

Hearing God to Prophecy

Empowered: Part 4

Carlton Hemphill * May 7, 2023 * New Life Vineyard Church

Why Does God Speak to Us?

Ephesians 4:11-15 New King James

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the *equipping of the saints* for the work of ministry, for the *edifying of the body of Christ*, 13 till we all come to the *unity of the faith* and of the *knowledge of the Son of God*, to a *perfect man*, to the measure of the stature of the *fullness of Christ*; 14 that we should *no longer* be children, *tossed to and fro* and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, *speaking the truth* in love, may *grow up in* all things into Him who is the head, *Christ*.

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to me and I will answer you and *tell you great* and unsearchable *things* you do not know.'

God speaks to us so we will *accomplish His purposes*. Matt 6:10, 1 Peter 4:19, James 4:15

- **God's main purpose of speaking to us is to build _____ and the Christian _____**
- **Therefore, we should be more _____ focused for God to give us more _____ communication**

Ways God Communicates?

- _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Others whose source is the bible (Romans 12:6-8)
- _____ (Psalm 119:67-68)
- Impressions (Acts 20:22-23)
- _____ (John 14:26)
- Dreams & Visions (Job 33:14-15)
- _____ (John 4:48)
- Voice (Job 33:16)

If you want to _____ God's _____ pray for _____ people!

God Wants Me to Avoid...

Prophecy Explained

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 New King James

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by [f]the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another **prophecy**, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:1-3 New King James

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophecy. ²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ³**But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.**

- **Prophecy** – _____ – God communicating His thoughts and intents to mankind through Holy Spirit inspired words to an individual or group not conceived by human thought or reasoning. 1 Corinthians 14:3
- **Word of Wisdom:** _____ - knowing divine will, purpose, action, and/or solution to take (know the _____)
- **Word of Knowledge:** _____ - supernatural revelation of facts that no man would know (know the _____)

Prophecy can have two intents:

- **Foretell:** Prediction of the future. _____.
- **Forttell:** Proclaiming the truth. _____.

Limitations & Conditions to Prophecy

- Prophecy is conditional
- Conditions can change
- It is not a substitute for individual's responsibility to seek & hear from God
- Personal prophecies are not guaranteed to come to pass

Proper Delivery is Key

- Remember - prophecy is a gift from & we are completely dependent on the Holy Spirit
- Bears testimony to Jesus (the Word). Revelation 19:10
- Leave opinions and previous knowledge "at the door"
- It is wise to first pray before sharing prophetic word and ask God for confirmation
- To be effective, it must be delivered in God's timing and with the proper spirit and attitude
- Prophecy is specific and not general
- Pray and ask God if there is more to share
- Do not share time frames with the person since prophecy is conditional
- Don't be critical, cynical or judgmental but be strengthening, encouraging and comforting