor by most everyone definition usually is a gifted speaker.

A musician usually has a music talent.

A teacher usually a teaching gifting or mantle and so on.

There are people with prophetic callings.

The first time a teacher teaches do they look like a seasoned veteran?....NO!

The first sermon of a pastor does he sound like a seasoned veteran?...NO

Does the evangelist have the confidence of finny in his early stages?...NO

But the poor prophet is somehow not afforded this same early growth patience.

Go figure!!

David

Scripture ? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/1/3 10:15

David,

Do you just skim over these things and then make these kinds of pronouncements? There is no scripture to back any of this up or to apply it to. You would have to be disregarding an awful lot of exhortation to even examine just what a prophet is in this day again according to scripture. If you wanted to apply this here in specifics even though it is wrong, I do believe it has been expressed these were somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 year burdens at least in one case. Just how long is the growth process according to your logic?

You are defending that which you do not even understand. But, you are not alone here. You might want to take a look at the other post with the apologies to get an idea of what I mean.

Re: Scripture ? - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/3 11:39

I think i only brought out the obvious. but your comments prove my logic.

Otherwise you wouldn't resist what I brought to light.

All prophets teachers evangelists, pastors etc. have their beginnings somewhere.

This automatically constitutes growth.

as far as scripture ? pick one.

Elijah and Elisha

1 Cor 14; 24 ,31 ,39

Also Eph 4;11 He gave some apostles,prophets pastors.....For the perfecting of the saint for the work of the ministry

You dont think Andrew strom had his beginnings somewhere?

A prophet is not a prophet because he bats 100%

A prophet is a prophet because of the prophetic mantle or anointing.

Why would Paul say earnestly pursue the gifts but mostly the gift of prophecy?

Because now the prophet is inside us...JESUS

WE MAY ALL PROPHECY!!

David

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/1/3 13:00

psalm1 said:

It seems to me from reading the posts that the main belief is the prophets just kind of shoot up out of nowhere.

Who mentioned about prophets popping up out of nowhere.

What is with the go figure attitude.....

I Corinthians 13v1-2 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I AM NOTHING.

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/1/3 13:22

Katy-did

There is a long story involved here which I don't really want to go into. As it would take up to much time. I came across that way to put my point across to you. God has done a work in me if he had not I would not be on here. I love God, I love his son, I love the Holy Spirit and I love the man who caused all the hurt but he must humble himself before God and Men. I will not be content until God comes down and I will do what ever God requires of me to make it happen.

Isaiah 64 v1-2 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence, as when fire kindleth the brushwood, and the fire causeth the waters to boil; to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

One of things that came out of what I went through was God spoke to me he told me the Church is Dead. I have often wondered about and thought about what he meant. I have been asking him to teach me about what he meant. You should listen to the featured sermon.

The adversary in the church by Milton Green

My Friend The Church is Dead.....

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/3 13:22

Murrcolr, Then am I to assume that there is a growth period of the young prophet?
Maybe the point is everyone knows this and it is just escaping my eye?

If thats the case I do apologise.
I just havent seen it mentioned.
I didnt know Go figure was bad!
You should have seen what I deleted!

David

Re:, on: 2008/1/3 14:19

murrcolr said.

Quote:

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We His body ARE the Church, not some earthly denominations of religion, but a heavenly union with Christ.

I am not dead, and Christ in me is not dead.

The Church consists of believers all over this world who make up the Church.

The gates of Hell shall not prevail against the Church. Never!!!!

Apostate is not the church, but the falling away from biblical truth forming Mystery Babylon, a mock church...earthly dominion....this is what YOU are seeing, and accusing Born Again Christians of being part of this, calling them dead, and Christ in them dead.

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Love in Christ
Katy-Did

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Hear-hear! :-D

Glory To GOD!

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2008/1/3 15:28

No I am saying this.

I heard God say...The Church is Dead.....

Escaping the Theology of Babylon by Carter Colon

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=11764>

Rev 3v1 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.

2 Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have found no works of thine perfected before my God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 But thou hast a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.

.....Well that speaks for itself alive but dead.....The wages of sin is death.....

For I have found no works of thine perfected before my God.

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The Adversary In the Church BY Milton Green

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=12482>

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2008/1/3 16:00

I have to clarify something.

This is exactly what I heard.

The church is dead now get up !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Hi Murrcolr - I can agree that what is commonly called or known as, "the church" is dead - but as you've mentioned "the remnant" - or as the LORD calls them, "The Elect" - are not dead and will not be dead and I see that as Katy posted.

The warnings to the Churches was a very good idea to post - yes! But as you read on from there - you see from the warnings on - you have The Overcomers - Amen - The Elect - and Jesus said "the most shall fall away" - so your term "the remnant" is Scripturally, all that will be left, at the end, of what is now called "the church" - by people's own "choices".

When saying "the Elect", I don't mean those "predestined" - I mean, "those whom GOD foreknew from before creation, that would love Him with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength and be faithful unto the end, or their end."

I meet more of these everyday. They have been on fire for Truth for a long time and still burn all the more brightly as the se days darken.

They have walked in what others would call "revival" for most of their "born-again lives".

Even those who's sermons are posted on this website.

PRAISE HIS NAME. We need to be encouraged by those "Faithful".

He who has an ear, to hear what the Spirit has to say to the churches, WILL HEAR and DO hear.

"The Lord knows them that are His."

If it weren't for that verse, our depression over the state of things would have taken us down many moons ago.

HE WILL HAVE A PEOPLE - and HE knew from before the foundation of the world - who would Love Him and be faithful unto the end.

He's not sweating - but some should be.

I don't think you and Katy disagree nor do I - it's just that we have to see that those who Love Him will seek Him with all of their hearts and Love His Voice/His Word/His Truth and will "follow", even if they are persecuted for doing so. That's Love.

He knows His Own and they Know Him.

His Sheep will follow wheresoever He leads.

Focusing on goats and tares is very depressing.

He said, "if" it were possible, even the Elect would be deceived --- so that warning gives all the chance - to "watch" so they won't be.

Those who fervently Love Him will watch - those who don't won't. The 5 foolish and the 5 wise virgins. He already knows who His Bride/His Elect are - Glory to GOD!

I agree to keep posting these warnings as you have - but when you need encouragement - just remember - GOD 'WILL' HAVE A PEOPLE.

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2008/1/3 16:42

Thanks for the encouragement.

Revelation of John 15

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God.

God will have A People of Victory

Re: Prophecy unto us, thou Christ - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/1/4 8:34

Prophecy!

*And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, **Prophecy**, who is it that smote thee? Luk 22:64*

*Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, **Prophecy** unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? Mat 26:67,68*

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Isa 50:6

Isa 50:6 -

And my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair - The greatest indignity that could possibly be offered. See the note on Isa_7:20 (note).

I hid not my face from shame and spitting - Another instance of the utmost contempt and detestation. It was ordered by the law of Moses as a severe punishment, carrying with it a lasting disgrace; Deu_25:9. Among the Medes it was highly offensive to spit in any one's presence, Herod. 1:99; and so likewise among the Persians, Xenophon, Cyrop. Lib. i., p. 18.

“They abhor me; they flee far from me;
They forbear not to spit in my face.”
Job_30:10.

“And Jehovah said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days?” Num_22:14. On which place Sir John Chardin remarks, that “spitting before any one, or spitting upon the ground in speaking of any one's actions, is through the east an expression of extreme detestation.” - Harmer's Observ. 2:509. See also, of the same notions of the Arabs in this respect, Niebuhr, Description de l'Arabie, p. 26. It so evidently appears that in those countries spitting has ever been an expression of the utmost detestation, that the learned doubt whether in the passages of Scripture above quoted any thing more is meant than spitting, - not in the face, which perhaps the words do not necessarily imply, - but only in the presence of the person affronted. But in this place it certainly means spitting in the face; so it is understood in St. Luke, where our Lord plainly refers to this prophecy: “All things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished; for he shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and spitefully entreated, and spitted on, εμπτυσθησεται,” “Luk_18:31, Luk_18:32, which was in fact fulfilled; καιηρξεαντοτινεςεμπτυειναυτῳ,” “and some began to spit on him,” Mar_14:65, Mar_15:19. If spitting in a person's presence was such an indignity, how much more spitting in his face?

Adam Clarke

Mat 26:68 - Saying, prophesy unto us, thou Christ,.... Not that they owned him to be the Messiah; but because he asserted himself to be the Messiah, and his followers believed in him as such, they call him so; and in an ironical and sarcastic way, call upon him to divine, and tell them who the persons were, that used him in this manner; suggesting, that if he was the Christ, or Messiah, he would know all things, and what were done to him:

who is he that smote thee? for they had covered his face, or blindfolded him, as the other Evangelists say, Mar_14:65, and then bid him tell them who smote him last. Christ did not think fit to give them an answer to this question, but he will let them know hereafter, who the particular person, or persons were, that smote him; and when it will appear to all the churches, and to all the world, that he is the Lord God omniscient. Some learned men have observed (a), that there was a play formerly used, called by the ancients, κολλαβισμος,, at which, one person having his face covered, the rest smote him; or one put his hands over his eyes, and another smote, and asked him who it was that smote? and such an exercise is yet in being among us, which is commonly called Blindman's Buff; and such pastime as this the Jews had with Christ; in this ludicrous way did they use him, and made him their sport and diversion, as the Philistines did Samson; but it will cost them dear another day,

(a) Braunii Select. Sacr. l. 5. Exerc. 2. sect. 38. p. 622, 623. & Capelt. in loc. e Polluce, l. 9. c. 7.

John Gill

VII. The abuses and indignities done to him after sentence passed (Mat_26:67, Mat_26:68); *Then*, when he was found guilty, they *spat in his face*. Because they had not power to put him to death, and could not be sure that they should prevail with the governor to be their executioner, they would do him all the mischief they could, now that they had him in their hands. Condemned prisoners are taken under the special protection of the law, which they are to make satisfaction to, and by all civilized nations have been treated with tenderness; sufficient is this punishment. But when they had passed sentence upon our Lord Jesus, he was treated as if hell had broken loose upon him, as if he were not *only worthy of death*, but as if that were too good for him, and he were unworthy of the compassion shown to the worst malefactors. Thus *he was made a curse for us*. But who were they that were thus barbarous? It should seem, the very same that had passed sentence upon him. *They said, He is guilty of death, and then did they spit in his face*. The priests began, and then no wonder if the servants, who would do any thing to make sport to themselves, and curry favour with their wicked masters, carried on the humour. See how they abused him.

1. *They spat in his face*. Thus the scripture was fulfilled (Isa_50:6), *He hid not his face from shame and spitting*. Job com

plained of this indignity done to him, and herein was a type of Christ (Job_31:10); *They spare not to spit in my face*. It is an expression of the greatest contempt and indignation possible; looking upon him as more despicable than the very ground they spit upon. When Miriam was under the leprosy, it was looked upon as a disgrace to her, like that of *her father's pitting in her face*, Num_12:14. He that refused to raise up seed to his brother, was to undergo this dishonour, Deu_25:9. Yet Christ, when he was repairing the decays of the great family of mankind, submitted to it. That face which was *fairer than the children of men*, which was *white and ruddy*, and which angels reverence, was thus filthily abused by the basest and vilest of the children of men. Thus was confusion poured upon his face, that ours might not be filled with everlasting shame and contempt. They who now profane his blessed name, abuse his word, and hate his image in his sanctified ones; what do they better than spit in his face? They would do that, if it were in their reach.

2. *They buffeted him, and smote him with the palms of their hands*. This added pain to the shame, for both came in with sin. Now the scripture was fulfilled (Isa_50:6), *I gave my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; and (Lam_3:30), He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him; he is filled with reproach, and yet keepeth silence* (Lam_3:28); and (Mic_5:1), *They shall smite the Judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek*; here the margin reads it, *They smote him with rods*; for so *erapisan* signifies, and this he submitted to.

3. They challenged him to tell who struck him, having first blindfolded him; *Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, who is he that smote thee?* (1.) They made sport of him, as the Philistines did with Samson; it is grievous to those that are in misery, for people to make merry *about* them, but much more to make merry *with* them and their misery. Here was an instance of the greatest depravity and degeneracy of the human nature that could be, to show that there was need of a religion that should recover men to humanity. (2.) They made sport with his prophetic office. They had heard him called a *prophet*, and that he was famed for wonderful discoveries; this they upbraided him with, and pretended to make a trial of; as if the divine omniscience must stoop to a piece of children's play. *They* put a like affront upon Christ, who profanely jest with the scripture, and make themselves merry with holy things; like Belshazzar's revels in the temple bowls.

Matthew Henry

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 14:34

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

It seems to me from reading the posts that the main belief is the prophets just kind of shoot up out of nowhere.

Different people have different callings.

A pastor by most everyone definition usually is a gifted speaker.

A musician usually has a music talent.

A teacher usually a teaching gifting or mantle and so on.

There are people with prophetic callings.

The first time a teacher teaches do they look like a seasoned veteran?...NO!

The first sermon of a pastor does he sound like a seasoned veteran?...NO

Does the evangelist have the confidence of finny in his early stages?...NO

But the poor prophet is somehow not afforded this same early growth patience.

Go figure!!

David

Hi David

Got a bit behind on this thread so just to jump in here:

I don't think anyone wants to deny that these ministry gifts, apostle, prophet etc exist and are vital to the Church.

Surely the point is that none of us should make any presumptuous claims to have this or that ministry. If we truly operate in the Spirit in a particular gift or gifts it will soon be obvious to all. Others will say we are this, we don't need to claim anything. Amos for example denied that he had the office of a prophet - he was simply a herdsman and farmer of sycamore fruit (a kind of wild fig). Yet it was obvious to all that he was in fact a prophet.

Samuel never called himself a prophet, it was others who did that. He began as an innocent child, with a childlike response to the Lord, to hear and convey His word.

I said earlier in this thread that I've stopped looking to know what my gift or calling is. It doesn't seem to matter any more, only seeking to walk with the Lord and learning to follow Him. But that doesn't mean there are no gifts, just that there's no more desire or need to focus on them instead of Him.

And sometimes our ambitions or ideas about what our giftings are may be mistaken.

Someone on this forum for example said that I was clearly a pastor.

I used to think I was mainly a teacher!

The pastor of the church I went to before moving is obviously a true pastor (not a brilliant speaker, though his talks are a blessing because of the love and caring that oozes from him as he speaks). But he originally wanted to be, and thought he had, the gift of an evangelist. We said to him, "Yes, of course, hold campaigns, preach the Gospel, nothing wrong with that. But *you are a pastor* - it's obvious!"

Eventually he came to realise it himself, and stopped hankering after being something he wasn't. People did get saved under his ministry, but more because of his caring, warm nature, which made the church a caring warm church where folks liked to be.

By the way, a pastor isn't always a gifted speaker, (though a teacher or evangelist obviously needs that ability). A pastor has nurturing, caring gifts.

I have known pastors who were hopeless preachers, but their care of the flock was beautiful. And I've known gifted speakers who were in no way pastors, even if they had that official title. A Bible example would be John the Baptist - everyone went to hear him speak but I can't imagine him as a pastor - can you?

Jacob Prasch (some of his talks are on SI I believe, or go to moriel.org) is a great speaker but said that it's just as well he's not a pastor because he'd have "lamb chops" every Sunday - it just isn't his gift. But if you need someone to speak the Truth without fear or favour (or much tact!) he's your man!

Blessings

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 14:42

Quote:

murrcoir wrote:

Katy-did said:

Our gifts do not work through our flesh, as the Holy Spirit does not anoint our flesh by any means.

If you read what I said earlier you will see someone who operates in the prophetic can see something in there gifting and then can then jump right into the flesh (get angry) to try and deal with it and completely make a mess of it.

Please read about Moses in Numbers 20

Katy-did said:

I once heard a very wise pastor say, the greatest enemy in the church is Carnal Baby Christians or the world.

He is very foolish. A pastor can do far more damage in the church than a Carnal Baby Christian. Look at what is going on in the church right now is that at Carnal Baby Christians and the world.

A Pastor feels threatened by someone in his church he thinks that person is better than them and out of that insecurity he attacks that person from his pulpit. After years and years of putting up with this they have left the church hate God and are in Lesbian marriage.

The same Pastor goes away on mission the leadership team is left in charge of getting the quarterly magazine ready. His instructions are get it done. He comes back sees the magazine he calls a church meeting where three churches come together. He hands out the magazines to everyone there and asks who was involved in doing this as they stand once they are there feet. HE GOES MAD I MEAN MAD. Made everyone look stupid and told them they

had to pay for the magazine cause he never approved it. After years and years of abuse these leaders leave the church and have never set foot in another church.

My wife says she met one woman that used to go to that church and after about 5 years would like to go back but is scared she will get shouted at.

Children in the church couldn't move with someone getting on there case. Come on take hold of Jesus. Most are off chasing after the world some are drug dealers some drug addicts. A girl who is now fully grown still cuts herself she still hates God.

Sad, very sad. The Pastor still runs off to the nations to preach. He has went from having three churches to none one burnt down, one closed down due the lack of finances someone took over the leadership in the other. He has never repented for utterly destroying people's lives.

Oh I forgot to mention BMW and Jaguar cars nice big house with ministry maintenance team down doing work on the house most days.

Hey he was God's prophet he had the word of God of course he was right...

Coming to a church near you soon.....

Sounds like that particular "pastor" was actually a "carnal baby Christian", even if he'd been "saved" for many years!

Isaiah 3:

4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

12 As for my people, children are their oppressors...

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 14:58

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

I think I only brought out the obvious. but your comments prove my logic.

Otherwise you wouldn't resist what I brought to light.

All prophets teachers evangelists, pastors etc. have their beginnings somewhere.

This automatically constitutes growth.

as far as scripture ? pick one.

Elijah and Elisha

1 Cor 14: 24 ,31 ,39

Also Eph 4:11 He gave some apostles, prophets pastors.....For the perfecting of the saint for the work of the ministry.

You don't think Andrew Strom had his beginnings somewhere?

A prophet is not a prophet because he bats 100%

A prophet is a prophet because of the prophetic mantle or anointing.

Why would Paul say earnestly pursue the gifts but mostly the gift of prophecy?

Because now the prophet is inside us...JESUS

WE MAY ALL PROPHECY!!

David

Pondering on this, I think the difference between the office of a prophet and the other ministry gifts is that he speaks as God's messenger. His inspiration is supposed to be directly from the Holy Spirit.

As with the other ministries, he is only human and may often speak and act in the flesh when he's not prophesying. He also needs to grow in maturity and in knowing how to use, rather than misuse, his office and gifting. But the gift of prophecy *itself* is a spiritual gift and has nothing to do with the maturity or otherwise of the one who operates in it. -Any more than it has with the maturity of someone who speaks in tongues or does miracles, healings etc.

Prophecy is a spiritual gift, and should come directly from God, bypassing the carnal and merely human.

Even Caiaphas prophesied, **and got it right**, though he was an enemy of God, and actually plotting to kill Jesus at the v

every time he prophesied (John 11:49 following)!

That is the difference, I believe. The prophet is fallible, but the prophecy itself should be a direct word from God, and therefore infallible.

But at the same time, the example of Caiaphas gives hope, and probably ground for encouraging our brethren who gave what turned out to be a false prophecy. If an evil man can prophesy truth, surely a good man who mistakenly prophesies error can be forgiven if he repents?

Does that make sense?

Jeannette

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiss () , on: 2008/1/4 15:07

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The difference is that most "prophets" are speaking for God. Verbatim. They are telling others what "God" told them to say. So what happens when what they "prophesy" does NOT come to pass?

Have you ever read the story of the little boy who cried wolf?

I have never read about a prophet in either the Old Testament or New Testament mold for which their words did not come to pass (with the exception of those words for which God "repented" -- ala Jonah and Nineveh). What do you call a prophet who loudly proclaims something that never happens? Do we call such a man a "false prophet" or merely "mistaken?" What is the value of their words if much of what they say is not really from God?

The bottom line is that we should be extremely careful when we speak for God. In their defense, I don't believe that either brother Rahman or Brother IRONMAN claimed that they were prophets. I think that they left room for both disagreement and possible human error. They simply shared what they believed to be a word (or vision) from God. In many of their posts, they were careful to distinguish that this "word" was not inarguable. In fact, I have been praying in tears for both of these brethren. I believe that their motivation was clean, even if mistakes were made.

This stands as a stark contrast to the other would-be prophets who make blanket claims under the guise of "the office of a prophet." Such men need to be publicly humbled so that their flawed claims do not continue.

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Re: - posted by murrcoir () , on: 2008/1/4 15:33

Ironman said:

For those who are called to be apostles and prophets, acknowledge your calling and don't be afraid of it because God called you to it. At the end of the day His opinion will be the one which determines everything. Rejection comes with the work but it is not you who is being rejected (as I came to find out) but God Himself since He is the one who called you, appointed you and sent you forth. God's grace is sufficient to see His work done in us and through us, if that weren't the case, we'd be dead in the water...

brethren these 2 callings/offices/roles are dear to me because our Lord has called me to both. I say this not to seek acclaim but because God said this is what I am so I can't duck and dodge the responsibilities thereof any more.

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If this whole chapter is read, it is not saying what one may think.

We are to study to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the word of truth..a workman who need not be ashamed.

A NT Prophet re-iterates the Truth...it doesn't come up with new and different prophecy.

No where in NT are Children to usurp authority over adults, or women over men....

No one usurps authority over anyone....as we are to serve one another, and humble ourselves ...not exalt ourselves.

I guess the NT Church doesn't really know what Carnal means....

Isaiah 3

1For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

2The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

4And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:

7In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and want on eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

Love in Christ

Katy

;-)

PS: Added for content:

A Parallel warning in NT Times would sound like this:

2 Timothy 3

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 15:58

Quote:
-----The difference is that most "prophets" are speaking for God. Verbatim. They are telling others what "God" told them to say. So what happens when what they "prophesy" does NOT come to pass?

Do you mean like the Pope?

If one stays in the written WORD, and studies to show thyself aproved...it will come to pass.

It's finished.....and it's not going to change.

God has the ears of those who belong to Him. Our Spirit should bear witness with their Spirit that what one is saying is true.

Test the spirits, because not all are of God.

How do you test the spirits????? God's Word!!

Love in Christ
Katy ;-)

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 16:25

Quote:

Katy-did wrote:

Quote:
-----Sounds like that particular "pastor" was actually a "carnal baby Christian", even if he'd been "saved" for many years!

Isaiah 3:
4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.
5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

12 As for my people, children are their oppressors...

If this whole chapter is read, it is not saying what one may think.

Katy, I thought that you were saying I wasn't "rightly dividing the Word of truth", but reading the whole I don't think that's what you were saying.

At least I hope not!

Of course, I was aware that the above quotes were taken out of context, because the original context is God's punishment of unfaithful Israel.

But I believe it can be applied to the Church as well.

Do you agree?

Sorry if I didn't make that clear. No way was I saying that the Isaiah quote meant that it was a right state of affairs!

Perhaps I was reluctant to take the reference to its logical conclusion, because otherwise it could be said that the bullying pastor was a punishment to the church! That's not necessarily so - depends if the church appointed him. And, if they did, whether they sought God re his appointment before calling him, and He said that man was the one.

in Him

Jeannette

re:, on: 2008/1/4 16:40

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Love in Christ

Katy ;-)

So it will conform to the Word - both the Spirit and letter.

Maybe that's why even some of us who tried to encourage Rahman and Ironman (including myself) still didn't feel 100% easy about the 2007 prophecy?

Blessings

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 16:56

It's all about **HIM**.

<http://watchman.net/prophetic.html>

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 17:09

I had to get off here a minute.

Just as I posted that link, this song played on the radio. It was so intense, the tears began to flow. Bless His Worthy Name!

(http://www.google.com/musics?lid7nzlH8humUK&aid-VgYb5jPcAF&sidfN8h2yy6W_K&saX&oimusic&ctresult) **KING OF GLORY!**

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/4 17:42

I think the reason that this became a disaster for rayman and ironman is the dating. I pm'ed ironman about 6 mo ago and told him of a similar vision I'd had about two cities. I counseled with him about sharing it with yall.

I think everyone here knows the U.S. is overdue for a hit.

I truly believe the grace of God must be unfathomable for him to delay judgement.

It is possible that we will loose 2 cities , but who knows?

Time will tell.

I will say this.....Bill Clinton was the president in my vision

David

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/1/4 17:55

Quote:

-----I think everyone here knows the U.S. is overdue for a hit.

I didn't know that.

MC

Re: It's all about HIM. - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/4 17:56

Agreed Sister Annie,

I was working on the following post while some of you were posting:

Murrcolr wrote: if you read what I said earlier you will see someone who operates in the prophetic can see something in the here gifting and then can then jump right into the flesh (get angry) to try and deal with it and completely make a mess of it.

Please read about Moses in Numbers 20

Psalm1 said: But the poor prophet is somehow not afforded this same early growth patience.

Go figure!!

Brothers there are 227 times the word "prophet" is mentioned in the KJV of the Bible. I humbly suggest you get out a concordance and do some extensive research on the word from THE WORD instead of taking words out of the context of the whole counsel of God on the subject. "Operating in the prophetic" in reference to the incident in Numbers 20 and speaking of "in their gifting" is I fear built on a whole lot of writing that has cropped up in the past few decades that ignores several centuries of scholarship on the subject, and ignores the whole use of the word in scripture.

I remember reading a "teaching course" a few years ago that apparently has gotten a very wide circulation that described the "prophetic personality". But just because there has been a whole lot of teaching with a bunch of pop psychology involved in the so-called "prophetic calling" does not mean at all that it is scriptural. There is no scripture that gives any calling of God "slack" for lack of humility or for egotism, or immaturity, or lack of study of the whole counsel of God, or for zeal without knowledge (spiritual knowledge), or a whole host of other so-called "prophetic characteristics". Abraham was called a prophet (Genesis 20:7) and from there the personalities, the backgrounds, the varieties of occupations were just as varied as the personalities and backgrounds and occupations of those who are called of God to preach all through the centuries from the time of Christ. By the way the first time the word "preach" is used is an interesting context also. Look it up in Nehemiah 6:7. Look also at the references in Isaiah 61 and in Jonah to "preaching".

The incident in Numbers 20 had nothing to do with prophecy in any sense in which we can make some kind of claims about prophecy. If there is any prophecy in the incident it had to do with GOD's word to Moses, and not Moses speaking for God to the people. He did not prophesy to them in this chapter, he gave them water. And God honored him as His prophet, his servant, even though he had to suffer the consequences of his disobedience in this incident of smiting the rock instead of speaking to it.

We all are given time to grow in the Lord. But look at what that growth is supposed to do. Peter admonished: 1 Peter 2:1 - 3 (KJV) 1Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

And also with an especial view of the coming days, Peter made this "prophetic" utterance: 2 Peter 3:14 - 18 (KJV) 14Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

In the scripture that has been quoted so frequently in these posts regarding the office of prophet, listen to the context and the purpose that Paul sets out:

Ephesians 4:1 - 3 (KJV) 1I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...

He then speaks of one body, one faith... and then says: Ephesians 4:7 (KJV) 7But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

YLT says: Ephesians 4:7 (YLT) 7and to each one of you was given the grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ,

Ephesians 4:7 (NASB) 7But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. The emphasis as you can see is upon the grace of God in Christ, and Christ's gift NOT our gift.

The problem arising from the beginning of all these declarations at the beginning of this thread and all the so-called "prophecies" and "prophets" and "prophetic giftings" is that the emphasis is on the wrong syllable. It is not our gifts, but THE gift... the gift of Christ... the gift given by the GRACE of the ONE GOD, of this ONE FAITH, and the END or the GOAL of that one faith. And the rest of the context is the kind of growth that God affords all of us, and the reason of that growth and the reason of that gift.

Ephesians 4:11 - 16 (KJV) 11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16From whom the whole body fits

tly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Clint

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/4 17:56

chris, Yes they blew it really bad. that is the thing about setting dates.

When I saw the date setting I was almost sure they were either adding something or they were out in left field.

One thing about the prophetic mantle is "you gotta know when to stop"

You can see something in the spirit and if you are "green" in the prophetic , your imagination can add to the message or vision.

Because of the dating this thing got built up like the second coming.

Which added to the greatness of the flop. Which ascribed a question of credibility not only to christianity but God himself.

They brought shame to Gods kingdom.

David

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/4 18:16

Quote:

-----I pm'ed ironman about 6 mo ago and told him of a similar vision I'd had about two cities.

Quote:

-----Bill Clinton was the president in my vision

"Now a thing was *secretly* brought to me...in thoughts from the *visions* of the night..." (Eliphaz testifying in Job 4:12-13)

"And it was so, after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz, My wrath is kindled against thee...*for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right...*" (Job 42:8)

Re: by our words... - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/4 18:22

Ironman wrote 1/6/2007: God spared not Israel and He will certainly not spare us because this covenant is the final one. after this there is no salvation. Remember that these letters were written not to the world but to the Church! where is it written:

The Lord shall judge his people.

the word is not talking about the world, it's talking about us! do we think that the evil we do goes unnoticed or that there is no recompense from God? this is a mockery of the justice of God, if we are not judged then why should the world be judged? We who are called by His name ought to know better and do better than we are surely. have we not Holy Spirit? Has God not furnished all we need to avoid sin?

in 2 Peter 4 17 the word says:

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

and in the Revelation before anything jumps off, before any seal is broken turning loose the judgments of God the Church is clearly the initial recipient of the judgment of God. that means judgment on THIS side of heaven brethren? let us not delude ourselves nor be deceived, God is not in the business of letting transgressions go without consequence. indeed we are forgiven if we repent, but there is always recompense/consequence for sin forgiven or not.Â”
On a separate post he said:

no they don't miss. a prophet of God doesn't miss ever if he is speaking what God has in fact spoken to him to tell the people. however if the prophet says something out of himself which God hasn't said for him to say then he'll miss. now i take it pat has been on point sometimes right? on those times he must have been saying what God has him say, when he missed he was speaking out of self.

Crsschk on 1/10/07 (edited to correct date)

I don't think so. When he got it right he may have just been lucky and accidental or ... making commentary. This is by a large newspaper theology, not any different than what those who watch the stock market do, gathering up information and making an educated guess. But prophecy? Forget it. That one can go backwards and start extrapolating out the 'hit' s from the 'misses' ... This is all rather absurd.

I am longing to hear the prophet open and shut his mouth at the same time and then the thing comes to pass.

Until then, all this dissecting, explaining and defending is just pure speculation and conjecture.

It's not the Lord.

Ironman: is there really such a thing as luck or a situation in which God doesn't preside over? Perhaps it may not have been Pat's intent to necessarily say some of what he has said in the past as prophecy, perhaps he should not have. i never said he was a prophet either nor am i saying that pat is a prophet. once again it seems the focus is on predicting the future but that is a small part of what a prophet is.

Edited to separate Ironman's quotes from CRSSCHK

Ironman: bro Mike, if you know Jeremiah you will know that he worked in the palace. Daniel also worked in the palace of the king of babylon. these men were not ignorant of what was going on in the land of Israel or in some of the nations around Israel at all. they knew what was going on. however they saw these things in the context of what God was doing and expressed it as such in an effort to get Israel to repent. JOhn the revelator was aware of what the roman empire was doing and what was going on in the churches he was told to write to but he saw it in the context of God's judgment first on His Church, then the world and then His final return.

why were they allowed? could it be that the same satanic spirit which was on babylon and spurred them to attack and destroy Israel? that was judgment from God you know... i have no doubt that those men were satanically inspired, Islam is a religion of the devil, that is a superficial observation but there is more to it than just that. however what did that event have to do with God and how does it fit into what God is doing? is God trying to communicate something? this is the thing we ought to ask when we see things happen:

how does this fit into God's plan for us all?

This is the thing right here. the world is wicked, no doubt, it is inherently wicked, however those of us who have been saved are partly to blame for the continuing wickedness because we have not wholly lived as we ought. our hypocrisies condemn us and give the world occasion to blaspheme God and this is displeasing to God and so even us His Church are ripe for the judgement also which comes before that of the world. 1/0/07

Amazing, truly amazing how much damage can be done by trying to be, rather than letting God be.

Matthew 12:33 - 37 (KJV) 33Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. 34O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:33 - 37 (YLT) 33'Either make the tree good, and its fruit good, or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad, for from the fruit is the tree known. 34'Brood of vipers! how are ye able to speak good things—being evil? for out of the abundance of the heart doth the mouth speak. 35The good man out of the good treasure of the heart doth put forth the good things, and the evil man out of the evil treasure doth put forth evil things. 36'And I say to you, that every idle word that men may speak, they shall give for it a reckoning in a day of judgment; 37for from thy words thou shalt be declared righteous, and from thy words thou shalt be declared unrighteous.'

Clint

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/4 18:35

Why is it you never hear of any of the Puritans speaking of their secret visions and dramatic revelations, men who were of the absolute highest integrity in God; men like Leonard Ravenhill, T. Austin Sparks, Spurgeon, Finney, Poonen, Keith Daniel, John Wesley, Moody, Whitefield, Payson, Winslow, Sangster, etc? Does God only give apocalyptic visions and fatalistic prognostications to third-rate, carnal, useless believers?

Booth wrote of a vision, but his vision was evangelistic and allegorical. There is a huge difference between such and the almost Lovecraftian visions that today's self-acclaimed prophets ostensibly purport. Job was the most righteous man of his age and he put his hand over his mouth as God's anger burned at Eliphaz the "privileged" visionary.

Re: why is it? - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/4 18:46

Agreed Brother,

Perhaps it is because they studied the Word of God and knew that that Word has all we need to know of the present, past and future if we will but put our hearts into it and into knowing HIM.

Not to say that God does not speak with revelations to His servants, but revelations FROM the Word, not apart from it.

And speaking of prophetic... when my family and I left the Revival Conference, the children said, speaking of Brother Keith Daniel's message..."man it was like you were hearing one of the Old Testament prophets standing in front of you"... Why? Because he spoke the Word of God as it is in truth as the LIVING Word.

That is PROPHETIC.

Clint

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 19:03

Jeannette,

If Jesus said Himself only the Father Knows for sure the time of His return, then date speculation of anything is questionable....and especially off the mark completely in this area.

I think we can see from the news areas of Prophecy coming to pass, however, those things were all ready foretold in scripture. Anyone can take a jab at dooms day prophecy, but does that make THEM a prophet? NO!

God sets up kingdoms and tears them down according to HIS purposes, and these purposes are working together to fulfill what has all ready been written in scripture,

Jesus said, WHEN you see these things come to pass....you know what time it is. He didn't say...when you HEAR someone Prophecy of these things.....bla, bla, bla.

Many problems with the new baby Christian or even an old one who hasn't grown in the grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ, is their taking out of context OT scripture that applied to or applies to Israel alone...not correctly dividing the word of Truth.

A Prophet in the NT, is one who builds up the Church...the Body of Christ...to or Heavenly Calling...not earthly situations.

These who keep your eyes on earthly things are actually enemies of the Cross..

Nostradamus (sp) predicted many things...but certainly was no prophet. Don't you think the devil also knows about things?

Since America is not specifically mentioned in scripture, we will assume it is a gentile NATION, just like any other Gentile Nation.

What does God say will happen to Gentile Nations?

For those who assume that America replaced Israel, that we are a Theocracy as Israel was, and apply God's warning to us in the same way is wrong.

Just as Nineveh (a gentile Nation was warned...and they repented, and any gentile nation who does repent, will be judged with the Nations, at the Judgment of Nations...Matthew 25, but that is not to be confused with judging individual Christians.

Jesus didn't come to save Nations, but Individual souls...one soul at a time.

To make America (because they proclaimed themselves God's New Chosen People) ready for God's wrath because they have not repented is not found in scripture.

The Judgment of Nations is based on how that Nation treated Israel. And the Judgment of the sheep and goats are how individuals treated Jews.

However the Church (A heavenly organism) is not what this judgment is about(Matthew 25), as the Church at this time will be reigning with Christ at His return.

Because of the lack of understanding, we have a Hodge podgy of self proclaimed prophets thinking we are now in the tribulation period...we are not.

Therefore, ****during this age of Grace****, don't expect to see God's wrath on America, or anywhere else.

However, you have seen over history a nation losing God's favor for their dealings with Jews. See Spanish History for one.

I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.....that stands until the very end, regardless of where Israel is with the Lord at this time.

When or if America turns its back on Israel, THEN you will see that umbrella taken away.

But, when or if, is still in God's Hands and His timing for His purpose.

Keep your eyes on the Lord...looking UP...not down and around.

You have a Heavenly Calling, not an earthly one.

A Prophet in the NT is one who will have you keep your eyes looking up, reminding you your life in IN CHRIST.

Jesus Christ is made to each and every one of us, Wisdom and Knowledge, and we are Complete In Him.

James says, if you have a question ASK GOD, who is without variance or shadow of turning....and God will answer you, but if you waver on what He says, and say...oh gee, let me see what my favorite self proclaimed prophet says.....then for get it...He considers you a double minded man, unstable in all your ways.

Faith comes by hearing, and Hearing the Word of God...and the JUST shall live by Faith, in the substance of things Hop ed for and the evidence of things not seen.....

Jesus Christ is our Blessed Hope! Not this world, or anything in it!

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Please re-visit:

*****Philippians 3*****

Re:, on: 2008/1/4 19:07

Quote:

-----IRONMAN'S LAST POST ON THIS THREAD 12/31/07 - Page 17 -

if i've been the one in error...

Greetings in Jesus' Name dear saints by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

i bow my knees and thank God for the Mercy and Grace shown us here. if none of this which i have believed over these last few yrs comes to pass i ta ke some comfort in that i won't be continuing in that error into '08. i'm not sure what i would do but there would certainly be much agony. i'd be sure to apologize before God and before you all dear brethren and seek forgiveness from you and God knows thereafter. there wouldn't be anything left to say (i don't think anyway) except to admit gross error and seek forgiveness. bro Chris said and hoped that i'd not go into depression and i don't think i'm pr one to that. however to think that i don't know God's Voice and/or how to listen to Him and obey may leave me depressed and a bit more guarded.i'd p ost little if anything i suppose, fearing stumbling anyone.if this burden has been self imposed, i don't know how i'd deal with anything in the future rese mbling it.it would be a hard thing to come to grips with if it's proven i've been foolish all this time and caused God and you my brethren undue grief fro m the moderators on down, to my brethren at the church i attend...Romans 8:28 does say He works all things for the good but this would be a tough le sson...all the same i'd rather that than continue in error.

it's as if as bro R said we're between the red sea and pharaoh's army, can't go forward unless the sea is parted, can't go back unless the army is vanq uished. if i've run from egypt prematurely or should have stayed there, either i'm going to drown in the sea or get hacked to pieces, perhaps i may be d ragged back in bonds.

let God be proven True.AMEN.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

EDIT

p.s. i hope that whichever way this goes we can hold each part of the 5-fold ministry to God's Standard trying and proving whoever calls him/herself ap ostle, prophet, preacher, teacher, evangelist lest phonies abound.

Brother Ironman, I haven't posted 'to' you on this thread yet - just generalities on my feelings on the subject of prophets.

You and I spoke on previous threads since 2006 about this subject and to nutshell what I said then, I still feel --- a perso n should not have to announce in public what their "calling or gifts" are.

I still stand by that.

With that said and nothing more on this topic - I'm asking you to come back to SI -- not necessarily on this thread and jus t be one of us again.

I think you've been whipped enough. Much more than enough.

As from myself Personally, my feeling is that you have been "mentored" by someone else - maybe someone older than you and I don't hold you 100% accountable for 'false leadings or promptings' by this someone else. But I do hold this 'someone else' 100% accountable. Amen!!

I pray we can drop this now and you develop your own walk with JESUS alone - without the coaching or 'leading' or words or any other prompts from any mentor(s). Just you and your wife -- get alone with Jesus and seek Him for Himself alone.

Let's begin this new year, seeing each other as all Equals. Let's forget "callings and gifts" and look for The Giver and to be transformed into HIS image and then the works that He did, we shall do also with no attention on ourselves --- all of us.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered and He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the Saints according to the will of God and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose, for whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

I love you brother Ironman and do not feel you should leave this Forum.

We're all in need of Humbling. Me first and then down the pike - and if we all humble ourselves and seek HIM for Himself Only - we will have what it takes to get through what's inevitably coming - with no regard to dates, presently.

If I'm wrong in anything I've said here just now, I pray I'm forgiven also, but this one thing I do know that's true -

JESUS LOVES YOU VERY MUCH BROTHER Ironman.

Annie

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/4 19:16

Quote:
-----Perhaps it is because they studied the Word of God and knew that that Word has all we need to know of the present, past and future if we will but put our hearts into it and into knowing HIM.

Excellent thought! I agree 100%

Quote:
-----Not to say that God does not speak with revelations to His servants, but revelations FROM the Word, not apart from it.

Bullseye again. The centrality of the Word, the complete and utter underlying spring of all thought, word and action for the Christian. Any deviation from the Word (no matter how slight) is akin to playing Russian Roulette with a fully-loaded revolver. Total immersion in the Word will keep you clean and sober with sure footing always; straying from the Word to personal flights and fancies will spell doom in no certain terms.

Quote:

-----And speaking of prophetic... when my family and I left the Revival Conference, the children said, speaking of Brother Keith Daniel's message..."man it was like you were hearing one of the Old Testament prophets standing in front of you"...

Amen brother. I, too, have heard brother Keith speak and I always come away amazed at the true, genuine prophetic being displayed through his message of holy surrender and absolute purity. I believe if a man will just surrender to God and preach holiness and righteousness through a clean heart and conscience, God will not allow any of his words to fall to the ground. The preacher will speak and not even realize he is already in the true prophetic.

He should never have to say, "Thus sayeth the Lord..." or "God came into my room last night and took me by the hand and led me into a fiery abyss and there I saw Chicago on fire and New York exploding..."

Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/4 19:35

quote:He should never have to say, "Thus sayeth the Lord..." or "God came into my room last night and took me by the hand and led me into a fiery abyss and there I saw Chicago on fire and New York exploding..."

Amen!

I believe a very good test for those who have a desire for a prophetic calling may do well to hear Paul's word regarding Timothy and then Paul's words to Timothy in the qualifications regarding a bishop and a deacon.

Philippians 2:19 - 22 (NKJV) 19But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. 20For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. 22But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

Those who are qualified to lead must first learn to follow, hence Elijah-Elisha in the Old, and Paul and Timothy in the New.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/4 21:26

I would just like to make it clear that my posts in this thread are in no way intended to tear down Ironman and Rahman. I do feel, however, that this thread and others like it can be great vehicles to instruct, to teach, and to warn by written example.

This whole prophesy thing hits close to home for me, as early on in my walk I had a friend who was misled by different dreams and fancies and personal visions he said he received from the Lord. It was almost a weekly thing; a new vision, a new thing to discuss, dream to interpret. I told him over and over again to forget that stuff and just get rooted and grounded in the Word of God, but all he wanted to discuss were esoteric dreams and Jesus in the clouds specifically calling him out to prophesy doom over central Texas. It was always some sort of prognostication, something looming in the near future...and it got to be pretty frustrating because he considered himself untouchable, unrebukable - something of a John the Revelator mach II.

We would invite him to Bible study, and he wouldn't come. If he did show up, he had nothing to contribute except the fantastical. Soon, he began referring to the Holy Spirit as simply "the Ghost." He became more and more aloof, separating himself from the local assemblies here. He started going to my church, but soon left because of the lack of "the 'Ghost' moving and prophecy and miracles.

My good friend, a Baptist youth minister, would try to reason with him from Paul's didactic epistles, but he would brush him off because he "wasn't Spirit-filled and didn't speak in tongues." Pretty soon he left me as well, believing I was lukewarm and compromised because I didn't accept his mantle of prophethood. He eventually hooked up with a British itinerant evangelist/revivalist and would follow this guy around Texas with a video camera.

This was all about 5 years ago. About 6 months ago, I happened to run into that Baptist youth minister in a Mexican restaurant and I asked him whatever happened to our prophet/vision/signs-and-wonders/revival friend - and then he told me the sad news. He told me the guy was totally gone, back to the world, in the clubs, drinking, dancing, going home with women. Everyone knew about it - the same people he would preach to and tell them they "needed to get filled and speak in tongues" and prophesy over their future.

I believe something happened between the time he left my church and followed that revivalist to when I met my friend in the restaurant. An exposure happened, a tremendous unmasking where not only the foundations were shaken, but one that proved whatever was not rooted in the Word and looking to Jesus came falling out. And whatever it was that fell out was enough to flip the canoe over.

Let's all pray Rahman's and Ironman's canoes stay afloat when they get to the bottom of the falls. They are our brothers, and we know they love the Lord. Love indeed conquers all. God knows how to keep His beloved above water.

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2008/1/4 21:29

Years of Crisis Ahead

by J. R. Nyquist

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On December 23 the Telegraph (UK) published an article by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard with the headline, "Crisis may make 1929 look like a walk in the park." The article begins, "Twenty billion dollars here, \$20 billion there... Buckets of liquidity are being splashed over the North Atlantic banking system, so far with meager or fleeting effects." Large banks are in trouble. Huge sums of money are disappearing. The capitalist system is faltering. At the same time, the "former" center of global communism is brimming with new confidence. Russia is deploying warships to the Eastern Mediterranean, building and testing new intercontinental missiles and submarines. The rhetoric of Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has a "neo-Soviet" ring to it. When visiting Cuba a few years back, a journalist asked Putin about his ideological loyalties. Was he a communist? "Call me a pot," he said cryptically, "but heat me not." Like Stalin after the New Economic Policy of the 1920s, Putin has nationalized major Russian industries. He has curtailed press freedom. He has reversed the process that dismantled the Soviet Union. He is taking up the pieces of the old communist empire, and putting them back into place.

Vladimir Putin knows that defeat may be a temporary expedient. A broken nation can bounce back. The tables can be turned on old enemies who believe they've won. He knows, as well, that history is cyclical; that peace leads to war and boom leads to bust. While Western businessmen and politicians have implicitly denied (in their rhetoric) the inevitability of war and financial catastrophe, there is a longstanding political movement firmly based on the expectation of both. I am referring to the political movement founded by Karl Marx and continued by Lenin, which has existed in many countries under various names and guises. Marx taught his followers to expect a future financial crash. This crash, said Marx, would discredit capitalism and open the door to global revolution. After Marx came Lenin, who taught that a future "imperialist war" would contribute to the destabilization of capitalism, discredit the leadership of the developed countries, and enable a worldwide workers' revolution. The shrewdness of Marx and Lenin may be found in their prediction of what was always inevitable, making themselves appear more authoritative than other would-be revolutionaries.

Marx and Lenin have followers throughout the world. And these followers are organized. They also have Islamic imitators. The specifics of doctrine are unimportant when studying totalitarian countries. What matters is the ever-present hatred of Western civilization, mass-murder, oppression, and an obsession with destructive war. These are the common elements. These are the tags that give away the game and tell the observer what he is looking at. The Islamist and the Communist seek to undermine the West economically, socially, demographically and politically. The military balance also plays into their calculations. This is why the acquisition of nuclear weapons by communist and Islamist countries is a top priority. The policies of Hugo Chavez, Vladimir Putin, the Chinese communists and the clerical regime in Iran are all coordinated at the highest levels. Economic warfare is also a consideration, especially when it comes to oil and currency manipulation.

It is in this context we should consider the statements of leading economists and financial experts today. We are told that financial dominoes are tilting. If the fear of widespread bankruptcy cannot be contained, if banks and hedge funds are about to collapse, if lenders are hoarding cash and borrowers suffering the pangs of unsatisfied addiction, if the money sc

rew has become a thumbscrew and the tortured victim is forced to yell out his bankruptcy, then the Marxist party is about to see the fulfillment of the old prophecies and promises. The expected revolution is about to come. It will come on the heels of capitalism's crisis.

In the Telegraph article Evans-Pritchard quotes Professor Peter Spencer as saying, "The central banks are rapidly losing control." He also quotes British and American experts who agree that "the crisis" has moved beyond collapsing mortgage securities and now threatens the entire financial system. On Dec. 12 the Wall Street Journal ran a piece titled, "Banks Sound Grim Notes." According to this article, some of the "biggest U.S. commercial banks" have been issuing warnings that "underlying business fundamentals are continuing to deteriorate." Many banks are predicting that 2008 will be a year of "mounting loan defaults" and heavy losses on all sides. Last month, Merrill Lynch advised investors to stay away from Bank of America and J.P. Morgan.

The great economists taught us what to expect from irresponsible credit expansion. But when the generation that experienced the Great Depression had passed from power, the rising generation did not believe a Great Depression could happen to them. Turning their back on history, they imagined themselves superior to those who came before. The great sociologists and historians taught us that the mistakes of previous generations would be made again and again, despite warnings from the wise. And so they are proved right. We are human, and we are fated to err. The boomer generation is not immune to the laws of economics. Furthermore, the "end of history" did not occur, as alleged by Francis Fukuyama. Even now, at this very moment, we are up to our necks in history. Ours is not a "more perfect world" than our forefathers. The world is still the same world, with the same problems as before. If our grandparents had to contend with Hitler and Imperial Japan, we must contend with Putin and the Chinese communists.

Last month Russia successfully test-fired a multiple-warhead road-mobile ICBM. It is a type of weapon the United States doesn't have and doesn't plan to develop. The RS-24 can carry up to three warheads, using technology from the advanced Topol-M system (already deployed). As a mobile platform the RS-24 can hide almost anywhere, so the United States cannot determine if it is falling behind in a new arms race. The Russian navy has also test-fired a new submarine launched ballistic missile called the Sineva. Those who laugh at Russia's meager economy will be baffled by the regeneration of Russia's armed forces, based as they are on a strategy of "leveling the playing field" (literally) with missiles.

The year 2008 will clarify the position of the United States as a great power in relation to the emerging power of China and the supposedly defunct power of Russia. If the financial crisis worsens (as it is likely to do), a political crisis is bound to follow. Few dare talk about this crisis (even now), although communists have been discussing it for many decades. Mainly, they have been considering how they will exploit a major economic crisis. With the Western intelligentsia sunk in the mire of political correctness, and the stupefaction of a television-besotted public, they are the only party on Earth that is psychologically ready with answers and slogans. Their political powder is dry, and they are well stocked. There is every reason to believe that the public will be confused, that the politicians will be knocked off balance.

The year 2008 may be a year of decision, not because it is a presidential election year, but because the West may be shaken to its foundations.

end of article...

The gift of biblical wisdom has not evaded you Ironman. Through Scripture we see the errors of men and the futility of their hope. In this you brother have not erred....

Your brother in Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2008/1/4 22:00

broclint said:

The incident in Numbers 20 had nothing to do with prophecy in any sense in which we can make some kind of claims about prophecy. If there is any prophecy in the incident it had to do with GOD's word to Moses, and not Moses speaking for God to the people. He did not prophesy to them in this chapter, he gave them water. And God honored him as His prophet, his servant, even though he had to suffer the consequences of his disobedience in this incident of smiting the rock instead of speaking to it.

Agreed there is no mention of prophecy there but I never said there was.

Please take note this has not come from any teaching course just in case you think that. This something I have observed in others and in myself.

My friend God's gift is perfect but we are not.

What I am trying to bring out that Moses who functioned as a prophet got angry. I humbly submit that you read things correctly before posting.

Look at what the bible says about Moses.

Num 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.

broclint said:

We all are given time to grow in the Lord.

In Numbers 12 Moses is declared the very meek if fact more meek than anyone else in the face of the world. Did Moses need more time to Grow in his gifting.....

1. There was no water the people come against Moses and Aaron
2. Moses and Aaron went to the tent of the meeting.
3. God speaks to them and gives Instruction (We don't know how long they were before God)
4. Moses gets ANGRY and says to the people you rebels and hits the rock twice
5. God speaks and tells Moses and Aaron he is not getting into the promised land.

I will say it again if you operate as a prophet or have a prophetic unction you have to be careful not to step into the flesh and get angry when dealing with the things of God. This is an area where a prophet or someone prophetic must be careful.

I would submit to you that this is not out of context.

Re: anger - posted by broclint (), on: 2008/1/4 22:11

quote: I will say it again if you operate as a prophet or have a prophetic unction you have to be careful not to step into the flesh and get angry when dealing with the things of God. This is an area where a prophet or someone prophetic must be careful.

I agree that in anything we do we cannot get into the flesh. James said:

James 1:19 - 20 (NKJV) 1 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

I was just typing this when I read your post:

I quoted the verses from the Lord regarding being justified or condemned by our words, and hardly had I got down to pray before the sting of those words were the mirror to my own soul.

I certainly do not ever want to try to come across as someone talking down from some feeling of superiority and super-spirituality... I know how far I am from where I desire to be in Christ. I posted earlier on the thread the church atmosphere for many years of my life in which one "prophesy" after another was given out, until the attitude for many was "let the prophets get out of here, this is a rerun".

As many others have posted here, I certainly do hope that both these men, Rahman who has posted a genuine apology, and Ironman will stay in this fellowship of folks who express such a sincere desire to grow in knowledge and wisdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We need the call to accountability and the "iron sharpening iron" as I believe it was Krispy, who said on another thread, to keep the starch knocked out of us, to humble us, to encourage one another in time of need, to rebuke and exhort when we need that also...

It took me watching silently for several months before I was brave enough to put words into such a permanent form... but then by doing so... as, I believe CRSSCHK said earlier on this thread, we face (this is certainly not a quote) a little pr

review of the judgment by having all things out in the open publicly.

Bless you all...

I will be silent for a while now as I seek to practice what I have posted.

Clint

:-o

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/4 23:03

Great giftedness comes with a price. Your friend had giftings without character. In the OT we see a school of the prophets, no doubt they studied the scripture, one wasn't considered a prophet unless (as the old sages say) they could write without one error the torah, 5 books of the law. What a test! That was from memory btw. I think the prophetic giftings, dreams--visions--various signs and wonders and manifestations are by in large misunderstood. Like most things they take a lot of our personal time and effort, not only in prayer and fasting but also study in the Word of God. The prophet Daniel would set his face to understand a matter God would give him. I often times have thought how long was it between the time a thing was given to one of the prophets and the understanding came. Days? Weeks? Months? Years? This generation wants everything instant coffee, personally I don't enjoy instant coffee :-). I don't discount what I hear from most people who say things from the Lord until I have a scripture to do so and that from the Word of God at the mouth of the Lord in some quickening. As with warnings from dreams and visions there is more evidence that these things scripturally didn't come to pass because they caused such a state of repentance that God turned away His anger.

We look for a Nineveh type repentance, but also need to remember that it would have only taken a handful of people to spare Sodom. I like to think about Joseph, the husband of Mary, who twice had a dream which spared his family, I wonder why God didn't just speak to him directly, or by a prophet or some heavenly sign or something, I suppose this was the surest way God could speak to him and he would understand.

The psalmist said :Psa 19:3 There is no speech; there are no words;
their voice is not heard.

I do take some liberties here, but the principle is the same, Paul 1Th 5:16 Rejoice always;

1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing;

1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit;

1Th 5:20 despise not prophesyings;

1Th 5:21 prove all things; hold fast that which is good;

I think it's interesting which church he gave this exhortation to. But we would do well not to ignore these words. prove/hold, that'll preach!

Rahman and Ironman will be just fine. They'll get up, brush off the dirt and keep walking looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of their faith.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/1/4 23:35

Dohzman!

Quote:

-----Your friend had giftings without character.

Hey, I think I resemble that remark. It is quite a succinct diagnosis for much of what is going on today.

Quote:

-----In the OT we see a school of the prophets, no doubt they studied the scripture, one wasn't considered a prophet unless (as the old sages say) they could write without one error the torah, 5 books of the law.

What an important point this is. (I believe Broclint and Paulwest were also touching on this.)

One of the greatest misconceptions being passed around in both 'spirit-filled' and 'emergent' circles these days is that the early church didn't have the bible and therefore had to rely exclusively on spiritual revelation such as individual prophetic words to get by. Yet, as you point out, even the Old Testament Jew had a bible. They understood that God's people were never expected to live by whatever relativistic inspiration popped into their heads or hearts. The idea that the people of God are to live under the authority of scripture rather than the authority of men is not a Reformer's idea, but an Old Testament idea inherited by the first century Christians.

How else could the first century Christians be considered a threat to Roman multi-culturalism which certainly had room for one more religious point of view. It wasn't the community of Christians formulating a prophetic word that threatened Caesar, but it was their written words from God formulating a prophetic people. Their character was defined not by urgent pleading prophets, but according to the objective propositions of the bible...which compelled them to affirm openly the truth that there is no Lord except Christ. In healthy churches the Word forms the Church, but in unhealthy churches the church forms the word.

My point here, to affirm yours, is that the prophetic voice of a prophet is not found in individual spiritual revelation but in the established and written word of God.

Blessings,

MC

ps. whenever you can make it south, I'll grind the beans right in front of you before I make your coffee. ;-)

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/5 0:54

Paul west, If there is such a thing as 5 fold ministry then the office of prophet is as viable as the other 4 .

Different people have different callings.

Mine may be different than yours.

That doesn't mean it's wrongjust different.

It's obvious to me you don't think much of John the Revelator Mach 11 or me so nothing is new in your attitude against me .

It is interesting you ascribe 2 scriptures to me from Job and yet in your opening and closing sentences of your post on 1/4 20;26 you sound exactly like Job's comforters.

David

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/5 2:15

Hi David,

Quote:

-----Paul west, If there is such a thing as 5 fold ministry then the office of prophet is as viable as the other 4 .

I don't dispute this. I am wary, however, of some of the foolishness that masquerades these days as "prophetic" and the misapplication of the term. Please, brother, I have nothing against you personally. If you want to publically disclose your visions of Bill Clinton and certain cities being destroyed and whatever else, fine, but do not expect everyone here to embrace your prophetic mantle carte blanche.

Quote:

-----It's obvious to me you don't think much of John the Revelator Mach 11 or me so nothing is new in your attitude against me.

Well, I admit I don't think much about *the ministries* of the modern-day John the Revelators very much. And I don't know many people in this forum that do. David, I think if you knew me you would really like me, and I'm sure I would like you! Let's both try not to let emotion bleed through this. It's really easy to misconstrue things over the computer and jump to hasty conclusions. No one here is more guilty of this than I. My attitude against you is quite fine as a brother - my concerns are aimed only at the things people type in here - and I pray such is reciprocated.

Quote:
-----It is interesting you ascribe 2 scriptures to me from Job and yet in your opening and closing sentences of your post on 1/4 20;26 you sound exactly like Job's comforters.

Yes, brother, I ascribed those passages from Job to your post, regarding the "visions" you mentioned; how am I now sounding like Job's comforters? Please be more specific and show me where and how in quotes - because I don't know what all those numbers mean (1/4, 20,26?). You're free to contest anything I submit here if it doesn't sound right, and we can discuss it without animosity. I do not in any way deny the efficacy of the office of the prophet; I only question perhaps your understanding of it.

Have a great weekend and God bless you!

Brother Paul

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 13:18

Hi Katy

Not able to study it in detail just now, but think I can say Amen to all of it.

But why specifically addressed to me, rather than to everyone?

Just wondering...

Love in Him

Jeannette

Quote:

Katy-did wrote:
Jeannette,

If Jesus said Himself only the Father Knows for sure the time of His return, then date speculation of anything is questionable....and especially off the mark completely in this area.

I think we can see from the news areas of Prophecy coming to pass, however, those things were all ready foretold in scripture. Anyone can take a jab at dooms day prophecy, but does that make THEM a prophet? NO!

God sets up kingdoms and tears them down according to HIS purposes, and these purposes are working together to fulfill what has all ready been written in scripture,

Jesus said, WHEN you see these things come to pass....you know what time it is. He didn't say...when you HEAR someone Prophecy of these thingsbla, bla, bla.

Many problems with the new baby Christian or even an old one who hasn't grown in the grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ, is their taking out of context OT scripture that applied to or applies to Israel alone...not correctly dividing the word of Truth.

A Prophet in the NT, is one who builds up the Church...the Body of Christ...to or Heavenly Calling...not earthly situations.

These who keep your eyes on earthly things are actually enemies of the Cross..

Nostradamus (sp) predicted many things...but certainly was no prophet. Don't you think the devil also knows about things?

Since America is not specifically mentioned in scripture, we will assume it is a gentile NATION, just like any other Gentile Nation.

What does God say will happen to Gentile Nations?

For those who assume that America replaced Israel, that we are a Theocracy as Israel was, and apply God's warning to us in the same way is wrong.

Just as Nineveh (a gentile Nation was warned...and they repented, and any gentile nation who does repent, will be judged with the Nations, at the Judgment of Nations...Matthew 25, but that is not to be confused with judging individual Christians.

Jesus didn't come to save Nations, but Individual souls...one soul at a time.

To make America (because they proclaimed themselves God's New Chosen People) ready for God's wrath because they have not repented is not found in scripture.

The Judgment of Nations is based on how that Nation treated Israel. And the Judgment of the sheep and goats are how individuals treated Jews.

However the Church (A heavenly organism) is not what this judgment is about(Matthew 25), as the Church at this time will be reigning with Christ at His return.

Because of the lack of understanding, we have a Hodgepodge of self proclaimed prophets thinking we are now in the tribulation period...we are not.

Therefore, ****during this age of Grace****, don't expect to see God's wrath on America, or anywhere else.

However, you have seen over history a nation losing God's favor for their dealings with Jews. See Spanish History for one.

I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.....that stands until the very end, regardless of where Israel is with the Lord at this time.

When or if America turns its back on Israel, THEN you will see that umbrella taken away.

But, when or if, is still in God's Hands and His timing for His purpose.

Keep your eyes on the Lord...looking UP...not down and around.

You have a Heavenly Calling, not an earthly one.

A Prophet in the NT is one who will have you keep your eyes looking up, reminding you your life is in IN CHRIST.

Jesus Christ is made to each and every one of us, Wisdom and Knowledge, and we are Complete In Him.

James says, if you have a question ASK GOD, who is without variance or shadow of turning....and God will answer you, but if you waver on what He says, and say...oh gee, let me see what my favorite self proclaimed prophet says.....then forget it...He considers you a double minded man, unstable in all your ways.

Faith comes by hearing, and Hearing the Word of God...and the JUST shall live by Faith, in the substance of things Hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.....

Jesus Christ is our Blessed Hope! Not this world, or anything in it!

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Please re-visit:

*****Philippians 3*****

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 13:23

Quote:

Compton wrote:

Quote:

-----I think everyone here knows the U.S. is overdue for a hit.

I didn't know that.

MC

Nor me. Were you thinking of a specific kind of "hit"?

I know that there are earthquake zones, such as in the Yellowstone National Park, where a huge one could come at any time.

And the Twin Towers may well not be the last, or even the worst major act of terrorism suffered.

And the stock market collapse seems rather like the earthquake; could come any time, or it could be years in the future.

Maybe you could expand on this? (Maybe you already have, not read to the end of the thread yet).

Thanks

Jeannette

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/5 13:35

Littlegift, he was quoting me. I probably stuck my foot in my mouth again.

I am so thankful the U.S. has not suffered another attack.

I do thank God regularly for his protection. I erroneously assumed others were of the same mindset.

WE are at war.

The muslims are infiltrating my nation with specific plans to wreak havoc on this nation.

I am amazed that we have not been hit and I just assumed everyone else was too.

My bad

David

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/5 14:06

littlegift, there is a joke among the prophets.

Three prophets are walking down the sidewalk. One prophet says to the other two, "look at that dog with one eye!" The other two covered one eye with their hand and said "where?"

Ha Ha

David

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/5 14:13

Littlegift, Ok ok...Just one more joke and then I absolutely insist we turn back to our wrinkled foreheads.

Two prophets approach each other and extend their hands for a handshake. One prophet says to the other "your doing fine. How am I?"

David

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 14:25

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

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Mine may be different than yours.

That doesn't mean it wrongjust different.

David, read my comments a few pages back, on the "ministry gifts". Do you agree or disagree?

Of course "the office of prophet is as viable as the other 4". I don't think anyone is saying otherwise.

You seem on the defensive here, but surely there's no need?

However, as Annie, I think, said, the focus has to be JESUS, not the prophet.

"Different people have different callings.

Mine may be different than yours.

That doesn't mean it wrongjust different."

True, I don't know what your gifts may be. I don't know what mine are either any more :-D

Does it matter?

Who cares, as long as we obey the Lord and do what He shows us, as Jesus did?

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 14:49

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

I am so thankful the U.S. has not suffered another attack.

I do thank God regularly for his protection. I erroneously assumed others were of the same mindset.

Why erroneously? I haven't read all the posts in detail but haven't seen any hint that others would disagree with you.

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I am amazed that we have not been hit and I just assumed everyone else was too.

We are indeed at war! I just didn't know what sort of hit you were talking about.

It's the same in the UK - remember the London bombings? Nowhere near the horror of the Twin Towers of course, but on the same lines...

And our government is allowing them to get away with it, bending over backwards not to offend Muslims - even reluctant to deport Muslim leaders who preach Jihad openly.

Several years ago Muslims walked into a Christian bookshop in Cardiff, just to officially check they weren't stocking Rushdie's "the Satanic Verses"!

Of course no Christian shop would have stocked that book anyway, but would they have burned the shop down and murdered the proprietor if it had?

We are indeed at war, but it won't be won by our governments, but in the Heavens.

Is "Michael" even now contending with the "Prince of Persia" (Iran), as in the days of Daniel.

Or is the Lord allowing judgement to come through this demonic religion?

How far will He still have mercy on us and hold back the Enemy?

Are we seeking Him pleading for mercy, and seeking to know His mind on this??

Blessings

Jeannette

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David

:lol:

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 15:39

What is Prophecy?

2 Peter 1:20

Knowing this first, that no prophecy **of the scripture** is of any private interpretation.

Used in the NT of the utterance of OT prophets.

In the OT, God spoke to us through the Prophets, In the NT, God spoke to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

What did the Prophets speak about?

The prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining to it, the spirit of prophecy, the divine mind, to which the prophetic faculty is due.

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Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re:, on: 2008/1/5 16:55

Quote:

Katy-did wrote:
What is Prophecy?

2 Peter 1:20
Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Used in the NT of the utterance of OT prophets.

In the OT, God spoke to us through the Prophets, In the NT, God spoke to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

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Hi Katy

I understand most of what you are saying here. I especially liked "for the testimony of Jesus ***IS** the spirit of prophecy.", and the reminder that OT scripture is called prophecy.

The meaning of the original Greek word for "to prophesy" can include preaching as well as what we usually call prophecy. Is this what you meant when you said:

Quote:
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But I'm not sure what you are getting at when you said:

Quote:

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Technically, The *only* difference between *prophecy* and *prophesy* is that the first is a noun, the prophetic utterance itself; and the second is a verb - to prophesy - speaking of the act of prophesying.

But you seem to be making some other distinction between them, or using the distinction to illustrate a point.

Could you explain please?

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/6 8:18

Quote:

-----Technically, The only difference between prophecy and prophesy is that the first is a noun, the prophetic utterance itself; and the second is a verb - to prophesy - speaking of the act of prophesying.

Actually that isn't always the case.

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Love in Christ
Katy

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Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/6 9:04

Katy did, hi, if what you say about a prophet is true then can we also apply the same rule to another office of the ministry,teacher.?

This rule would prohibit the teacher from any reference of the secular.

No modern personal testimony to illustrate a point.

Scripture text only.

The mere mention of anything secular by the teacher would immediately send red flags under this rule.

This would be ridiculous and nobody would buy into it.

Of course scripture is prophecy. That makes Peter a prophet automatically and King David too.

Any modern apostle is not confined to walk the same roads in Israel as the ancient apostles.

Any modern prophet is not confined to prophecy the written word.

A lot of people here think examples of abuses are solid ground to form doctrine, or to use as a green light to void believers and even the charismatic movement.

I really don't know what to think of the abuses in the prophetic camp.

But I believe a lot of people here see this latest flop on SI as an opportunity.

That's sad.

David

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/6 9:14

Katy, you are reading into the Prophet what is not there.

Your starting place to interpret the entire office of prophet is predisposed to the "fact" that none exists in our time.

Most everything you write seems to lean that way.

Am I right to assume this? no miracles no tongues No prophets?

David

Re:, on: 2008/1/6 9:27

David,

I can only tell you what scripture says.

Concerning teachers, Paul warn, be NOT many teachers for they will receive the worse punishment.

Paul also said....Thou have 10,000 teachers but not many FATHERS, be ye followers of Me, the way I am of Christ.

Unfortunately in our modern times we have brought into the Church a "secular testing" to see what your spiritual Gift is. Yuck!! Immediately given to NEW Baby Christians once they have joined the church.

And immediately these, who have qualified (according to some secular testing) are handed books to teach. Many of which are actual school teachers.

But God's Gifts are completely opposite of any secular qualifications.

Also, I have seen silly things outside this realm, of those who think they are something special, laying hands and prophesying over someone and telling them what their Gift is. Can you find any scripture to back this up?

I met a lady years ago who thought this highly of herself, and would do at her Bible studies.

I saw her do this, lay hands on a lady, telling her, "God is calling you to be a great leader and a melting pot for &^%#^**^ County"...bla bla bla.

The woman she was so sure God had called her to lay hands on and do this was having an affair with the Pastor of one of the largest "&^%\$@%^^" Churches in the County. Had been having one for 15 years. The woman, not being honest about her private life, began to think more highly of herself, through this prophetic laying on of hands, was totally exposed, along with the pastor.

The woman, who had built for herself a great following with her so called special talents women were running to for this I aying on of hands etc, also ended up in the dust...does not teach to this day.

She ruined so many lives by her playing God in theirs.

And I do believe this goes on all the time. People are in places GOD never intended them to be.

God won't be mocked, and there is too much of this nonsense going on.

God can talk to you personally, and if He can't and you need a mediator, then something is wrong.

Love in Christ

Katy-Did

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/6 13:28

Katy, thanks, My point is ...It is not within anyone's ability to predict events.

But God can. If a believer lays hand on a sick person they either will or will not be healed.

Some in the past have tried to help this along or use microphones etc.

Why?

because it is not within their power to perform these things.

But what is a person to do that is called into these things?

Do they go by eyesight or the word of God?

I cannot predict but God can.

I must be determined to receive all that God can offer me.

How can I do this?

I Must believe it is true!

This is my starting place!

I must have it. I must lay hold of it.

I must try.

David

Re:, on: 2008/1/6 13:53

Quote:

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David, I would say that God all ready has, in His written word.

Now, I recently saw on here an article at the top of a thread, about someone who just wrote a book claiming that in 2008 America this and America that. This person states we are in the last 1/2 of the 3 1/2 years of the great tribulation of which immediately will be the return of the Lord.

Once again...someone is predicting the date of the return of Christ. Edited : 2008+3 1/2 years puts the return of Christ according to this author 2011 around June 30th or so.Hummmmmmm!

Now stating America is the last of the witnesses to the world etc, etc.

Just those statements alone are wrong,and will probably be the subject of a New Thread in 2009 along side Pat Roberts

on.

Where in scripture old or New, is America even mentioned as being the LAST of the witnesses to the world before the return of Christ? No where. So this person is speculating out of an understanding not even found on scriptural facts.

This is where all must look before believing anyone who claims to be a predictor of future events.

What is his foundational truths? and does he have at least 2 or three witnesses of that truth to back up such claims.

With so much garbage coming out of America, through CBN, Benny Hinn, the prosperity teachers etc, WE ARE NOT THE VOICE OF GOD.

We need Missionaries sent to us....hurry please!

And where does scripture say we ever were? We may have some high opinion of ourselves we are, but has God stated so, that someone can take end times doctrine and wrap it around what America is doing?

God's witnesses are NOT Nations, but people, making up the Body of Christ...we are a peculiar people, a Heavenly organism, not an earthly one. We live all over the world, not in one place.

We fail to understand that a tare can never become wheat, but somehow through horrible sufferings this transformation will take place.

Again, no where is this taught in scripture.

AND:
James calls on the ELDERS of the Church to lay on hands the sick. Why didn't he call for the healers????? Just curious????

Love in Christ
Katy ;-)

Re:, on: 2008/1/6 14:29

Hi Katy

All I was saying was that your use of the words "prophecy" and "prophesy" to make a distinction between the original Greek words actually confuses the point I think you were trying to make.

For example, you said:

Quote:

If studying your words, prophet, prophetic, prophet, prophecies, prophecy, prophesied, prophesiet, etc, all have different definitions in the Greek and Hebrew.

How can different *English* words have different definitions in *Greek and Hebrew*?

The differences *are* there in the Greek, of course, but it's impossible to show them by using English in the way you seem to be trying to do! For example, to say that someone "prophecied" is simply a spelling mistake in English, not a different meaning!

By the way, there's no such word as "prophesiet"! ;-)

Quote:
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I remembered that there were slightly different words translated as prophesying, and that one of them had more the mea

ning of "to preach", but should have looked it up properly to make sure.

Was *that* what you were trying to say originally?

If so, I finally understand what you were getting at!

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I agree, wish I could do more of it - will certainly check on the above when able.

Quote:

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Yes. For example, as you no doubt know, the word "love" translates at least three different Greek words.

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Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/6 14:31

Katy said:

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Great point, Katy!

Seek the GIVER and the gifts will be added...

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/6 15:57

If I were predisposed to make anemic the gifts and figure out how they don't apply to today then I would be right in there with you.

but I know I will have to give an account to the king.

when he comes and asks for fruit I don't want to be like that fig tree that wasn't bearing fruit.

Besides I know I'm not going to "seek the giver" and have gifts given to me while at the same time taking a position to explain away any obligation as a believer to operate in everything made available.

It slaps God in the face to say "I just really am not interested in your gifts."

But if you want to just give them to me abstractly I suppose that's ok.

I will venture to say that is exactly why we have what we have today.

The mantle is not automatic. One must pick it up. It does require effort.

2tim. 1:6.....That thou stir up the gift of God that is within thee

2tim 2:5Except he strive lawfully

1tim 4:14the gift which was given the by prophesy through the laying on of hands

I know, I know..... you think I'm mad

David

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/6 23:17

Quote:

----- ps. whenever you can make it south, I'll grind the beans right in front of you before I make your coffee.

Now thats an offer I trust I will be able to take advantage of this next week :-)

Re:, on: 2008/1/7 8:23

Quote:

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Re:, on: 2008/1/7 8:30

Quote:

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David, do you believe your Gift works independently from the Giver?

You sound like you worship your Gift more then the giver of the Gift. Which sounds like your gift is independent from Christ In You.

The Holy Spirit can't work independently from the Word, but magnifies the Word of God. The Holy Spirit always points to Jesus Christ, not to Himself.

That's like worshiping the silverware more than the prime rib.:-)

Love in Christ

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/1/7 9:11

David, just some food for thought:

1 Peter 4:11

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST who strengthens me.

I am Crucified with Christ,no longer I but Christ in Me.....

Love in Christ

Katy ;-)

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/7 10:36

Katy, If you want to say Timothy's, Paul's. and Peters gifts were independent of the word, or Holy Spirit, then we would need scripture to back that up?

Personally I would just assume It to be all connected since there is no theme that I can think of where God moved but was disconnected from what he did?

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With Elisha it was not abstract it was clear.

Follow this guy across 2 continents if necessary to get that mantle.

I believe this. I resist that concept of "just seek the giver" and the gift will abstractly just kinda evolve.

Timothy received his gift through the laying on of hands.

Paul said he would be behind in no gift.

I will seek the giver and I will seek the gift . This is scriptural.

What did David say about "paying full price for that threshing floor?"

David

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Katy

Thanks katy

I'm glad you didn't think I was trying to "get one over on you". Just that I wasn't sure what you meant!

People misunderstand me too :roll:

Have been doing a study on the words for prophets, prophecy etc, but not come to any definite conclusions yet. A preliminary look at the various Greek words shows that they all come from the same root, but the meaning is much wider than foretelling the future (although it includes that function).

There are at least 3 words in Hebrew...

Watch this space! :-)

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/7 11:59

Quote:

psalm1 wrote:

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Not sure about Katy, but that definitely isn't my position!

Have to get to work (a late one today)

Blessings

jeannette

Re: Words for "prophet etc in NT, on: 2008/1/7 18:38

From Strongs. Some key points bolded. It seems that there is the whole gamut of different prophetic functions here.

Strong was apparently a cessationist, because he speaks of prophecy in the Apostolic age as if it no longer happens. Which I find very strange and without Scriptural foundation. (Here very much agreeing with David)

4394 **προφητεία** /prof^hay^hti^hah/ n f. From 4396 (Â“prophecy^h”); TDNT 6:781; TDNTA 952; GK 4735; 19 occurrences; AV translates as Â“prophecy^h” 16 times, and Â“prophesying^h” three times. 1 prophecy. 1A **a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; esp. by foretelling future events.** 1B Used in the NT of the utterance of OT prophets. 1B1 of the prediction of events relating to Christ^h’s kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining to it, the spirit of prophecy, the divine mind, to which the prophetic faculty is due. 1B2 **of the endowment and speech of the Christian teachers called prophets.** 1B3 **the gifts and utterances of these prophets, esp. of the predictions of the works of which, set apart to teach the gospel, will accomplish for the kingdom of Christ.**

4395 **προφητεύω** /prof^hate^hyoo^ho/ v. From 4396; TDNT 6:781; TDNTA 952; GK 4736; 28 occurrences; AV translates as Â“prophesy^h” 28 times. 1 to prophesy, to be a prophet, **speak forth by divine inspirations, to predict.** 1A **to prophesy.** 1B **with the idea of foretelling future events** pertaining esp. to the kingdom of God. 1C **to utter forth, declare, a thing which can only be known by divine revelation.** 1D **to break forth under sudden impulse in lofty discourse or praise of the divine counsels.** 1D1 **under like prompting, to teach, refute, reprove, admonish, comfort others.** 1E to act as a prophet, discharge the prophetic office.

4396 **προφήτης** /prof^hay^htace/ n m. From a compound of 4253 and 5346; TDNT 6:781; TDNTA 952; GK 4737; 149 occurrences; AV translates as Â“prophet^h” 149 times. 1 in Greek writings, an interpreter of oracles or of other hidden things. 2 **one who, moved by the Spirit of God and hence his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events**, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and to human salvation. 2A the OT prophets, having foretold the kingdom, deeds and death, of Jesus the Messiah. 2B of John the Baptist, the herald of Jesus the Messiah. 2C of the illustrious prophet, the Jews expected before the advent of the Messiah. 2D the Messiah. 2E of **men filled with the Spirit of God, who by God^h’s authority and command in words of weight pleads the cause of God and urges salvation of men.** 2F of prophets that appeared in the apostolic age among Christians. 2F1 they are associated with the apostles. 2F2 they discerned and did what is best for the Christian cause, foretelling certain future events. **(Acts 11:27).** 2F3 in the religious assemblies of the Christians, they were **moved by the Holy Spirit to speak, having power to instruct, comfort, encourage, rebuke, convict, and stimulate, their hearers.** 3 a poet (because poets were believed to sing under divine inspiration). 3A of Epimenides (Tit. 1:12).

4397 **προφητικός** /prof^hay^htik^hos/ adj. From 4396; TDNT 6:781; TDNTA 952; GK 4738; Two occurrences; AV translates as Â“of the prophets^h” once, and Â“of prophecy^h” once. 1 proceeding from a prophet. 2 prophetic.

4398 **προφη☪τις** n f. From 4396; TDNT 6:781; TDNTA 952; GK 4739; Two occurrences; AV translates as Â“prophetess^h” twice. 1 a prophetess 2a woman **to whom future events or things hidden from others are at times revealed**, either by inspiration or by dreams and visions. 3 a female who declares or interprets oracles.

Blessings

Jeannette

Re: Words for Prophet etc, OT, on: 2008/1/7 19:02

5029 **נְבִיא** n m. Corresponding to 5030; TWOT 2843a; GK 10455; Four occurrences; AV translates as **“prophet”** four times. 1 prophet.

5030 **נָבִיא** n m. From 5012; TWOT 1277a; GK 5566; 316 occurrences; A V translates as **“prophet”** 312 times, **“prophecy”** once, **“them that prophesy”** once, **“prophet + 376”** once, and **“variant”** once. 1 **spokesman, speaker**, prophet. 1A prophet. 1B false prophet. 1C heathen prophet.

5031 **נְבִיאָה** n f. From 5030; TWOT 1277c; GK 5567; Six occurrences; AV translates as **“prophetess”** six times. 1 prophetess. 1A ancient type **endowed with gift of song** (Miriam). 1B later type consulted for a word (Huldah). 1C false prophetess (Noadiah). 1D wife of Isaiah the prophet.

5012 **נָבָא** v. A primitive root; TWOT 1277; GK 5547; 115 occurrences; AV translates as **“prophesy”** 111 times, **“prophesying”** twice, and **“prophet”** twice. 1 to prophesy. 1A (Niphal). 1A1 to prophesy. 1A1A under influence of divine spirit. 1A1B of false prophets. 1B (Hithpael). 1B1 to prophesy. 1B1A under influence of divine spirit. 1B1B of false prophets.

5013 **נְבָא** v (CLBL). Corresponding to 5012; TWOT 2843a; GK 10451; AV translates as **“prophesied”** once. 2 (lthpael) to prophesy.

Also translated **“SEER” (eg Isaiah 30:10)**

7200 **רָאָה, רָאֶה, רְאוּת** v. A primitive root; TWOT 2095; GK 8011 and 8013 and 8021; 1313 occurrences; AV translates as **“see”** 879 times, **“look”** 104 times, **“behold”** 83 times, **“shew”** 68 times, **“appear”** 66 times, **“consider”** 22 times, **“seer”** 12 times, **“spy”** six times, **“respect”** five times, **“perceive”** five times, **“provide”** four times, **“regard”** four times, **“enjoy”** four times, **“lo”** three times, **“foreseeth”** twice, **“heed”** twice, and translated miscellaneous 74 times. 1 **to see, look at, inspect, perceive, consider**. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to see. 1A2 to see, perceive. 1A3 to see, have vision. 1A4 to look at, see, regard, look after, see after, learn about, observe, watch, look upon, look out, find out. 1A5 **to see, observe, consider, look at, give attention to, discern, distinguish**. 1A6 to look at, gaze at. 1B (Niphal). 1B1 to appear, present oneself. 1B2 to be seen. 1B3 to be visible. 1C (Pual) to be seen. 1D (Hiphil). 1D1 to cause to see, show. 1D2 to cause to look intently at, behold, cause to gaze at. 1E (Hophal). 1E1 to be caused to see, be shown. 1E2 to be exhibited to. 1F (Hithpael) to look at each other, face.

7201 **רָאָה** n f. From 7200; TWOT 394a; GK 8012; AV translates as **“glede”** once. 1 bird of prey. 1A perhaps kite or hawk.

7202 **רָאָה** adj. From 7200; TWOT 2095a; GK 8011; AV translates as **“see”** once. 1 (Qal) seeing.

7203 **רֹאֶה, רֹאֶה** n m. Act part of 7200; TWOT 2095b, 2095c; GK 8014 and 8015; AV translates as **“vision”** once. 1 **seer, prophet**. 2 **(prophetic) vision**.

Translated **“SEER”**

2372 **חָזָה** v. A primitive root; TWOT 633; GK 2600; 51 occurrences; AV translates as **“see”** 38 times, **“behold”** seven times, **“look”** three times, **“prophesy”** twice, and **“provide”** once. 1 **to see, perceive, look, behold, prophesy, provide**. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to see, behold. 1A2 **to see as a seer in the ecstatic state**. 1A3 to see, perceive. 1A3A **with the intelligence**. 1A3B **to see (by experience)**. 1A3C to provide.

2373 **חָזֶה** n m. From 2372; TWOT 634a; GK 2601; 13 occurrences; AV translates as **“breast”** 13 times. 1 breast (of animals), breast of an animal sacrifice.

2374 **חֹזֶה, חֹזֶה** n m. Active participle of 2372; TWOT 633b; GK 2602 and 2603; 22 occurrences; AV translates as **“seer”** 16 times, **“see”** three times, **“agreement”** once, **“prophets”** once, and **“stargazers”** once. 1 seer. 1A seer. 1B vision.

2375 **חֲזׄו** n pr m. From 2372; GK 2605; AV translates as **“Hazo”** once. 1 son of Nahor by his wife Milcah. Additional Information: Hazo = **“vision”**.

2376 **חֱזוּ** n m. From 2370; TWOT 2725a; GK 10256; 12 occurrences; AV translates as **“vision”** 11 times, and **“look”** once. 1 vision, appearance. 1A vision. 1B appearance.

2377 **חָזׄון** n m. From 2372; TWOT 633a; GK 2606; 35 occurrences; AV translates as **“vision”** 35 times. 1 vision. 1A vision (in ecstatic state). 1B vision (in night). 1C **vision, oracle, prophecy (divine communication)**. 1D vision (as title of book of prophecy).

2378 **חֲזׄות** n f. From 2372; TWOT 633c; GK 2608; AV translates as **“visi**

onÂ” once. 1 visions.

2380 חָזוּת n f. From 2372; TWOT 633d; GK 2607; Five occurrences; AV translates as Â”visionÂ” twice, Â”notableÂ” twice, and Â”agreementÂ” once. **1 vision, conspicuousness.** 1A vision, oracle of a prophet. 1A1 agreement. 1B conspicuousness in appearance.

2381 חֲזִיאֵל n pr m. From 2372 and 410; GK 2609; AV translates as Â”HazeielÂ” once. 1 a Levite of the family of Shimei of the Gershonites in the time of David or Solomon. Additional Information: Hazeiel = Â”vision of GodÂ”.

2382 חֲזָיָה n pr m. From 2372 and 3050; GK 2610; AV translates as Â”HazaiahÂ” once. 1 an exile and descendant of Shelah of the tribe of Judah who returned in the time of Nehemiah. Additional Information: Hazaiah = Â”God has seenÂ”.

2383 חֶזְיׄון n pr m. From 2372; GK 2611; AV translates as Â”HezionÂ” once. 1 king of Syria, father of Tabrimon and grandfather of Ben-hadad; probably identical with Â”RezonÂ” the contemporary of Solomon. Additional Information: Hezion = Â”visionÂ”.

2384 חִזָּיׄון n m. From 2372; TWOT 633e; GK 2612; Nine occurrences; AV translates as Â”visionÂ” nine times. **1 vision. 1A vision (in the ecstatic state). 1A1 valley of vision (perhaps fig. of Jerusalem or Hinnom). 1B vision (in the night). 1C vision, oracle, prophecy (in divine communication).**

For example, in Micah 2:6

5197 נָטַף v. A primitive root; TWOT 1355; GK 5752; 18 occurrences; AV translates as Â”dropÂ” 12 times, Â”prophesyÂ” four times, Â”prophetÂ” once, and Â”downÂ” once. **1 to drop, drip, distil, prophesy, preach, discourse.** 1A (Qal) to drop, drip. 1B (Hiphil). 1B1 to drip. 1B2 to drop (prophecy).

A lot to look at, but I found it helpful. It especially shows that prophecy or to prophesy and the office of a prophet is wider than we would think, and indeed seems to cover most kind of inspired utterance, or even song!

For example, in 1Chronicles 25:

1Ch 25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals

The word here is "naba".

In Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/7 19:26

Quote:
-----Katy, If you want to say Timothy's, Paul's. and Peters gifts were independent of the word, or Holy Spirit, then we would need scripture to back that up?

David,

Lets begin with the Gospel according to the Mystery. Was that independent from the word? I say NO!. It was kept SECRET, but not new or independent from the Word.

When one has the Gift of Prophecy, it must take in the WHOLE of scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.

I would suggest if you believe the Holy Spirit works independently from the Father and Son, who has revealed the *Mind of Christ* to His Church,, then you are suggesting the Trinity as three separate Deities doing their own thing. In other words, the Right Hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing?

I cannot separate the Trinity in this way.

Here is an example:

On another thread we are discussing the Temple, among other things. One point was many people during WWII were deceived by self proclaiming Prophets, that Hitler was the anti-christ. Also, I stated on the Matthew 24 thread months ago, that because of this false prophecy, many believed the Rapture would soon take place. We can see neither of these came to pass.

NOW if those who were stating these Prophecies knew the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, knowing many things needed to come to pass before any of this could take place, no such prophecies would have been made.

We see, from that time until now, many of those things, have now come to pass (Israel back in the land, etc).

This is my point concerning prophecy. The word of God is complete. There are no NEW prophecies that annul those already established.

Prophecy in the NT is to re-iterate what is all ready stated in scripture. Those who know the scriptures, having the mind of Christ, can discern, or should be able to, a true prophet from a false prophet.

Love in Christ
Katy-Did

Re: Prophetic Credentials II, on: 2008/1/8 10:25

Here's a New Testament prophecy.

John 16

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Hi Katy,

I noticed that no-one has commented on this which you wrote on p22. I think you can guess I believe the scripture has a much wider application than the interpretation you give it, so I just wanted to say, particularly for all those who may never know whether they know a Jew or not, to qualify for salvation under your definition of the judgement of individuals, (see in bold quoted below) that I have **never** heard these verses (Matthew 25) narrowed down in this way, either when I've heard the chapter preached live, or, in any discussion here on SI.

I don't wish to enter discussion about it - not even to ask you to consider the possibility you have imbibed a false doctrine, perhaps - but simply to say this is not how many respected brethren either read or preach Matt 25.

Quote:

-----Jesus didn't come to save Nations, but Individual souls...one soul at a time.

Yes.

Quote:

-----**The Judgment of Nations is based on how that Nation treated Israel. And the Judgment of the sheep and goats are how individuals treated Jews.**

No

Quote:

-----However the Church (A heavenly organism) is not what this judgment is about(Matthew 25), as the Church at this time will be reigning with Christ at His return.

I don't believe in the pre-trib rapture.

Quote:

-----Because of the lack of understanding, we have a Hodge podgy of self proclaimed prophets thinking we are now in the tribulation period...we are not.

I included the last paragraph of my quotation from your much longer post, because you asked me in another thread, slightly rhetorically (although I know you would listen if I tried to explain), what 'tribulation' I am experiencing. I do not wish to answer this at all, thanks.

I say all this gently, and in a measured tone.

Re:, on: 2008/1/8 10:35

Dorcas/Linn,

You don't wish to answer, but I will reply.

The Church....the Body of Christ enters the Kingdom through much tribulation, and has from the beginning. Read all of what Paul teaches about our tribulation. For one, Romans 5 says WE GLORY in tribulation, because tribulation works patience, and patience HOPE, and HOPE makes us not afraid, because the Love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is our BLESSED HOPE!

However this is not what Matthew 24&25 are reflecting, and what many here who want to put the Church in fear. We do not have the spirit of Fear, but of Love, peace and a sound mind.

Perfect Love casts out fear,
We have the Peace of God, and Peace with God
And our minds have been renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Our life is Hidden with God in Christ Jesus.

As My signature scripture states, we seek what is above, not below.

Love in Christ
Katy

;-)

PS: added, so then when Christ appears to separate the sheep from the goats, we will also appear with Him. He will be glorified at that time and He will be Glorified in His Saints..Thessalonians, and Revelation 17 state at His return the faithful and Chosen will be WITH HIM. We, His Body, His Church are the Faithful and Chosen!!

No where does Paul teach the Church that after you are saved, sanctified, washed in the Blood, baptized into the Body of Christ, and that Jesus will present the Church to Himself, that we then have to undergo some sort of sorting out based upon our WORKS of how we treated people.

Re:, on: 2008/1/8 13:17

Linn, you said NO ONE on SI believes this way?

Warren Wiersbe does, and is also sponsored on SI.

As Warren Wiersbe says, "Next to the 13th chapter, no part of Matthew has suffered more than the chapters 24-25! Almost every major cult has used Mt. 14:1-41, along with Daniel 9:20-27, to "prove" that Christ has already returned! Even well meaning evangelicals confuse the issue by applying this section to the church in this age." (Warren W. Wiersbe, Expository Outlines on the New Testament, Calvary Book Room, Covington, KY, 1982, p61)

Is the Church in the Olivet Discourse?

Matthew 24:3-25:46

by Cooper P Abrams III

It is a common mistake in interpreting Matthew 24-25 to conclude that this passage is addressing events within the present church age. For example Matthew 24:40-41 seems to be a reference to the rapture. (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 15:51-58). Further in assuming that it is describing the end of the church age, Matthew 25:31-46 is seen as teaching a single end time judgment with the saved or sheep on one side and the lost or goats on the other. The result of this view is to conclude that there is no Pre-Tribulation rapture of believers in this dispensation. The following is presented as a response to explain hermeneutically that this is an incorrect view and Matthew 24-25 supports Pre-Millennialism and Pre-Tribulation rapture view of eschatology.

The context of the Olivet Discourse is established by Matthew 24:3. The disciples asked the Lord the question, "...what shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world." The word, "coming" is *parousia*, and basically means, "presence" or "arrival." (see 1 Cor. 16:17, 2 Cor. 7:7) The word translated "world" is the word *aion*, and means "age or a period of time." The question they asked was, "What shall be the sign when will you return will be the end of the age?" Next we need to determine what "age" were they asking about? Many falsely conclude that the age Jesus is talking about is the church age, however, the context and statements negate that being the case. The age He speaks of here in the coming Seven Year Tribulation and the promised Kingdom Age or what is referred to as the Millennium (1000 year reign of Christ). The parallel accounts in Mark 13:1f and Luke 21:5f tell us that Jesus' discourse of Matthew 24-25 occurred just after Jesus had left the temple for the last time and had predicted its destruction. He said that not one stone of this magnificent structure would be left upon another. (See Luke 21:5) The disciples perceived that Jesus was referring to events at the end of their present age and the coming of the promised Kingdom.

The disciples as well as the Jews were looking for the coming of the promised Kingdom and were asking when Christ would return and set up His Kingdom. The strong condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees of Matthew 23, clearly set the stage for the disciples to be very concerned about these events. Jesus said that judgment would come upon this generation (Matt. 23:36-39). In Matthew 24:2, Jesus said that the beautiful Jewish temple would be completely destroyed. This was shocking news to the disciples, greatly alarming to them. Jesus then left the temple grounds proceeding east, probably through the Eastern Gate and across the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives which was in sight of the temple mound. As He saw on the Mount of Olives, the disciple came to Him privately as Matthew 24:3 records and ask Him when these things would occur and what would be the signs of the end of the age. Therefore contextually that is the question that Jesus answered in the Olivet Discourse.

Many times before, Jesus had explained to the disciples that He would be killed and that He would be leaving them. For example in Matthew 16:21-28, Jesus told His disciples He would be killed and be raised from the dead on the third day. (See Matt. 14:1f) These statements about His death and leaving all preceded Matthew 24 had set the stage for the uneasiness of disciples concerning future events. They were looking for Him as the Messiah to set up the Kingdom, but He had not explained to them how this would be done. Thus, contextually the Olivet Discourse is related to the Jews and

Jesus is addressing the coming promised Kingdom which would begin with the Daniel's 70th Week (the Seven Year Tribulation) and His Second Coming. The present church age is not in view here.

Note that in Matthew 24:14, the Gospel that is being referred to is the "Gospel of the Kingdom." Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 10:5-7, records that John the Baptist, and Jesus preached the "Kingdom of God is at hand." Throughout Jesus' ministry this was the Gospel He preached. The Good News presented to the Jews proclaimed was that He was the Messiah. The Jews clearly understood that the coming of the Messiah would bring about the promised Kingdom Age of the nation of Israel that the Old Testament prophets had foretold and the Jews had been looking for centuries. Therefore Gospel of the Kingdom Jesus preached was of the coming Kingdom and is not the Gospel of the Church Age which presents salvation based on the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Compare Matthew 24:14, with 1 Cor. 15:1-4)

Although Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 clearly predicts the Messiah suffering and dying for their sins it still remained a mystery to them. They saw the Messiah as coming victoriously destroying the enemies of Israel and could not seem to relate a suffering Messiah with a victorious one.

Further, Matthew 24:21-22, specifically states that Jesus was referring is to the events of "Great Tribulation" and leaves no room for doubt as to the period Christ is describing.

Carefully note the sequence of events:

THE GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS.

Matthew 24

24:5 - Many will come and claim to be Christ.

24:6-7 - Wars and rumors of wars, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom famines, pestilences, earthquakes in many places.

24:8 - These things are the beginning of sorrows (birth pains).

24:9 - Persecution unto death of believers

24:10 - Open apostasy, betrayal, and hatred among those professing to be believers.

24:11 - Many false prophets deceive many.

24:12 - Iniquity shall abound, and the love of many will grow cold.

24:13 - Promise of physical salvation to those would endure and survive to the end.

24:14 - The "Gospel of the Kingdom" shall be preached unto all nations and then the end comes.

24:15 - Temple will be defiled by the Anti-christ (Dan. 9:27) (This is the tribulation temple)

24:16-20 - Those in Judaea flee to the mountains. (How can one relate this to the church?)

24:21 - Then shall be the "great tribulation." The magnitude and scope of these events have no parallel in history, past or present. This is a reference to the bowl or vial judgments of Revelation 15-18 which occur at the end of the Seven Year Tribulation.

24:22 - It is so bad, if God did not shorten the days, no one would be left.

24:23-28 - People know all this is God's doing and related to the Second Coming, thus false christs arise and misled the people.

24:29 - Immediately after the "tribulation," the sun and moon go dark, and stars fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken (Note this is a Universal event not just a shower of meteors or asteroids hitting the earth. T

he whole Universe is shaken.)

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

24:30 - The sign of Christ coming appears in the skies. What this sign is, is not revealed,

but everyone on earth will see it and know it means Christ is returning. This is in counter distinction to the teaching of the imminent return of Christ presented in the Epistles to the churches. Believers in this dispensation are not told to look for signs but to look for Christ's imminent return. Paul states that signs are related to the Jews, not the Gentiles. "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:22)

24:31 - Christ sends his angels with a great sound of a trumpet to gather His "elect" from

"the four corners of the wind and one end of heaven to the other." Mark uses the term "from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." Thus Christ gathers the saved in all of heaven and all over the earth at the moment of His Second Coming. The believers of this present church age as the "bride of Christ" will have been raptured before the Seven Year Tribulation and will accompany Christ Jesus, along with the saints throughout the ages past, at His coming. On the earth, those believers still alive, will also be gathered to Jerusalem to meet the Savior.

This is not the rapture because these details of these two events are different. Here in Matthew 24:31, Christ sends angels to gather the saints to be present at His arrival. In 1 Thess. 4:16-17, states that Christ Himself will descend with a shout and the dead in Christ shall arise first and those alive will be changed and "caught up" (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Cor. 15:51-52, states that those caught up will be changed in the "twinkling of an eye." The "gathering" of the saints by angels clearly is different than the instantaneous "catching up" which describes the rapture.

24:32-35 - Parable of the fig tree. Jesus uses the process by which a fig tree produces fruit as an illustration of relating the sign He has just mentioned to His Second Coming. He is saying as you see these events happening look for the Second Coming and the age to end. He is now answering the disciples question as to when the Kingdom would be set up. Up to this point He is telling them what the signs would be. There is no correlation between 1 Thess. 4:16, and Matthew 24:31. In 1 Thess. 4:16, there is the voice of "one" angel, identified as the archangel. In Matthew 24:31, Christ sends forth, a plurality of angels, meaning more than one. Contextually, the "elect" of Matthew 24:22, are the same "elect" of Matthew 24:31, which are on the earth during the Tribulation.

24:36-39 - Comparison to the days of Noah. Only God knows the hour of His coming. "BUT" Jesus says, it will be like it was in time before the Flood. Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years and worked to complete the ark. He too did not know when the Flood would come. Jesus is predicting a long interval between His leaving and His promised return. Using Noah as an example of perseverance and faith He is telling them not give up hope during the long interval.

24:40-41 - The rapture of the lost. This is not the Rapture of the church. The context places

this event at the Second Coming after the Tribulation. The ones that are taken, are taken in judgment and parallels those taken in judgment in the Flood. In the Flood those that were taken were lost and those left were saved. At the Second Coming Christ will remove the unsaved from the earth in judgment. (see Ezek. 20:38, Mt. 8:12, 13:41-42, 49-50, 25:41, 2 Thess. 1:7-9). The saints alive at the Second Coming will remain and enter the kingdom in their natural bodies (Isa. 4:3, Ezek. 20:40-42, Zech. 13:8-9, Matt. 13:43, 24:34). This cannot be the Rapture, because you would have all the saints removed from the earth, thus no one to populate the Millennial Kingdom in their natural un-glorified bodies. Further, at the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom there would only be the lost left on earth. This clearly cannot be referring to the rapture of believers of this present church age, as the whole of the Olivet Discourse is dealing with the 70th Week of Daniel and relates to Israel.

24:42-44 - Parable of the householder. Warning to the Jews to watch and be ready.

24:45-51 - Parable of the wise servant. Note that in these parables there is a warning to watch for the signs and get ready. Again it needs to be stated that believers in the church age, who are the Bride of Christ, are told to look for His imminent return. We today are not told to look for signs, but to be ready to be caught up at any second.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.

25:1-13 - Parable of the Ten Virgins. Again Jesus is using a parable to warn the nation of Israel to be ready for the coming of their Messiah and the subsequent promised Kingdom. Verse specifically states that the coming Kingdom is "likened" to the ten virgins. The picture is the wedding of the Bride Groom who clearly is the Lord Jesus Christ. The believers of this dispensation, the church age, are called the bride of Christ. The virgins of this parable are invited guests of the Bride Groom to the wedding. The virgins clearly are not the bride, but guests who are told to be ready. Clearly is a serious mistake to conclude that those that are to be looking for the coming of the Bride Groom is church age believers. They are the bride and they are already prepared and waiting. Certainly the bride would not be prepared for her wedding day. However, here the guests are warned to be ready. The point is this. In Israel during the Tribulation there will be Jews who see the signs of the coming Messiah and will make themselves ready for Him. Others referred to as foolish virgins were not prepared and they missed the wedding. In other words the wise virgins were ready and entered into the Kingdom, and the foolish virgins not being prepared or watching did not.

25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents. Once again Jesus using the term "For the kingdom of heaven is as" sets the context of His remarks. He in this parable presents a contrast between who looked for the Master's return and wisely used their talents and those who did not. They all knew the Master would return and require an accounting of them. Two servants faithful used what they were given, but the third was slothful and indifferent and he was condemned. The unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness which is a reference to hell. Taken the context of the parable, Jesus is saying to Israel that they should be looking for the Master's return and use the talents they have. Verse 29 makes the point that Israel had the knowledge of the Messiah and the coming Kingdom. They had been given much and therefore they would be judged accordingly.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

25:31 - Jesus then says the Kingdom would begin when Christ comes with all His angels.

25:32-46 - The Judgment of the people of all nations. (The sheep and goat judgment)

This is a judgment of the individual Gentiles who are alive having survived the Great Tribulation. It is referred to as the "Judgment of Nations" as verse 32 specifically states. However, it means individuals of the nations of the earth, not a whole nation or a nation as a whole. No nation is made up of all saved people, thus the judgment is of individuals of the nations of earth. This judgment is referred to in Joel 3:1-3:

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. 3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."

Note the this judgment of the Gentiles takes places at the same time that God restores the Nation of Israel to their land. It takes place before the Millennium, because those that are accepted are taken "into" the kingdom. (Matt. 25:34) This judgment takes place on earth as the Lord divides the saved from the lost living inhabitants of this world. The saved are those on earth who believed and by faith were saved during the Seven Year Tribulation and survived unto the Second Coming.

There is no resurrection involved here and no mention of a judgment of the dead. God is judging living people on earth. Joel 3:2, says it will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat." Some believe this is the Valley of Berachah (2 Chron. 20:26) where Jehoshaphat defeated the Moabites and Ammonites, which gave the valley a new name. Others refer to the place as being the Valley of Kidron outside Jerusalem. Others refer to Zechariah 14:4, which says the Lord will return to the Mount of Olives and a great valley will be opened. Jehoshaphat means "Jehovah judges." Thus the valley of Jehoshaphat means this new valley where Christ will judge the nations. No one can be dogmatic as to the place of this judgment. Your writer holds to the latter view, which seems to be more likely.

The basis of this judgment is based on how they treated "my brethren" (Matt. 25:40) which refers to saved Jews they had contact with during the Tribulation. God sends, at the beginning of the Tribulation, 144,000 Jewish evangelists who preach all over the world. (Rev. 7:1-8, 14:1-5) It is to how the Gentiles received these Jewish preachers of the Gospel.

el that determines their salvation. This is not a judgment in the sense that those saved worked for their salvation by doing the good deed of helping these Jewish evangelists. Salvation is never received because of one's good works. (Eph. 2: 8-9, Rom. 4:5) The works of compassion shown to the 144,000 is evidence that these Gentiles who are to be part of the Kingdom, believed their message that Jesus was the Messiah (Savior) and accepted the message of Christ these men preached. They were saved the same way all men are saved, by believing and receiving Jesus Christ (Messiah) as their Savior.

The result of these who believed are that they enter into the kingdom alive in their natural bodies. They are not resurrected, but remain in their human bodies unchanged. They remain alive and they with the saved Jews who remain alive at the end of the Seven Years populate the world in the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ on earth. This tells who the earthly inhabitants of the Kingdom will be. This fulfills the prophecy of Daniel 7:14, Isa. 55:5, and Micah 4:2 which state a large group of Gentiles will have a part in the kingdom. Note also that there will be many Jews alive and these will be the ones who actually inherit the earth in the Millennium kingdom. The Jews who have died will be resurrected and in their spiritual bodies they too will take part in the kingdom.

The "goats" are pictured on the left hand of the Savior, and Matthew 25:41 states they are condemned "into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." They had the same opportunity as the "sheep" who received the Gospel and repented of their sins. They heard the message of the 144,000 and other saints saved during this period, but rejected it and thus sealed their eternal doom. Matthew 24:41-42 explains that these who reject the Messiah during the Tribulation will be caught up, removed from the earth and judged. Those left on earth are saved people, the elect, who will enter the Kingdom Age. The place of their torment is called the, "everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." This plainly is a reference to "Gehenna" the "Lake of Fire" (Revelations 20:14) and not to "Hades" the present abode of the unsaved dead. Satan is never said to be in Hades, the present abode of the lost who are awaiting the final judgment or his angels. Revelations 20:10, says that Satan will be thrown into the Lake of Fire, before the judgments of the unsaved lost at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelations 20:11-15). Thus this verse is saying the lost of the Great Tribulation are judged and condemned immediately to the eternal Lake of Fire and are not a part of the Great White Throne judgment that happens after the Millennium.

Conclusion:

As Warren Wiersbe says, "Next to the 13th chapter, no part of Matthew has suffered more than the chapters 24-25! Almost every major cult has used Mt. 14:1-41, along with Daniel 9:20-27, to "prove" that Christ has already returned! Even well meaning evangelicals confuse the issue by applying this section to the church in this age." (Warren W. Wiersbe, Expository Outlines on the New Testament, Calvary Book Room, Covington, KY, 1982, p61)

Every detail of Matthew 24-25 is related to the Jews and the nation of Israel. There is nothing in these two chapters which relates to the present church age or believers of this dispensation. It is therefore a serious mistake to interpret the Olivet Discourse as referring to end of the church age and there is not found here any support for a Amillennialism. If understood properly these passages support the doctrine of a Pre-Tribulational rapture of believers in this present Church age and of the Pre-Millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2008/1/10 7:34

Ironman: 2007/12/31 22:24

i bow my knees and thank God for the Mercy and Grace shown us here. if none of this which i have believed over these last few yrs comes to pass i take some comfort in that i won't be continuing in that error into '08. i'm not sure what i would do but there would certainly be much agony. i'd be sure to apologize before God and before you all dear brethren and seek forgiveness from you and God knows thereafter. there wouldn't be anything left to say (i don't think anyway) except to admit gross error and seek forgiveness. bro Chris said and hoped that i'd not go into depression and i don't think i'm prone to that. however to think that i don't know God's Voice and/or how to listen to Him and obey may leave me depressed and a bit more guarded. i'd post little if anything i suppose, fearing stumbling anyone. if this burden has been self imposed, i don't know how i'd deal with anything in the future resembling it. it would be a hard thing to come to grips with if it's proven i've been foolish all this time and caused God and you my brethren undue grief from the moderators on down, to my brethren at the church i attend...Romans 8:28 does say He works all things for the good but this would be a tough lesson...all the same i'd rather that than continue in error.

I have taken up my pen two or three times to rejoin this discussion. It was because of concern of the after-effects of this 'prophetic word' what I once counselled Rahman to 'cut himself some slack'. What I meant by that phrase was simply a counsel not to paint himself into a corner but to leave room to say "this is my conviction; one day I may be proved wrong and be wiser." The problem with what I have frequently referred to as 'self styled prophets' is that by claiming to be 'a prophet' there is a built-in expectation that the words of such a 'prophet' are beyond question or examination. This is always dangerous. It is particularly dangerous to the person whose claims make the 'prophecy' the litmus test for his 'hearing of God's voice'. If this is wrong, he reasons, everything else I ever thought I heard from God is also wrong.

If I say that I do not believe that Ironman and Rahman are prophets I risk the wrath of many, but 'here I stand, I can do no other'. The failure of the 2007 financial collapse prophecy is not my reason for saying so; I was saying it long before that particular "prophecy" failed. Others have made similar 'prophecies' but I rejected those too. I am not returning to this topic to say 'I told you so'. I claim no victory for not believing in the 'prophecy'. It is no virtue 'not to believe'. I couldn't believe these 'prophecies' nor that these men were 'prophets'. Was that due to a lack of faith or a lack of gullibility? My interest is not so much in the wrong prophecy but as to why it was wrong and why it could never have been right. In other words I regard the wrong prophecy as a symptom rather than the disease itself.

Perhaps if we examine the historical context we might find some clues. It seems that the phenomena of disaster prophecies is very much a post Charismatic thing. In earlier generations there would not have been the communication channels to propagate such prophecies. Such a prophecy given in a local assembly would have nothing like the publicity available in our day. The temptation to use the web as a mass communication tool is hard to resist to someone who believes God has given them a 'word for the Church'. The hospitality of Greg and Sermonindex has often been abused by such. The folly of fake prophecy is much more easily remedied in a local setting than on the web.

Another historical aspect might be the eschatological hot house that has prevailed for many decades. Predictions of the immanent return of Christ create a climate of waiting for the next evidence that we are in the last minutes of the countdown. This, in turn, leaves people very vulnerable to the latest scare prospect. So many predictions of disaster are really offshoots of the "any moment" eschatology which is now the norm in much of the evangelical world. The Kansas City Prophets and John Wimber embraced the world view of the Latter Rain movement which taught that the last days would experience greater extremes of tribulation and blessing than in any previous era of the church. This led to an expectation of super apostles, super prophets and the like. There is no biblical justification for such an expectation but many still harbour the notion.

The final ingredient may well be the Charismatic emphasis on personal leadings. Personal impressions can easily become the ultimate authority for a Christian's understanding of the bigger picture. We have at least one SI poster whose ultimate authority is his 'inner witness'. He is prepared to take the testimony of his 'inner witness' in preference to anything else; even the plain statements of scripture. Most 'pastors' will have had the sobering experience of trying to advise people who believe they have heard God speaking to them. Their bottom line is 'the Lord told me'. This is the effective end to discussion or pastoral care. The man with the witness is beyond advice or counsel; God has spoken to him.

How did the early church cope with such problems? One aspect which becomes clear in Paul's references to prophecy in 1 Corinthians is the issue of accountability. The utterances of the 'prophets' were to be judged by their peers.

1Cor. 14:29 (NKJV) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.

The word 'judge' here signifies 'to make a distinction', not to condemn or sentence. Prophecy was expected in a context in which other prophets were functioning. This builds in an immediate safety factor. It is interesting to see how frequently the word for 'prophet' appears in the plural in the story of the early church. (Acts 11:27; 13:1; 15:32; 1Cor 14:29) The nature of the web means that it is impossible for this kind of protection to exist in a public forum. For all its many benefits, SI is not and never can be a church. There is no face to face relationship and no authentic accountability. To my mind this is why such 'prophecies' are entirely out of order in the Discussion Forums. They are 'loose cannon' prophecies and are a danger to everyone, not least, the man who provides the spark.