

Prophets & Apostles (SEERS & DO-ERS)

Here's a peculiar passage:

"And David said on that day,
Whosoever getteth up to the gutter,
and smiteth the Jebusites, and **the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain.** Wherefore they said, '**The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.**'" (2 Samuel 5:8)

Yet David did NOT HATE the **lame & blind**. He proved that 4 chapters later.

What **was** despised, even by God (Leviticus 21:18, Deuteronomy 15:21) & made evident in Jesus's ministry (Matthew 21:14) was **LAMENESS & BLINDNESS** (and *all* other infirmities).

These 2 healings were offered first by Jesus as **proof that He was God** to John the Baptist when he waived:
"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."
(Matthew 11:2-5)

In order for the Church to once again begin operating in the supernatural realm--like Jesus, congregations must **BE TAUGHT, KNOW & RECEIVE ALL 5** OF CHRIST'S GIFTS to His CHURCH--so His body is **no longer BLIND** (unable to SEE God's Kingdom) or **LAME** (unable to walk in it).

Let **Apostles & Prophets** (seers & do-ers) **ARISE** in Christ's Body.
"Thy Kingdom COME..." (Matthew 6:10)

SPIRITUAL SENSES

Musicians compose--hearing what others don't hear and reproducing it so all can hear it. **Artists** may see a statue when they look at clay--or see a picture and then paint it on a canvas so the rest of us can see it. Their spiritual senses are heightened. In a similar manner, every religion has people that are **Prophets**--seeing into the spirit realm. It is an innate, irrevocable gift of God (Romans 12:6), or of Christ to His Church (Eph. 4:11) or from the Holy Spirit (1 Corin. 12:10).

We all know that there are animals that **see & hear better** than us--both a blessing & (sometimes) a curse (i.e., dogs hear sounds 4 times louder).

So, why not people?

Rather than fear 'seers' of other cultures (i.e., Native American, Hindu, Jamaican...), we would do well to **acknowledge their gift**. It opens the door to a conversation about how **the Creator**, in His infinite love, crossed the specie barrier (from divine to human) & came to earth to redeem and heal mankind. Using **His Holy Word, introduce them to Jesus**. Then, let the Holy Spirit do the rest. (You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.)

We **need** prophets in the Church to **speak the truth in love** and we need **not fear the supernatural**.

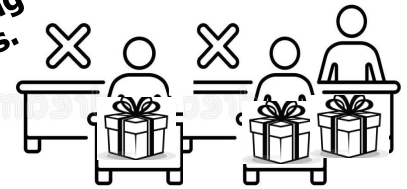


"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear..."
(1 John 4:18a)

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Apostles & Prophets

The Church's missing gifts.



THE 12 disciples were NOT the **ONLY apostles** named in the Bible.

Others mentioned were: Barnabus (Acts 14:14), Andronicus & Junia (Romans 16:7), Silvanus & Timothy (1 Thess. 1:1, 2:6), Paul (Romans 11:13) & James (Jesus's brother--Galatians 1:19). Apostolic ministries today--those 'sent out' to colonize cultures for God's Kingdom are explained in '7 Mountains Mandate' at: <http://2-acres.com/Ginger>

But, this brochure is about **Prophets & Prophetesses**.

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the GIFT OF CHRIST." (Ephesians 4:7)

"And he gave some APOSTLES; and some PROPHETS; and some EVANGELISTS, and some PASTORS & TEACHERS; (Eph. 4:11)
"And God hath set some in the church, first APOSTLES, secondarily PROPHETS, thirdly TEACHERS, after that MIRACLES, then gifts of HEALINGS, HELPS, GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES." (1 Corin. 12:28)

Prophecy is also a **GIFT OF GOD** (Romans 11:29/12:6) & a **GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** (1 Corin. 12:7-10)
We are to **seek this gift!** (1 Corin. 14:1)

Here are 10 Bible truths about prophets...

PROPHETS

1) God protects His prophets.

"Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and **DO MY PROPHETS NO HARM.**"
(1 Chronicles 16:22, Psalm 105:15)

The first man called a **prophet** in the Bible, **Abraham**, was given that title by God--when he told Abimelech:
"Now therefore **restore** the man *his* wife; for **he is a prophet**, and he shall pray for thee, **and thou shalt live**: and **if** thou restore *her* **not**, know thou that **thou shalt surely die**, thou, and all that *are* thine." (Genesis 20:7)

2) Prophets='SEE'-ERS who SPEAK & demonstrate LIVING PARABLES

(similitudes--Hosea 12:10)
[examples: **Jeremiah** 13:1-11 (*buries a belt*) & 27:2 (*wears a yoke*), **Hosea** 3:1-5 (*marries a harlot*), **Ezekiel** 4:1-8 (*lies on left side 390 days*) & 24:2-14 (*doesn't cry at wife's death*), **Isaiah** 20:3 (*walks naked & barefoot 3 years*), **Jonah** 2:2 Matt. 12:40 (*3 1/2 days in Sheol*), **Agabus** in Acts 21:10-11 (*bound himself*)]

3) Jesus was Prophet/Priest/King

"I will raise them up a **Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto thee, and **will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them** all that I shall command him."
(Deuteronomy 18:18)

"Whither the forerunner is for us entered, **even Jesus**, made an **High Priest** for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 6:20)

"Fear not, daughter of *Sion: behold, thy **King** cometh, sitting on an ass's colt." (John 12:15)

*Note: In the KJV **Old Testament**, Zion is spelled with a **Z** and with an **S** in the **N.T.**

4) ALL believers can prophesy.

"For **ye may ALL prophecy** one by one, that **all** may learn, and **all** may be comforted." (1 Corinthians 14:31)
"...but if **all** prophecy..." (1 Corin. 14:24)
"And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will** pour out **in those days** of my Spirit; and **they shall prophecy**" (Acts 2:18, Joel 2:28)
"...for the **testimony of Jesus IS the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.**"
(Revelation 19:10)

PROPHETESSES

5) 5 women in the Old Testament are called a prophetess.

Miriam (Exodus 15:20), **Deborah** (Jud. 4:4), **Huldah** (2 Kings 22:14 & 2 Chronicles 34:22), **Noadiah** (Neh. 6:14) & **Isaiah's wife** (Is. 8:3)

5 women in the New Testament are called a prophetess.

Anna (Luke 2:36) & 4 unnamed (Acts 21:9).

6. There have always been prophets.

"As he spake by the mouth of **his holy prophets which have been since the world began**:" (Luke 1:70)

7. The earth responds to prophecy.

"Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and **prophecy against the forest** of the south field." (Ezekiel 20:46)

"Also, thou son of man, **prophecy unto the mountains** of Israel, and say, Ye **mountains** of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:" (Ezekiel 36:1, 6)

"Then said he unto me, **Prophecy unto the wind**..." (Ezekiel 37:9a)

However, a prophet's family may not respond.
"But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, **but (except) in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**" (Mark 6:4, Matt. 13:57)

8. Prophecy* has not ceased.

"...**The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophecy?**" (Amos 3:8b)

"Wherefore, brethren, **covet to prophecy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.**" (1 Corinthians 14:39)

"Surely the Lord GOD **will do nothing**, but **He revealeth his secret** unto **his servants the prophets.**" (Amos 3:7)

9. Music can be used to prophesy.

"Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should **prophecy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals...**" (1 Chronicles 25:1)

10) True prophets test false prophets.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try** the spirits whether they are of God: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)

"And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."
(1 Corinthians 14:32)

There are many examples of **false** prophets (*and prophetesses--like Noadiah*)--allied with enemies of God's people--in the Bible. They are those who claim to speak for the Creator God but do not obey Him.

"...**Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess**, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication & to eat things sacrificed unto idols." (Revelation 2:20)

*Note: Prophecy (pronounced CEE) is a noun. Prophecy (pronounced SI) is a verb.