

Lesson eight – GIFT OF PROPHECY

II Peter 1:21

What part did man's will play in prophecy?

Exodus 7:1,2

How does this example illustrate how prophecy worked with God?

I Corinthians 14:1

What purpose did prophecy have in the early church?

I Corinthians 14:29-32

How was this gift used?

What is it talking about in verse 32?

Acts 11:27-30

What impact did this have?

What would it have today?

Acts 15:32

What was their role?

Acts 21:10, 11, 30

Why do you think God used a prophet instead of just telling Paul directly?

I Thessalonians 5:19-22

How are we instructed to handle prophecies?

Amos 3:7

Why is this important for us to know?

Matthew 3:1-3

What role did prophecy play when Jesus came the first time?

What do you think it might play in his second coming?

Matthew 24:10, 11, 24

Why should we be wary of false prophets at the end times?

What is this implying?

Joel 2:28,29

What is Joel talking about?

What is significant about who receives the Spirit?

Revelation 12:17

Who does the woman represent? Her offspring?

What two characteristics describe the offspring?

Revelation 19:10

What does the spirit of prophecy mean?

How can we tell if the prophetic gift is legitimate and from God?

Isaiah 8:19,20

What are the law and the testimony? What if they disagree with these?

Deuteronomy 18:21,22

What does it mean to speak presumptuously?

Why don't we need to be afraid of this type of prophet?

I John 4:1-3

How could deception work its way in?

How could a prophet acknowledge Jesus?

What is the spirit of the antichrist?

James 5:17

What were prophets like?

What is your image of a prophet?

Ellen G. White:

- Prophesied for 70 years – from 1844 (age 17) to 1915

- over 2,000 visions

- referred to herself as “the Lord’s messenger”

Agreed with Bible tests:

- Accuracy of predictions

 - rise of Spiritualism

 - cooperation between Catholics and Protestants

- Christ’s incarnation

- Influence of Ministry (fruit)

 - 80 books, and 60,000 more pages

- Health message ahead of time

SDA Founders got theology and conclusions based on Bible Study, then EGW confirmed via visions, etc.

“Little heed is given to the Bible... . The Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light.” – Review and Herald, 1/20, 1903

- How did she refer to her writings and visions?

“The Word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the Word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without

excuse, God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the word that they have neglected to follow." Testimonies, vol 5, 663.

"Additional truth is not brought out but God has through the Testimonies, simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse..... The written testimonies are not given to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed." 665

What was God's purpose for the testimonies that EGW wrote?

"The fact that God has revealed His will to men through His Word, has not rendered needless the continued presence and guiding of the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, the Spirit was promised by our Saviour, to open the Word of His servants, to illuminate and apply its teachings." Great Controversy, vii

What is the Holy Spirit's role in the individual's life if there is already prophecy present?

"In His Word, God has committed to men the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience." Great Controversy, vii.

What was her view of the Bible?

APPLICATION

What role is the gift of prophecy playing in my life?

How is God currently moving in His church? How can I be a part of this?

How might I answer someone who says that prophecies no longer occur?

Memory Text

I Thessalonians 5:19-22

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 20do not treat prophecies with contempt.
21Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22Avoid every kind of evil.