

12. How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The gift of prophecy ..., like the gift of apostleship, is something that is no longer with the church since, having the completed Old and New Testaments, we no longer need it.

James Montgomery Boice

What some people today call “prophecies” are actually impressions from God. He can use impressions to guide and lead us, but they aren’t infallible and must always be tested by Scripture. We should also consult with wise counselors before acting on such impressions.

Thomas Schreiner

All portions of Scripture ought to be approached with deep humility and earnest prayer for the teaching of the Spirit. On no point have good people so entirely disagreed as on the interpretation of prophecy; on no point have the prejudices of one group, the dogmatism of a second and the extravagance of a third done so much to rob the church of truths which God intended to be a blessing.

J. C. Ryle

The closest anyone could come today to prophesying is not preaching, but simply reading Scripture verbatim.

Fred Zaspel

Since the canon of Scripture has closed, the spiritual gift of prophecy no longer needs to be sovereignly given by the Holy Spirit.

S. Lewis Johnson, Jr.

Prophecy and miracles argue the imperfection of the state of the church, rather than its perfection. For they are means designed by God as a stay or support, or as a leading string to the church in its infancy, rather than as means adapted to it in its full growth.

Jonathan Edwards

Those in the charismatic ... and those in the cessationist camp ... really need each other, and they would do well to appreciate each other more.... It is certainly not helpful to the church as a whole for both sides to think they can learn nothing from the other, or that they can gain no benefit from fellowship with each other.

Wayne Grudem



Message #92: Spiritual Gifts — Prophecy

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Sermon Notes

1. Prophecy as new revelation no longer happens

2. True prophecy as errant, fallible revelation does not happen

3. Proclaiming prior written revelation is called preaching and teaching

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. What should we do with the gifting God through the Holy Spirit has given us (*Romans 12:6-8*)?

4. What does *Revelation 22:18-19* tell us about God's revelation to us?

5. What was the function of a prophet of God in the Old Testament?

6. What was the punishment for being a false prophet of God (*Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:20-22*)?

7. If one who preaches is a preacher and one who teaches a teacher, what is one called who has the gift of prophecy?

8. What is the church built upon according to *Ephesians 2:20*?

Do we still have *apostles and prophets* today? Explain.

9. What do the following passages teach about prophecy?
1 Corinthians 12:7-10, 28 —

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 —

1 Corinthians 14:1-4 —

Ephesians 4:11-12 —

10. Peter mentions speaking gifts and serving gifts but no sign gifts in *1 Peter 4:10-11*. Why do you think this is so?

11. What might Peter be implying in *2 Peter 2:1*?