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Who is a Prophet Today?, on: 2009/5/30 11:56

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Sincerely,

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Re: Who is a Prophet Today? - posted by Logic, on: 2009/5/30 13:09

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Re: Do we have Prophets today?, on: 2009/5/30 14:13

Dear waltern,

This tends to be a touchy subject on SI, especially among the prophets - to the extent that in general, sermonindex does not encourage the posting of 'prophecy' on SI. However, he himself recently posted one sent to himself, anonymously, predicting a war in the US. I've heard this 'prophecy' before from another source, so it remains to be seen what happens next.

These would not be 'adding' to scripture, but they would be the fulfilment of it, in that God gave 'prophets' to the church -

Eph 4:11, some of whom prophesied to Paul about his forthcoming trials - Acts 20:23 ... that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

There was an interesting thread on SI after the conference in Greenock. Did you read it any - and if so, what did you make of it, and the personal testimonies within the posts? In particular, RobertW testified to having received 'a word of His grace' in one of those churches which allows such ministry, which had a profound effect on him. Acts 14:3; Acts 20:32.

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id26547&forum40) Just who IS responsible for this state of affairs?

Re: , on: 2009/5/30 14:21

To Logic:

Yes, there is much written about prophecy, in Romans 12:6; Cor 12:10; 1 Cor 13:2; 2 Peter 1:19, 20, & 21; 1 Timothy 4:14.

However, all of these books were written before the Book of Revelation. Paul told us in 1 Cor 13:8 that the gift of prophecy would cease once "that which is perfect is come" (1 Cor 13:8, 10).

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When I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, I was taught that some of my Charismatic Brothers had the gift of prophecy. For a long time I believed that. However, over time, none of these "prophecies" uttered by these "prophets" had 100% accuracy. In other words, they are all "False Prophets", as defined in the Bible itself.

I do believe that today, in these last of the last days, that we see things going on in the body of Christ that have no basis in the Protestant Church of the Reformation. Without the reformation, we would all be practicing Catholics, on our way to hell.

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