

The Spirit of Prophecy

my impressions



LESSON 20

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. Impressive B. I didn't know that C. Exciting!
D. That alerts me E. What a paradox F. Alarming
G. That makes sense H. Not sure about that I. So true
J. Amazing K. Eye opening L. Other _____

1. The gift of prophecy is absolutely vital! In fact, we wouldn't have the Bible as we now know it if not for the spirit of prophecy. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17¹)
2. God desires to keep us informed of His plans for us. He tells us through the prophet Amos that He will do nothing without first revealing it to His servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7³)
3. Because prophecy is a primary method of God's communication the Devil has raised up false prophets to confuse and distract from the truth. (Matthew 24:11⁵; 7:15⁶)
4. There are four tests of a true prophet: they will not contradict the Word of God; they will affirm that Jesus came as a man with our nature; they will keep the commandments demonstrating the character of God; and the prophecies they predict will come to pass. (see Tests of a Prophet p. 2)
5. The Bible has a consistent prophetic pattern. There's the one who makes the prophecy and at the time of the fulfillment God raises up another prophet who points people back to the author of the prophecy and its present fulfillment. (see Biblical Pattern of Prophets p. 2)
6. There are times God has a special message. Just as He sent John the Baptist to people who already had the Bible, He gave Ellen White the prophetic gift to give us more light. (Joel 2:28, 29¹⁵)
7. In keeping with God's sustained prophetic pattern, the Bible clearly teaches that the prophetic gift will again be active as we near His soon return. (Joel 2:28, 29¹⁵; Acts 2:17¹⁶)

Choices: Paul teaches us to test those who claim the prophetic gift and to "hold fast" that which passes the tests. Will you choose to embrace the prophetic gift that brought you the Bible and to embrace new manifestations God sends to guide you? (1 Thessalonians 5:20, 21) _____

1. **2 Timothy 3:16, 17** All scripture is given by _____ of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
2. **Isaiah 46:9, 10** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are _____ yet done ...
3. **Amos 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the _____.
4. **Deuteronomy 18:18** I will raise ... up a Prophet ... and [I] will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
5. **Matthew 24:11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
6. **Matthew 7:15** _____ of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
7. **Isaiah 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this _____, it is because there is no light in them.
8. **1 John 4:2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the _____ is of God:
9. **Matthew 7:20** Wherefore by their _____ ye shall know them.
10. **Jeremiah 28:9** ... when the word of the prophet shall come to _____, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.
11. **1 Chronicles 28:9 NKJ** ... ____ you seek Him, He will be found by you; but ____ you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.
12. **Numbers 14:18** The LORD is longsuffering, and of _____ mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression ...

13. **Jonah 3:4** ... and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be _____.
14. **Jonah 3:9** Who can tell if God will _____ and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?
15. **Joel 2:28, 29** And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
16. **Acts 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the _____ days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...

Tests of a True Prophet:

1. A true prophet will not contradict the Word of God. (Isaiah 8:20)
2. Anyone claiming to speak for God will affirm that Jesus came as a man, in the flesh. (1 John 4:2; Hebrews 2:17)
3. A True Prophet will keep the Commandments demonstrating the character of God. (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)
4. The prophecies they predict must come to pass. (Jeremiah 28:9)

Biblical Pattern of Prophets:

(Genesis 5: 21, 25, 26) Enoch	•-----•	Noah (Genesis 7:11)
(Genesis 15:13) Abram	•-----•	Moses (Exodus 3:15, 22)
(Jeremiah 29:10) Jeremiah	•-----•	Daniel (Daniel 9:2)
(Daniel 9:25) Daniel	•-----•	John (Mark 1)
(Daniel 8:14) Daniel	•-----•	???

How does Ellen G. White Compare?

1. **A true prophet will not contradict the Word of God.**
Ellen White urged believers, "Cling to your Bible as it reads and stop your criticism in regard to its validity and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost. (*Selected Messages*, vol. 1, p 28)
2. **The prophecies they predict must come to pass.**
In 1902 Ellen White warned that San Francisco and Oakland would be visited by the Lord because they were becoming like

Sodom and Gomorrah (Manuscript 1902, pg 114). On April 18, 1906 the San Francisco earthquake shattered the early morning, is regarded as the second worst natural disaster in the nation's history

3. **Anyone claiming to speak for God will affirm that Jesus came as a man, in the flesh.**
Having taken our fallen nature (Romans 8:3), [Christ] showed what it might become, by accepting the ample provision He has made for it, and by becoming partaker of the divine nature. (*Selected Messages*, vol. 3 p 134)
4. **A True Prophet will keep the Commandments.**
... profession of religion, which, though in itself good, is too often unaccompanied by saving faith in Jesus or living obedience to the commandments of God. (*Signs of the Times*, July 27, 1888 par 3)

Uplifting the Bible:

Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light. *Evangelism*, p. 257

17. **John 17:3** And this is life eternal, that they might _____ thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

You may personally encounter God:

By faith you, like Moses, may endure as seeing Him who is invisible. The Lord desires to give you a precious experience. God has a work for you to do. You may seek after a higher sense of eternal things. God is _____ unto all them that call upon Him with the whole heart. What are the advantages and honors that the world proffers you when compared with the privileges of the sons of God? ... *Christ Triumphant*, p. 98

18. **Psalm 46:10** Be still, and _____ that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.



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