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Spiritual Gifts! Prophecy, on: 2007/8/28 4:52

The Prophet

- See everything in black and white-either in or out of God's will.
- Feels the need to express his ideas regarding right and wrong and will do so on the spur of the moment.
- Is uniquely gifted to spot hypocrisy in others and will be extremy direct when confronting it.
- Has strong convictions and strict personal standards!
- Is open in expressing his own faults and accepting brokenness as God's way of working in his life.
- Has a genuine concern to see God's will and defend God's will even when it means personal suffering.
- Views the Bible as the source of his convictions and the basis of all truth and authority.
- Has few or no close friends.
- Exhibits loyalty and commitment without reservations!
- Operates in boldness!

Re: Gifts of the Spirit! Phophecy - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 5:18

Why cause confusion regarding the gift of prophecy and the office of the Prophet?
L. W.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/8/28 5:38

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lwpray wrote:

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there are much confusion about the two, and a lot of mixing

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 5:43

Please, dear friend, begin to develop the issue - for the profit of the inquiring heart.

Re:, on: 2007/8/28 6:07

I felt I was doing the opposite of confusing. Please explain on how you feel this is confusing the issue.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/8/28 6:08

here is an interview with Art Katz.... it expresses this much more clearly then my poor words...

A: How would you describe prophetic ministry?

Art: Well, there is a whole book on this subject on our website. It took me five days at Youth With A Mission in Lausann e years ago to begin an assessment of what the word 'apostolic' meant—and they are very similar. 'Prophetic' is

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expressing God's own heart and perceiving things as He Himself sees them, a certain mode of being, living, a certain jealousy of an intense kind, a certain concern for His glory, His Name, His honor, a certain seeing through appearances to the reality beneath. Had you been with me Sunday morning, you would have seen this demonstration. I walked into a church, and I was instantly uncomfortable. After I attended their prayer meeting in the side room, where the discomfort was not lessened, I came into the sanctuary and watched the worship team and the pastor performing. When I got up, my first word was, "What would you think if out of your very congregation, some young man or adolescent went berserk and shot up his high school and his teachers?" I said, "You're in an environment conducive to that conduct in your unreality. You're forming the nexus out of which that kind of aberration can take place," and I did not lighten up or let up. I went right on through, breaking down the facade and its appearances, confronting them with the truth of their conditions, and the pastor, after I finished, had the temerity to come up and take the microphone and continue in the same dull, mealy-mouthed way that I had identified before as being false. I could not believe it, and I could not bear it; I got up and had to tell him, "You have said enough, much too much." In fact, if he had continued, then I really would have caused a scene. As it happened, we had lunch with this pastor and another family—the brother who hosted the lunch is here now—and when we had lunch together, I said, "You need to go before the congregation tonight and apologize for continuing in the same mode that God had exposed as being false and ask their forgiveness for seeking to go back to 'business as usual' after this corrective word from God." But I do not believe that he did it.

In this confrontation, you have a small picture of what it means to be prophetic: fearless, uncompromising, no concern for how one will be regarded in terms of reputation, no question of the jealousy of God for reality to address the thing that is quickened, where there is no other thought or message that can be considered but that thing that is pulsating in your heart because of your identification and union with God. It does not always take that form, but frequently it will. So that is prophetic, to speak for God out of the sense of God Himself, without concern for what the effect will be, whether it has been received or rejected, or how you personally will be received. In fact, I thought to myself, "Surely, if ever I qualified for being stoned, it's now." I was bringing down the whole house, the whole thing that had had too long a history of deceit and religious hypocrisy. They either had to stone me or fall before the Lord as being the word of truth. I think many in the congregation did, but the pastor himself was so rooted in that system that he continued to babble and had to be reprimanded.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 6:35

Dear Gary,

One does not become a prophet by being used by the Holy Spirit in the realm of the gift of prophecy.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/28 6:41

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...although it may well be part of God's preparation for such a work.

Re:, on: 2007/8/28 7:34

More specific please.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 7:47

Relevant seeing and speaking
By Lars Widerberg

Reading: Isaiah 1:2-3.

This is prophecy: Heaven demands an open ear, an open heart.

This is prophetic speaking: A conclusive word, a statement of eternal character sent to cause and provoke man to thinking.

This is prophecy: Heavens stand in awe, the earth trembles.

This is prophetic speaking: A word relevant enough to attract the attention of the realms temporal.

This is prophecy: Words containing eternal values sent into a time/space setting to instruct, to divide right from wrong, to bring justice and dignity.

This is prophetic seeing and speaking: Something seen as with the eyes of the Lord regarding a time/space issue, word sent from Heaven to earth, to men, to be considered by men in relation to the state of affairs of common men. Prophecy is more than many things a matter of thinking, a matter of generating thinking. Prophecy is reality spoken in a relevant manner into a setting in which matters of authenticity are held in esteem by men whose hearts are warm and open to the things of the Lord and whose intelligence stays at working temperature for the sake of relevancy and sobriety. Prophecy defines itself by a clever approach to present reality, it speaks real words to a real world. It is sent to bring a certain sense of ultimacy, it challenges, its directness is at times offensive for the sake of alerting a dulled conscience. Prophecy is Heaven sent to Earth.

Fundamental to ministry is its priestly character. It is forever set to approaching, ascent, a drawing near, an "unto God". It calls upon the other to come close, to come alongside, to enter into fellowship. The man made ready for ministry embarks on a route along which he will find altars exclusively prepared for him, only for him. This route directs itself away from ministerial matters, from routines and an official approach to fellowmen. It aims at reconciliation, at a recovery of values lost. Its aim is that of bringing life, of reviving, of returning to first things, of restoring to a state of ultimacy. Each aspect of the temporal and the ephemeral encounters a challenge in the presence of a priestly mind. The prophetic function appears and operates within this framework.

The prophet is to be found where people are straying. Priests and intercessors approach each other at the nexus of a sinful people for the sake of justice and reconciliation. A prophet appears in the day of deepest trouble to recover what is lost. A prophet is a man of eternal strength in days of great shaking. Prophets are moulded and fostered for days of apostasy. His message is birthed at the threshold of the temple. His approach to life is intrinsically other, but he is still a man - sensitive to the things which constitute a man.

Such a man was Isaiah - sources indicate that he might have been a cousin of the king. This is the prophet, a man of the temple, a man of the royal court. This is a prophet, a man among men, but a man who saw God and lived.

The priestliness of this man and his message will not pass unnoticed while reading his book with an open mind. Each statement, each and every word conveys a sense of ultimacy. The prophet, the priestly mind captures the brokenness of the Almighty. The prophet ministers unto God in that he allows himself to become a vessel for divine travail. "My people doth not consider." "My people do not care to think." "This is a people lost to disorder and unholiness because of their unwillingness to assess and reason."

Prophetic work begins in reflection. Prophetic work consists of thinking and pondering, it is directed by a conscience on high alert, it contains comparison and weighing, it defines itself as an intense search for righteousness and justice. Prophetic work is a painful relating to something which is lost. The work of the prophet is one of recovery. It invites a man to a worthy striving for the vindication of the Lord.

"Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus".
Hebr 3:1.

Everything, literally everything, in the priestly dimension is bound up with things eternal. Priestly ministry, prophetic ministry, any ministry is related to a seeing, a considering of things eternal. The heavenly calling positions the man who dares

to respond in immediate relation to the throne and to the Lamb in the midst of the throne. Heavenly creatures provide possibility to speak by means of a cleansing by burning coals. Life and peace is committed to the priestly office to be administered among men. The prophet is established solely by divine sending. The throne, the reign of the Lamb and the ultimacy connected to this is arranged and combined for a maximised assault on the proud and haughty self-asserting men in these final days. Our On-High calling is priestly/prophetic ministry aimed at a bringing back to a serious consideration of the words sent from the heavenly realms, the words of ultimacy.

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Words brought by the prophet deal with the real world, such words will not leave man in idleness amidst the needs of fellowmen. The prophetic Church finds itself engaged in costly charity operations. It never spends its resources on its own pleasure, it hunts for opportunities to practice love, it looks to the Father for instructions regarding prophetic, sacrificial spending. Prophetic work shapes the future, but not with promises which find no fulfilment. Prophetic work shapes the future by engaging men in projects of reconciliation and restored dignity. This is worship, pleasing to God, with instruments designed and tuned after a different fashion – Jas 1:27.

The priest, the intercessor as well as the prophet learn to dwell restfully in the vast realm of thinking which is God’s. The message of the prophet is birthed at the threshold of the temple. The prayers of an intercessor are induced by the Spirit of prophecy – at all times aimed at revealing Christ in solid testimony. The priest gathers strength for the gruesome work of reconciliation in the chambers of godly council. Our prayer must, at any given point of time, focus the restoration of an ability to gather insight and of evaluation.

Ours is the choice between the folly of fantasy and heavenly relevancy as present time values a mysterious development of the things divine rather than a functional response to the eternal purposes of God and the needs of a fallen generation. Our generation of Christians proves its estrangement from the Lord in its lack of sharing in His perennial burden for things lost, for values lost, for peoples lost. Prophets speak words of heavenly relevancy, real prophets speak words which confronts our pleasure-craving modernity with the reality of priestliness.

Your princes are rebellious and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe, and is pursuing rewards. They do not judge the orphan, nor does the cause of the widow come to them. Isa 1:23

Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her returning ones with righteousness. Isa 1:27

They shall be ashamed of the trees which you lusted after; and you shall be ashamed of the gardens that you have chosen. Isa 1:29

Princes and prophets, pretenders in office, follow after rewards. Princes and prophets, pretenders before men, are returning from the chambers of prayer, returning from the council of the Lord without any sense of the necessity for speaking truth in love. Theirs is a covering of pretension and loftiness, the accuracy of their predictions secures their positions among a people who do not consider matters of ultimacy. God’s words are related to a realm which is tangible, in which things are verified by conscious response resulting in godliness. The fear of God results in justice expressed in a sacrificial manner among the oppressed. The fear of God is the revolt of a conscience against injustice.

A straying priesthood pitches their tent in the gardens of their own choice. A priesthood gone astray always find room for the moneylender’s tables within the courts of the Lord. Priests who are lost to priestliness prefer glamour, having no interest in glory. These men have no regard for content, they regard humility with contempt.

But Zion will be redeemed with justice. The prophet calls for a returning. The prophet’s words engage man in a recovering of what is lost. The true prophet is ashamed. . . The true prophet is utterly embarrassed by the behaviour of the false one. The true prophet is utterly embarrassed by the unwillingness established among men of God and their followers in regards to proper discernment, to plain man’s thinking. The true prophet shares this embarrassment with God himself.

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Re:, on: 2007/8/28 9:28

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After Pentecost the Apostles wrote God's Word under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

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By moe_mac

In short: a prophet is some who speaks God's Word.

It is a gift given by the Holy Spirit as God sees fit, to give by grace to whom he chooses, either liberally or lightly. All saved people will have one or two strong gifts and some weaker gifts. All of us have at least one spiritual gift, if we are saved to equip use for HIS purpose in HIS church.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 9:32

Do not mix gifts with vocation. . .

Do not mix that which is occasional and temporal - though imparted by the Holy Spirit - with that which is written in a life, written as eternal quality. . .

Truthfully speaking - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/28 9:36

Quote:

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... *to thinking.*

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/8/28 9:53

I believe the office of prophet can be distinguished from the gift in that it is permanent and abiding. The calling is inseparable from the man.

Art Katz is very helpful here in his book

(http://www.benisrael.org/writings/online_books/spirit_of_prophecy/sop_contents.html) The Spirit of Prophecy

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/28 11:11

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this sounds as though you are saying that in the current time a 'prophet' is someone who applies the New Testament to current situations. Would you deny the possibility of an extra-biblical revelation of the kind we find in the Acts eg.

And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. (Acts 11:27-28 NKJV)

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Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 11:22

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Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/28 12:05

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Can you expand a little? are you referring to eschatological interpretations?
... and who is 'we' by the way?

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2007/8/28 12:18

Dear Ron,

Misapplication in the escatological realm might not be the most precarious region of thought where prophets and others try to do exploits, but rather in the realm of the preaching of the cross unto revival.

I guess you are going to ask me to elaborate even more, but I do believe we have enough material at hand on this site which takes us back to reality as to this major issue; the cross of Christ applied in personal lives unto Glory.

By the way, I look forward to meet you in Canton, where I will conduct a prayer watch the week before the conference.

Re: - posted by MarkOne, on: 2007/8/28 13:51

The standpoint which holds the gift of prophecy to be the base for and mark of a prophet belongs to those modern errors which leads the Church away from soundness.
It does so because the utterances given by the many are seldom supported by the holiness necessary to prove the prophetic call.
It is well said by lwpray, as he refers the gift of prophecy to what is temporal and the vocation of a prophet to a life lived before God.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/28 17:22

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I'm not trying to trap you... just to understand you. This sounds as though you are saying that the 'misapplication... is.. in the realm of the preaching of the cross unto revival'. I don't understand what that means.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/28 17:32

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Maybe I'm just having a bad night, but I don't understand that either. Do you see any connection between a prophet and prophecy? Are we talking about 'false prophets' or are you saying that a man can have a genuine prophetic gift but his life-style disqualifies him from being a prophet?

Balaam had a prophetic gift and was a prophet. He was an evil man and used his gift for his own ends but he was a seer. (Num 24:15) He was not a righteous man but it seems he was a prophet.

Re:, on: 2007/8/28 22:27

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1 Cor 12:4-15

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; **to another prophecy**; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

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The key element in the prophetic is 'revelation' not information and not exposition. It is the timely word spoken 'in season'.

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (1 Corinthians 14:26 NKJV)

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I am also sure that although these 'function gifts' are still given it is dangerous to label the men who exercise them. There is much evidence that in the NT these 'men' were recognised by the Church but there is no evidence that they ever carried these functions as titles. The NT is little interested in titles but is greatly interested in functions.

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God poured out his spirit on us through Christ at the cross and the resurrection 3 days later and on the day of Pentecost when the disciples waited in the upper room, they received power when he gave gifts through the Holy Spirit to men, just as the Prophet Joel said HE would. He still is pouring out HIS

SPIRIT today when a person makes Jesus the Lord of their life. He will continue until the fulness of the gentiles has come.

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I am not trying to guard against anything other than adding to and taking away from God's Word. When I read revelations I can see that is an important thing to guard against. God calls stills men to speak HIS WORD which are prophets. As a matter of fact, if God did not call them, they are not equipped. Everyone he calls he equips. If they are equipped then they have the gift of prophecy. To answer one question I think you may have asked or implied. Do we have Apostles today that have the same roll as Paul and the rest? I think you can answer that question by asking yourself if you, me or anyone else has the gift or the authority to add or take away from the WORD of GOD or the same authority of gifts that Paul and the Apostles had. I don't think so. We still have prophets, evangelist, pastors/teachers today as God gave each gift as HE determined. I can tell from your reply that there is a point you would like to make concerning prophecy that you understand differently than I do. Just spit it out brother. Some think a prophet tells the future that is not contained in the Bible. God has already told us all HE wants us to know for now, through HIS WORD and the prophet delivers that WORD. I look forward to your reply brother.

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moe_mac wrote:

Amen on titles not being the important thing. We are, as a christian operating in the gifts, if I can use some worldly terminology, we are just playing the hand we are dealt, with whatever gift or gifts God has given us, to use it for HIS GLORY and we should always remember that it is by HIS grace that we are what we are, whatever that might be.

Rom 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he

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ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

KJV

Having said that, one other helpful thing we must remember.

James 4:6-7

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

KJV

Humility and submission to God and HIS WORD, and not to man, brings more grace as in Luke 14:11. It is a joyful thing when we please both God and our fellow man. And just as you conveyed, in your post, if we become more concerned with a title than HIS gift and HIS purpose, then this verse might fit us.

Mark 12:38-40

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

footnote:

I know you have most likely heard some pharisees in today's time praying, you hear all the thees and the thous, and the arts, which if someone uses that type language normally, then that is fine, as long as our speaking and our writings are in the manner in which we normally talk and write, and we are not trying to impress man with nothing other than God's Word and will. Sometimes in our speaking and writings, if we are not careful, will become more concerned with fancy and elegant speech and words of man's wisdom, than saying what HE gave us to say. Our prayers should be with much fear trembling and much reverence to awesome God and not for show. Education is a great thing if it is all used for HIS GLORY. When our prayers are silent and from my heart and my mind, that's fine. There are times, we may use our tongue in a vocal voice to convey our request to God, in Jesus name, alone just us and God, and at other times, they may be vocal, in the company of others christian or people. Either way, God does have any problem knowing exactly what is in and on our heart. That is exactly, what we should speak, when we don't speak that, then we are quenching the spirit and we are being disobedient, I have also done that many times and have to ask for forgiveness and ask for strength for the ability to perform the repentance necessary. Many times, when we speak the things HE has put on our heart vocally or written to others, it will be offensive to others. That's what Paul said, are we worried about pleasing men are God in Gal 1:10 Thanks for your comments brother.

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moe_mac wrote:

I'm sorry for not laying it all out in the first post. I assumed the death, burial and resurrection and the day of Pentecost you knew in the short form. #1 Christ took our sins, yours, mine and the whole world upon HIM at the cross. He arose 3 days later and I believed He walked with the disciples 40 more days before He ascended to the right hand of the Father from the Mt. of Olives. He is alive today and will this same Jesus will come back in the same manner as he left. We shall not all sleep. He will come for us. He told HIS disciples to stay here in Jerusalem they received power from on high. That was the day of Pentecost that was prophesied by the prophet Joel being fulfilled. Peter preached and 300 were saved who trusted in Jesus and where those who believed. The gospel has been preached every since fulfilling the great commission. Pentecost was the beginning of the last days. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. As a matter of fact the one who preached the sermon said that very thing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as he wrote in 2 Peter 3:8
8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

KJV

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Whatever gifts that you have been given by the grace of God, I do not intend to or plan to argue with you brother about whether you have indeed any certain gift or not, that is between you and the Lord. I will focus my eyes and heart on using what He gave me by grace and pray He will use me and the gifts He gave me to manifest His Spirit to others and realize without Him I am nothing, and I must confess I fall way short on the gifts that he gave me at times. I also strive to stay humble, because I know He gives more grace to the humble, which is how we get the gifts in the first place and also is the same method that we use to grow in the ones He has already given us.

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I don't belong to any denomination.
If you could 'hear me yelling' your imagination is better than your theology.

Re: - posted by reformer, on: 2007/8/30 18:38

I missed this thread, this sounds like it has been exciting. I can't say it was a genuine prophecy katz called this man out. I think there can be a danger in this when we think the Lord is giving us some a prophetic utterance. I had a well respected pastor, that is a pentecostal, called this "spiritual masturbation", they get so mystical in their own spiritual prowess, they begin to be habitual in their "gifts". Not saying Katz is doing this, but some can feel that they are a "prophet" from God and feel they have to correct everyone. If someone gets a word from the Lord and the other does not receive it, that person needs to ask if it was a true word and let God deal with that person, or just let it go. I think there is some pride when he told the pastor he needs to apologize to the congregation; for me that sounds more like the flesh, than the spirit.

We are to prophecy, what is already written in the closed canon of scripture. God can give new revelation if He chooses, but I firmly believe He doesn't. We have everything we need in His word.