

### 3 WAY TO RECOGNIZE A FALSE PROPHET!

There is an Addiction for the Prophetic in our land today because people are not desperate enough to pursue and Seek God for themselves...

1- The Prophet that tickles your ear with what you want to hear... God forbid that they should have to Prophecy like Isaiah did to King Hezekiah....

Isaiah 38:1 Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

Or what Jesus prophesied to the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

The Cold hard Fact is, that a true Prophet of God is not always Mr nice guy, why? cause the Prophetic office often demands confrontation of sin and that's not always pleasant...

But who doesn't wanna hear a good word of prophecy about their finances, or our ministry, or our business, or our future? I'm sure We all do... but what happens when it doesn't come to pass cause it wasn't from God?

I'll tell you what happens... Your Hope gets Crushed and you then become Heart/Sick, losing Hope and as a result you begin to loose confidence in God, cause he didn't keep his word to you...

My personal testimony is... out of the hundreds of Prophecies that I have personally received throughout the years... only 2 maybe 3 that contained Divine Direction and showed me things to come have been from God... Now I know that for the most part, people mean well... I'm not saying they don't. But that doesn't necessarily mean that what they're Propheying is from God...

That is why I Thessalonians 5:19-21 is such a powerful scripture "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." And again in John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many False Prophets are gone out into the world.

Having said that, Let me encourage you not to settle for second hand information, when you have direct access to the true and living God... for Remember, The Veil has been Rent!

## 2- The Prophet of Gloom and Doom /

These are the so called Prophets that are always Propheying... Gloom and Doom!

Or The End is coming... The End is coming...

But I'm here to tell you, The End is NOT Coming. But JESUS IS! Jesus is Coming and He's coming soon... (Song) Soon and very Soon we are going to see the King!

Now here's the crazy thing... Today, Every body is a Prophet... especially now with the War in Israel... and the Elections coming up for the Presidency... we now have Prophets coming out of the woodworks. Here's the funny thing, out of the hundreds of Prophecies that they have given, maybe a handful have come to pass...

That is why Again I Admonish you to... Prove all things; hold fast that which is good... don't be shaken by what someone is saying, just because they called themselves a Prophet or a Prophetess...

Anybody can Prophecy... but that doesn't necessarily mean that they are speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit... many times, they Prophecy out of their own mind and emotions...

Here's something funny, I once had a Big Bird that Prophesied... but it wasn't from God... but on the other side of the coin I have had people who never even called themselves a prophet, who spoke the Word of the Lord to me in a time of Need...

Listen to I Thessalonians 5:19-21 "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Kenneth Haggin use to say... Eat the hay and throw away the sticks.

3- The Prophet for hire... Today you have People Propheying for money who at one time operated in the Prophetic office with a pure gift... but sadly, as Jude 1:10 tells us, For the sake of money they have given themselves over to the error that Balaam committed, and as a result have defiled the Purity of the Prophetic office... Sad!

**BUT THE HOLY GHOST CANNOT BE BOUGHT!** And God will never contradict His Word... for God said, You shall Find me, when YOU SEEK FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH... Then, Shall you find me... not when you're willing to pay someone to get in touch

with God for you... that's why people go to soothsayers, palm reader and people with familiar spirits who call themselves Prophets... but this is nothing new...

Acts 8:18-21 "And when Simon (the sorcerer) saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Now let's look at 1 Samuel 26:8 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets... Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, (a witch) that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit, a Witch at Endor.

Do you really think that if you're not really living for God... and as a result, he's not answering you personally, that you can go to someone who calls themselves a Prophet, and PAY, TO HAVE GOD TALK TO YOU? I'll let you answer that...

4- Then we have the Prophetic Church... made up of people just like you and I... A Prophetic people, a People of Destiny... with a Divine Purpose!

Let me encourage you not to settle for second hand information when you have direct access to the true and living God... Now thank God when He decides to speak to us Prophetically... to Confirm what he already been saying to us in the secret place...

Now imagine you are married... but you decide that in order to communicate with your wife you have to have to go through a mediator... for Example... in order to communicate with your wife you have to ask a friend... How is my wife doing? What is she saying these days? How is she feeling? Please let her know, that if there is anything I can do for her I'll be happy to do it... How foolish is that? Well, is no different then me depending on someone else to tell me what God is saying... and again, I'm not putting down the Prophetic office, I'm just teaching you that YOU HAVE ACCESS TO GOD FOR YOURSELF, AND IF GOD SEES FIT TO SPEAK TO YOU PROPHETICALLY, PRAISE HIM FOR IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, EAT THE HAY AND THROW AWAY THE STICKS... OR MAKE SURE YOU CHECK DOWN ON THE INSIDE FOR EITHER THE LACK OF PEACE OR THE PRESENCE OF PEACE... FOR THE HOLY GHOST WILL BEAR WITNESS WITH YOUR SPIRIT...

I ONCE HEARD Kenneth Haggin say, When Jesus appeared to Him one time, Jesus told him that a Prophet in the New Testament doesn't have the same status as he did in the Old Testament... because the Veil that separated God from the people has been Rent from Top to Bottom and we now have direct access to God through the blood of Jesus and in His Name... that is why Jesus in Hebrews 4:16 we are Invited to Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace, etc, etc...

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THANK GOD 2 Peter 1:19 teaches us, We have also a more SURE OF PROPHECY... how? through the scriptures!

Numbers 11:29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? (Talking to Joshua) would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

(This happened after the Holy Ghost fell in the upper room at Pentecost)

Acts 2:7-8, 12-17 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams:"

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1 Samuel 10:10-12. "And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?"

I Samuel 18:10-11 “And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.”

No Prophet knows everything... for only God is Omniscient... 2 Kings 4:27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

Also, when God sent The Prophet Samuel to Jesse's David's father's house to Anoint one of his sons as King in the place of Saul, God never interfered with the Process of finding David... when Jesus appeared to Kenneth Hagin, Jesus told him that a Prophet in the New Testament doesn't have the same status as he did in the Old Testament... because the Veil that separated God from the people has been Rent from Top to Bottom and we now have direct access to God through the blood of Jesus and in His Name... that is why Jesus in Hebrews 4:16 we are Invited to Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace, etc, etc...

And then, when Jesus appeared to the Apostle John in the book of Revelation... Jesus told John 8 times to write these words and sent them to the Church.... He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church and not just what the Prophets are saying....

And yes, God does speak through Prophets today, but it is not so much for direction as it is for conformation... something God already been speaking or dealing with you about...

When God wanted to tell Peter about Cornelius... He didn't send a Prophet... he gave him a supernatural vision...

When God wanted to give the Apostle Paul divine Direction... he didn't send a Prophet... he gave him a vision in the night...

For Example, when the Prophet Agabus had a Prophecy concerning Paul the Apostle, he didn't tell him what to do... He gave him a choice...

A True Prophet is no respecter of persons... He speaks under the Guidance and Inspiration of the Almighty... He doesn't speak His mind... He speaks Thus Saith The Lord!

A diviner is a person that practices divination... (Which is the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means)