

Message Nine

Moses Desiring That All Jehovah's People Would Be Prophets

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Scripture Reading: Num. 11:29; Deut. 18:15-19;

Acts 3:21-22; 1 Cor. 14:1, 3, 5, 24, 31

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- Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.
- Deut 18:16 This is according to all that you asked of Jehovah your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear any more of the voice of Jehovah my God, and let me not see this great fire any longer, lest I die.
- Deut 18:17 And Jehovah said to me, They have done well in what they have spoken.
- Deut 18:18 A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.
- Deut 18:19 And the man who will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I Myself will require it from him.
- Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of the restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.
- Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.
- 1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- 1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.
- 1 Cor 14:5 I desire that you all speak in tongues, but especially that you would prophesy; and greater is he who prophesies than he who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, that the church may receive building up.
- 1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

I. Our God is a speaking God—Heb. 1:1-2a:

- Heb 1:1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,
- Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
- A. God is a mystery, but this mystery has been revealed by God's speaking—vv. 1-2a:
- Heb 1:1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,
- Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
1. Without the divine speaking, God would remain forever unknowable—Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21.

Luke 1:70 Even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old-

Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of the restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.
 2. Our God is the revealed God because He has revealed Himself in His speaking—Heb. 1:1-2a.

Heb 1:1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,

Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
- B. Every created thing came out of the word of God—Gen. 1:3; John 1:3:
- Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
- John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.
1. The old creation—the whole universe—came into being by God's speaking—Gen. 1:3, 6-7; Psa. 33:9; Rom. 4:17; Heb. 11:3.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

- Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.
- Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse, and it was so.
- Psa 33:9 For He spoke, and it was; / He commanded, and it stood.
- Rom 4:17 (As it is written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations") in the sight of God whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls the things not being as being.
- Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.
2. The new creation was brought into being by the entire God speaking as the Word—John 1:1, 3; 5:24.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.
- John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.
3. The speaking God continues to do all things through His speaking—Rom. 4:17.
- Rom 4:17 (As it is written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations") in the sight of God whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls the things not being as being.
- C. The living God imparts and infuses Himself into us by speaking—2 Tim. 3:16-17:
- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- 2 Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.
1. When God speaks, the light shines, bringing us understanding, vision, wisdom, and utterance—Psa. 119:105, 130.
- Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.
- Psa 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.
2. When God speaks, life is imparted, and this life includes all the divine attributes and human virtues of Christ—John 6:63; 1:1, 4.
- John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
3. When God speaks, power is transmitted, and this is the growing and producing power of life—Mark 4:14, 26.
- Mark 4:14 The sower sows the word.
- Mark 4:26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,
- D. In the Old Testament, God spoke in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, in men borne by the Spirit—Heb. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:21.
- Heb 1:1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,
- 2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.
- E. In the New Testament, God speaks in the Son, in the person of the Son—Heb. 1:2a:
- Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
1. This person was first an individual and then became corporate—Matt. 17:5; Acts 9:4; 1 Cor. 12:12.
- Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

- Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
- 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
2. God today speaks in a person, and this person has increased to be a corporate person, including all the apostles and all the members of this person's Body—14:4b, 31.
- 1 Cor 14:4b ... but he who prophesies builds up the church.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
3. The believers are all a part of the corporate Son; God is still speaking in the Son—Heb. 1:2a.
- Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
- F. The speaking God desires to have a speaking people—Acts 4:31; 6:7; 12:24; 19:20; Col. 4:3; 2 Tim. 4:2; Rev. 1:2, 9.
- Acts 4:31 And when they had so besought, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.
- Acts 6:7 And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly; and a large number of the priests obeyed the faith.
- Acts 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.
- Acts 19:20 Thus, the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.
- Col 4:3 Praying at the same time for us also, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ (because of which also I am bound),
- 2 Tim 4:2 Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.
- Rev 1:2 Who testified the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even all that he saw.
- Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

II. In Numbers 11:29 Moses exclaimed, “Oh that all Jehovah’s people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!”:

- Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
- A. A prophet is not mainly one who predicts the future but one who speaks for another, as Aaron spoke for Moses—Exo. 7:1-2; 4:16.
- Exo 7:1 And Jehovah said to Moses, See, I have made you God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother will be your prophet.
- Exo 7:2 You shall speak all that I command you, and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.
- Exo 4:16 And he shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be as God to him.
- B. Prophets are God’s spokesmen; they speak for God and speak forth God—Isa. 1:1-2a; 6:8-9; Jer. 1:1-4; Ezek. 1:3; 2:1-7:
- Isa 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah:
- Isa 1:2a Hear, O heavens, and hearken, O earth, / For Jehovah has spoken: ...
- Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.
- Isa 6:9 And He said, Go and say to this people, Hear indeed, but do not perceive; / And see indeed, but do not understand.
- Jer 1:1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,
- Jer 1:2 To whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon the king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
- Jer 1:3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah the king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.
- Jer 1:4 Now the word of Jehovah came to me, saying:

- Ezek 1:3 The word of Jehovah came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of Jehovah was upon him there.
- Ezek 2:1 Then He said to me, Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.
- Ezek 2:2 And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me and caused me to stand up on my feet. And I heard Him who spoke to me.
- Ezek 2:3 And He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to rebellious heathen who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me unto this very day;
- Ezek 2:4 And they are impudent and hard-hearted children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah.
- Ezek 2:5 And they, whether they hear or not—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.
- Ezek 2:6 And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them and do not be afraid of their words; though thistles and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions, do not be afraid of their words and do not be dismayed at their faces; for they are a rebellious house.
- Ezek 2:7 And you shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or not; for they are rebellious.
1. God is hidden, but through the speaking of the prophets, God Himself and His intention are explained—Isa. 45:15; Eph. 1:9; 3:3-5.
 - Isa 45:15 Surely You are a God who hides Himself, / O God of Israel, the Savior.
 - Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
 - Eph 3:3 That by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have written previously in brief,
 - Eph 3:4 By which, in reading it, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,
 - Eph 3:5 Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,
 2. Prophets receive God’s revelation directly and are borne by the Spirit of God to speak for God and to speak forth God—2 Pet. 1:21.
 - 2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.
- C. Moses desired that all the people of Israel would be prophets, those who spoke for God—Num. 11:29:
- Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
1. The word in Numbers 11:29 was a great prophecy uttered by Moses.
 - Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
 2. Concerning the matter that all of God’s people should be prophets, Paul in the New Testament and Moses in the Old Testament are in agreement—v. 29; 1 Cor. 14:31:
 - Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
 - 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
 - a. The word that Moses spoke was promoted by Paul in 1 Corinthians 14, and it is fulfilled in God’s New Testament economy by the prophesying of the believers in the church meetings—vv. 24, 31.
 - 1 Cor 14 be omitted.
 - 1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
 - 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
 - b. It is likely that Paul’s concept came from Moses, because Paul, as one who understood the Old Testament, must have been familiar with what Moses had said in Numbers 11:29.
 - Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
 - c. In both the Old and New Testaments God wants His people to speak for Him.

- D. A prophet typifies Christ as the One who brings us into God's light and revelation—John 1:1, 14; 6:63; 8:12; Matt. 11:27; Mark 4:11.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
 John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
 John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
 Matt 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one fully knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and him to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.
 Mark 4:11 And He said to them, To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those outside, all things are in parables,

III. “A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him”—Deut. 18:15:

- A. In verses 15 through 19 Moses spoke concerning Jehovah God's raising up of a Prophet (the coming Christ) like Moses for the children of Israel.
- Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.
 Deut 18:16 This is according to all that you asked of Jehovah your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear any more of the voice of Jehovah my God, and let me not see this great fire any longer, lest I die.
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 Deut 18:19 And the man who will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I Myself will require it from him.
- B. Acts 3:22 applies Deuteronomy 18:15-19 to Christ, who is God incarnated to be a man, indicating that Christ is the Prophet promised by God to His people, the children of Israel.
- Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.
 Deut 18:15 A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him.
 Deut 18:16 This is according to all that you asked of Jehovah your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear any more of the voice of Jehovah my God, and let me not see this great fire any longer, lest I die.
 Deut 18:17 And Jehovah said to me, They have done well in what they have spoken.
 Deut 18:18 A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.
 Deut 18:19 And the man who will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I Myself will require it from him.
- C. That the Prophet was to be from among their brothers (v. 15a) indicates that Christ as the coming Prophet would be human as well as divine—John 1:1, 14:
- Deut 18:15a A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; ...
 John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
1. As God, Christ could not be from among the Jews as a brother, but as the incarnated One, the One who has put on human nature and was a Jew, Christ was from among His brothers—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3; Phil. 2:5-8.
 Rom 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
 Rom 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
- Phil 2:6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,
- Phil 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;
- Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.
2. The coming Christ would be God incarnated to be a Godman—Luke 1:31-33.
- Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
- Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father,
- Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.
- D. Deuteronomy 18:18 indicates that God would raise up this Prophet through the incarnation of Christ to speak the word of God—John 1:14; 3:34; 7:16-17; 8:18; Heb. 1:2a:
- Deut 18:18 A Prophet will I raise up for them from the midst of their brothers like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He will speak to them all that I command Him.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- John 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.
- John 7:16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.
- John 7:17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.
- John 8:18 I am One who testifies concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies concerning Me.
- Heb 1:2a Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, ...
1. To speak God's word—to prophesy—is to dispense God, to speak God forth into others—1 Cor. 14:1, 3, 5, 24-25, 31.
- 1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- 1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.
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- 1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
- 1 Cor 14:25 The secrets of his heart become manifest; and so falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that indeed God is among you.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
2. This is what the Lord Jesus did as the Prophet raised up by God—Acts 3:21-22.
- Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of the restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.
- Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.

IV. The prophets in the Old Testament typify the Holy Spirit as the anointing ointment in the New Testament—2 Cor. 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27:

- 2 Cor 1:21 But the One who firmly attaches us with you unto Christ and has anointed us is God,
- 1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.
- 1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

- A. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit has replaced the work of the prophets—Luke 1:41-42, 46-55, 67-79.
- Luke 1:41 And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Luke 1:42 And she lifted up her voice with a loud cry and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
- Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord,
 Luke 1:47 And my spirit has exulted in God my Savior;
 Luke 1:48 Because He has looked upon the low estate of His slave. For behold, from now on all generations will count me blessed,
 Luke 1:49 Because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
 Luke 1:50 And His mercy is unto generations and generations, unto those who fear Him.
 Luke 1:51 He has exercised might with His arm; He has scattered those who are proud in the understanding of their heart.
 Luke 1:52 He has brought down potentates from thrones and has exalted the humble;
 Luke 1:53 The hungry He has filled with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.
 Luke 1:54 He has upheld Israel His servant to remember mercy,
 Luke 1:55 Even as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
 Luke 1:67 And Zachariah his father was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
 Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and accomplished redemption for His people,
 Luke 1:69 And raised a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant,
 Luke 1:70 Even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old-
 Luke 1:71 Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,
 Luke 1:72 To accomplish mercy with our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,
 Luke 1:73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
 Luke 1:74 To grant us that we, having been delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,
 Luke 1:75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
 Luke 1:76 And you also, little child, shall be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,
 Luke 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins,
 Luke 1:78 Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,
 Luke 1:79 To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- B. The anointing of the Holy Spirit has replaced the prophets of the Old Testament—Acts 3:21-22; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; Acts 1:2; 2:4.
- Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of the restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.
- Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- 2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- Acts 1:2 Until the day on which He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He chose;
- Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.
- C. The Holy Spirit, the anointing element, has entered into us to be our Prophet—Rom. 8:11, 16; 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 4:4, 6:
- Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

- Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father!
1. In the Old Testament the representatives through whom the Holy Spirit gave revelations were the prophets—2 Pet. 1:21.
2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.
 2. Today the Spirit of revelation, typified by the prophets, is in us, and the Spirit gives us revelation—Eph. 1:17-18; 1 Cor. 14:29-30.
Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,
Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
1 Cor 14:29 And as to prophets, two or three should speak, and the others discern.
1 Cor 14:30 But if something is revealed to another sitting by, the first should be silent.
- D. The anointing Spirit within us is the Prophet—2 Cor. 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27:
- 2 Cor 1:21 But the One who firmly attaches us with you unto Christ and has anointed us is God,
1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.
1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.
1. The anointing Spirit has entered into us to be our living Prophet—vv. 20, 27.
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1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.
 2. In the Old Testament the Spirit of God came upon certain people and moved only them; now the Spirit has entered into all of us to be our Prophet—Num. 11:25-26, 29.
Num 11:25 And Jehovah came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and He took of the Spirit who was upon him, and put Him upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.
Num 11:26 But two men had remained in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. (Now they were among those who were registered, but they had not gone out to the tent.) And they prophesied in the camp.
Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!
 3. The Spirit who inspired people to be prophets has entered into us as the anointing to be our Prophet—1 John 2:20, 27.
1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.
1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

V. The New Testament shows that God wants us, the saved and regenerated ones, to prophesy as prophets—1 Cor. 14:1, 3, 5, 24, 31:

- 1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.
1 Cor 14:5 I desire that you all speak in tongues, but especially that you would prophesy; and greater is he who prophesies than he who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, that the church may receive building up.
1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

- A. Prophecy is the excelling gift produced in the growth in life through the enjoyment of Christ for the building up of the church—v. 12; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 14:4b.
- 1 Cor 14:12 So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- 1 Cor 14:4b ... but he who prophesies builds up the church.
- B. The New Testament believers are saved by God to be kings, priests, and prophets who prophesy for God—Rev. 1:5-6; 20:4b; 1 Cor. 14:31:
- Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood
- Rev 1:6 And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.
- Rev 20:4b ... And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
1. Regenerated and saved persons are able to prophesy for God—John 3:3, 5-6; 1 Cor. 14:31-32.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
- 1 Cor 14:32 And the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;
2. God desires that each of the believers prophesy, that is, speak for Him and speak Him forth—vv. 1, 3, 5, 24, 31.
- 1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- 1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.
- 1 Cor 14:5 I desire that you all speak in tongues, but especially that you would prophesy; and greater is he who prophesies than he who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, that the church may receive building up.
- 1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
- 1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
3. God wants to speak within us and through us according to the principle of incarnation—6:17; 7:25, 40.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- 1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.
- 1 Cor 7:40 But she is more blessed if she so remains, according to my opinion; but I think that I also have the Spirit of God.
- C. Speaking for God and speaking forth God are speaking by the Spirit of God; the Spirit is always ready to speak with us and through us—12:3; 14:32.
- 1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus is accursed; and no one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Cor 14:32 And the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;
- D. To prophesy in the sense of telling for and telling forth—speaking for God and speaking forth God—requires much growth in life—Eph. 4:15:
- Eph 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

1. For this, we need to know God and experience Christ—Heb. 8:10-11; Phil. 3:7-15.
 - Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
 - Heb 8:11 And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.
 - Phil 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
 - Phil 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
 - Phil 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,
 - Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
 - Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
 - Phil 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
 - Phil 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,
 - Phil 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.
 - Phil 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.
 2. If we do not have the adequate knowledge of God and experience of Christ, we do not have anything to say for Him, and we cannot speak Him forth.
- E. The main work of the New Testament prophets is for building up, encouraging, and consoling others—1 Cor. 14:3.
- 1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.
- F. The goal of prophesying in the church meetings is the building up of the church as the Body of Christ—v. 12.
- 1 Cor 14:12 So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.
- G. Prophesying requires the three constituting elements of prophesying:
1. A knowledge of the Word of God—the human element of learning—2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ezek. 3:1-4.
 - 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
 - 2 Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.
 - Ezek 3:1 Then He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.
 - Ezek 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and He gave me that scroll to eat.
 - Ezek 3:3 And He said to me, Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your inward parts with this scroll that I am giving you. And I ate it, and it was like honey in my mouth in its sweetness.
 - Ezek 3:4 Then He said to me, Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.
 2. The instant inspiration of the Holy Spirit—the divine element of inspiration—1 Cor. 14:32, 37a; 1 John 1:6-7; Rom. 8:4.
 - 1 Cor 14:32 And the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;
 - 1 Cor 14:37a If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him fully know the things which I write to you, ...

- 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;
- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
- Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
3. A vision concerning God's interest and economy, concerning the church as the Body of Christ, concerning the local churches, concerning the world, concerning the individual saints, and even concerning ourselves—the view through the enlightening of the divine light—Eph. 1:17; 1 Cor. 2:11-12.
- Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,
- 1 Cor 2:11 For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him? In the same way, the things of God also no one has known except the Spirit of God.
- 1 Cor 2:12 But we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit which is from God, that we may know the things which have been graciously given to us by God;
- H. If we are going to prophesy, we need to live a prophesying life:
1. We need to be revived every morning—Prov. 4:18; Lam. 3:22-24; Psa. 119:147-148:
- Prov 4:18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, / Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
- Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;
- Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.
- Lam 3:24 Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him.
- Psa 119:147 I anticipated the dawn and cried out; / I hoped in Your words.
- Psa 119:148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, / That I might muse upon Your word.
- a. The path of the righteous is like the dawn that becomes brighter and brighter until noontime; this is according to the natural law in God's creation, and we have to go along with it.
- b. In Lamentations 3:22-24 Jeremiah says that the Lord's compassions are fresh and new every morning.
- Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;
- Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.
- Lam 3:24 Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him.
2. We also need to live an overcoming life every day by fellowshiping with the Lord moment by moment, by walking according to the spirit, and by speaking the word (the Lord) in season and out of season—1 John 1:6; Rom. 8:4; 2 Tim. 4:2a.
- 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;
- Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- 2 Tim 4:2a Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; ...