

The Prophet vs. Gift of Prophecy

I realize that the subject I will be discussing, has caused a large amount of controversy and disagreement between various groups, of believers and so-called believers in Mashiach and Scriptures.

Yet there is a genuine need for the Believer and Congregation, to have a Scriptural understanding, pertaining to truth relating to the Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet and the Gift of Prophecy and the proper and correct operation and function of each.

As we enter into the period referred to, “as the Perilous Times or the Days of Sorrow”, I am convinced the Prophets are vital and serve to provide a necessary role for this era, to aid the Believer and Congregation.

We should rejoice and be glad that our Heavenly Abba, in His infinite wisdom has placed among the Body, those who are able to supply Yahweh’s encouragement, comfort, insight, correction, direction and warnings but we should also, understand the difference between the Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet and the function of the Gift of Prophecy.

There are those who are stating and teaching that the Gift of Discernment is Prophetic but I believe this to be incorrect. Although those who are Prophets and/or have the Gift of Prophecy may have the Gift of Discernment, those who have the Gift of Discernment are not always a Prophet nor do they have the Gift of Prophecy.

I would like to first address the Gift of Prophecy and the function of this gift in relationship to the Believer and Congregation.

Gift of Prophecy

1. As I stated before, those who have the Gift of Prophecy do not always have the Gift of Discernment but it is possible that they do have both gifts.
2. The Gift of Prophecy does not mean that an individual holds the Office and/or Ministry of a Prophet.
3. The Gift of Prophecy serves only three purposes, which are set forth in Scripture. Let us take a look at what the Scriptures state and examine each one more closely.

1Co 14:

1 Pursue love, and earnestly seek the spiritual gifts, but rather that you prophesy.

3 But he who is prophesying speaks upbuilding and encouragement and comfort to men.

A. Upbuilding: To instruct and/or encourage in spiritual or moral improvements and conditions.

B. Encouragement: To urge with strong spiritual argument, admonition, advise or appeal.

C. Comfort: To provide solace or soothe in a time of affliction or distress.

So, if a Believer has only the Gift of Prophecy, their gift is limited to the section of Scripture discussed above and in no way does it imply that they have the calling or operate in the Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet.

Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet

1. The Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet is a Divine calling of the Most High Yahweh and is not a position that an individual merely assumes as a vocation or because he desires to operate in the Prophetic. For those who claim that the Prophets no longer exist or are unnecessary, they are making assertions that are not Scripturally sound and fail to understand the importance and necessity for this calling.

Let's take a look at the Scriptures, that speak in regards to this Office and/or Ministry.

Luk 11:49 "And because of this the wisdom of Elohim said, 'I shall send them prophets and emissaries, and some of them they shall kill and persecute,'

1Co 12:28 And Elohim has appointed these in the assembly: firstly emissaries, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers,....

Eph 4:

11 And He Himself gave some as emissaries, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers

12 for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the work of service to a building up of the body of the Messiah,

2. Those who serve and function in the Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet, can also operate in the Gift of Prophecy and/or Discernment and these individuals might possibly fill or operate in other positions of Ministry, which are outlined in the aforementioned Scriptures. Yet a true Prophets' primary role and duties will be in the Prophetic.
3. The true Prophet serves as the mouthpiece for a Divine, Holy and Righteous Yahweh and speaks truths, corrections, rebukes, the Gifts of Prophecy, instructions and revelations but they will always be in agreement with Scripture. If a Prophetic pronouncement fails to conform to Scriptural teachings and/or fails to happen, then one should be suspect of the calling on the individuals' life and what manner of spirit they are operating under.

1Jn 4:

- 1 Beloved ones, do not believe every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of Elohim, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 2 By this you know Ha Ruach of Elohim: Every spirit that confesses that יהושע Mashiach has come in the flesh is of Elohim,

4. Today there are many who are trying to use the Prophetic for their own gain and have caused many Believers and Congregations serious damage and harm. When the prophetic is used by some for unholy purposes, through their misuse they diminish the Truth in regards to the genuine Office and/or Ministry of the Prophet.

That is why the Prophets should be accountable to the Prophets and not to supposed men of Yahweh, who try to conform prophecy to fit into their theology and doctrinal positions and promote their own agendas. Never should a True Word from Yahweh be altered or edited, so that it is pleasing or acceptable to the Believer and/or Congregation.

1Co 14:

- 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
- 33 For Elohim is not Elohim of disorder but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the set-apart ones.

Brethren we should not fear the Truth but the untruth, for if we dismiss the true Prophets then the Believer and/or the Congregation does not have access to all that our Heavenly Abba has purposed and intended for His people, so that we can walk in the completeness of His Divine Will. Each and every Office and/or Ministry provides and fills a specific need that is crucial and essential for today and if we fail to utilize what Abba has provided, we place ourselves in jeopardy.