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prophets and seeing into the future - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/3/12 19:39

I agree totally with the commentary taking place in some of the current posts. Namely, that I personally don't know of any TRUE new testament prophets in the world. Oh many claim to be (quote) Gods prophet. However, just to raise one point of conjecture about the office ...God set the prophets into that office himself and directly appointed them into that position i.e jeremiah! He then equipped his prophets and put his spirit upon them. Contrastingly the FALSE prophets had another spirit upon them and prophesied in Baal. The mark of a TRUE prophet is his bang on target accuracy and holiness of life, amongst other things of course. That said: does anyone know or believe they know of a TRUE prophet?? I'd be interested to know. Furthermore if a man or woman for that matter arrives on the scene making dire predictions about upcoming world events...but that word fails to come to pass! Why believe the word of that prophet? Why follow or go after him? Yet people do. The office of the prophet has a certain awe attached to it. And people tend to follow personalities is another reason.

Re: prophets and seeing into the future - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/3/12 19:42

It should be noted that I refer to the latest earthquake posts getting the attention.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/3/12 20:45

Interesting topic for discussion...

I believe that just before Christ died, he said, "It is finished"... At that moment there was an earthquake, total darkness in the middle of the day, and the 75 ft tall curtain separating God's place from the public place in the temple was torn from the top to the bottom (miracle IMO that all this happened at a specific moment).

This was God's way of saying the barrier between mankind having open fellowship with God was now open again, as what Christ did on the cross resolved an issue.

So how do we relate this to prophecy: All one needs is to honestly seek an open and real relationship with God... and God will lead the one to understand all they need to... To rest in living by faith (as St Paul suggested repeatedly in his writings in the New Testament), is where the peace and joy of the Christian life comes from.

Do I need to worry about the end times? Well IMO no... I believe the same God that created the heavens and the earth, that did the flood thing and the Noah thing, that parted the Red Sea, who crashed the walls of Jericho, that strengthened David to kill a lion and a bear with his hands... as well as Goliath, who grew flesh on dry bones, and who raised Christ from the dead... Has the ability to take care of His kids... and ALL of us Christians are His kids. To me, it is simply a promise God WILL keep... and I will bet my life on it.

Does this help?
Mr. Bill

Re: prophets and seeing into the future - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2011/3/12 21:29

Hi sonofthunder,

I have had similar questions and some insight to how the works and leads today seems to be somewhere between the OT prophet and a more general leading of the Holy Spirit. Because the Lord never changes, I believe there are still true prophets whose word is always true because they only speak the Word of the Lord, however, there is the very real connection to the leading of the Holy Spirit for all believers. If you haven't read it already, I would suggest you read the testimony of "A Call to the Churches of America" by Sorokovsky. I have been rereading it this evening to see what the Lord will show me and direct me into.

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=37423&forum=34&5

Re: prophets and seeing into the future - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/3/12 21:41

The bible doesn't want the child of God to be worried or panicked about things coming on the earth. No argument from me. However, the bible exhorts all believers to be sober...alert...vigilant...watchful. And to take heed no man deceive them. Taking care that no man deceive you. Seems to indicate the responsibility falls on the individual. But some say God loves me and will shield me from deception. It appears though we can take nothing for granted because of grace or his love for us. If we rest on our laurels complacency can and does set in. The passage I know my thoughts concerning you...thoughts of peace is a passage many Christians appeal to that nothing can touch them. Word of faith doctrine promotes the super Christian...who is untouchable. Someone forgot to tell Job that though. No rather the bible teaches personal responsibility and accountability. Personally I'm not scared by calamity and disaster. But I take nothing for granted either. Therefore let us not sleep as do others. But watch and pray...lest we become the prey to the adversary. Being too dismissive of these huge calamities is not the answer either.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/3/12 21:46

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (While this does not deny that there may be real prophets, it does warn against false ones. As would be traditional with the writing style of the time of New Testament writings, what is omitted can often times be taken as something that does not exist. Since there is an omission that there are to be any real prophets, we may be able to assume from this passage that only false prophets have gone out into the world.)

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/3/12 21:49

Don't misunderstand I believe, accept, and embrace the concept of n.t prophets wholeheartedly! Finding them valid and legitimate ones is the issue. Not saying they couldn't or can't exist in a new testament culture though. I tend to err on the side of caution.

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/3/12 21:54

At this point in time was just asking the sincere question...very honest and sincere question, and it's been put to me many times also. Does anyone know of someone who fully foots the Office of TRUE prophet??

Re: prophets and seeing into the future - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/3/12 22:04

There is something within man that longs to know what the future holds, hoping that somehow one can prepare for it to protect oneself from harm.

The reality is that if it is essential for our well-being to have this info, God will provide the individual with it. Otherwise, we do well to stay close to the LORD and trust him for the future.

Seems to me that the natural disasters we see happening has far less spiritual ramifications than the lukewarmness one sees all around us. This will literally kill a person spiritually. The world is so arrogant in its pursuit of sin that it does wear a body down. This is what we should be concerned about...

Re: , on: 2011/3/12 23:29

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-----by sonofthunder on 2011/3/12 18:41:46

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This is good.

Re: prophets and seeing into the future - posted by rufnrust (), on: 2011/3/13 5:57

This may be a side note from the main idea, so please forgive me ahead of time.

Paul (in the bible Paul) always referred to himself in terms like "Paul, servant of God called to be an apostle". I look at the prophet in the same way. Paul saw his "title" as servant but his function as apostle. When I see somebody who's "title" is prophet so-and-so, I see somebody who needs humility and does not understand his function.

Having said that, I have seen and heard many "great" men, as have all of us, but no prophets yet. Not to say they do not exist. I think we all want to believe they do.

Ruf

"A gift, from Someone else...to someone else.", on: 2011/3/13 8:56

The Lord has taken me ahead in time several times; in the Spirit, and shown me things to come. These include the "End of the American Dream" financial collapse that we now are entering into....given to me in 2003...and the coming war and invasion of America, and the coming Glory that will be given to the Church....and the astonishing authority that she shall possess.

These were all accompanied by the audible Word of the Lord....and His manifest Presence. You can find the "End of the American Dream" here on SI...and much of the entirety of them to date here:
<http://pjmiller.wordpress.com/2009/08/09/justice-and-glory/#more-6037>

I have had these experiences, along with a great degree of separation from things for 40 years. I have entered into the 40th year this month.

1st of all...prophecy in itself is simply a gift to the church.....from God to His own....and should have no bearing on the spirituality of the messenger. Herein is the rub. The Pride of man to consider himself above.....and the Pride of people to exalt man above.

They go together...remember Saul....the people wanted a king, and the king wanted lordship.

Am I a prophet? I don't know...and in one sense I don't care....I am what I am...and in the end, fear God and want to enter into Heaven at my death unashamed. I fail more than I succeed. I have gifts. They are not to exalt me, they are for another.

2ndly: All prophecies are to be judged..."Let the prophets prophesy, and the others judge." Even if you were a prophet,,,it does not give you a carte-blanche handle on Truth. You may still be deceived...

I think the calling of a prophet is down under, not on the throne above. I think that sorrow and suffering are commensurate to the calling...IE: ...misery. This secures what cannot be secured in any other way; empathy, Godly love, and humility. If you are called to the prophetic...you are called to be crushed....and rejected at a level that most cannot and will never comprehend. consider Jeremiah; read Lamentations.

In the end, there was so much love and compassion for God's people, that he willingly followed them into Egypt knowing he would die there with his people. He had the whole land before him. This is where God wants to bring those with prophetic callings. It is not just a flashy gift...It is carrying His Word right along with carrying His heart.

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