

Prophecy: Speaking the Truth from God

A Biblical Perspective on the Gift of Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1

“Eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.”

What Is Prophecy?

Speaking on behalf of God by the Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:3 – Strengthening, encouraging, comforting

A Foretelling and Forthtelling

Rooted in truth, driven by love

Prophets
From Old
Testament to
New

Jeremiah – Truth-teller in a hostile culture (Jer. 1:7, 20:9)

Hosea – A living message of God's faithful love

Prophets were covenant messengers, not celebrities

Prophecy is a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:10, Rom. 12:6)

For building up, not tearing down

Encouraged by Paul: “Especially desire prophecy” (1 Cor. 14:1)

Not infallible—must be tested and weighed (1 Cor. 14:29)

Warnings About False Prophecy

Jeremiah 23:16 – “They speak visions from their own minds”

Matthew 7:15 – “Wolves in sheep’s clothing”

Discernment is critical

How to Test Prophecy

1. Does it align with Scripture?

2. Does it glorify Jesus?

3. Does it bear good fruit?

4. Is it affirmed in community?

1 Thess. 5:20-21 – “Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all.”

How Can We Prophecy?

Seek

Seek God daily—prophecy flows from intimacy

Ask

Ask for the gift—1 Cor. 14:1

Stay

Stay grounded in Scripture

Be

Be accountable to leaders

Practice

Practice in love and humility

Why Should We Prophecy?

Brings clarity, conviction, encouragement

Helps people experience God's voice personally

Builds up the body of Christ

A lifeline of hope to the weary

1 Cor. 14:3 – “The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening.”

Conclusion: A Prophetic People

Prophecy is for today

Speak God's heart with humility and courage

Be like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Hosea—faithful and loving

“Let us hear His voice and share it—clearly, biblically, and compassionately.”