

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

A CASE FOR THE PROPHETIC THE BOOK OF ACTS SERIES

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TEXTS: Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance...

Acts 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.’”

INTRO: I love the prophetic. It has changed my life. God spoke to me to marry Sue and then confirmed it with five major prophetic confirmations. Concerning all the ministries that God birthed, they were all initiated by a prophetic word. For example, I shared how God led us with a prophetic dream to come to LA. During the Toronto Revival, in February 1994, I heard the inner audible voice of the Lord, “4-4-94,” and I knew that was the date to start Harvest Rock Church. Cindy Jacobs gave me a prophetic word in December 1995 that I would be leading churches in every continent. The next October, Harvest International Ministry was launched, and by God’s grace, we are now in 70 nations on all major continents. I remember when God woke me up in October 1999 to serve Lou Engle and TheCall. TheCall became the largest youth prayer movement in the history of the church, and again we give Jesus all the glory and honor. Kim Clement prophesied that we would buy the Ambassador Auditorium! That is why at Harvest Rock Church we love and honor the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit was sent to speak to us and to lead us into all truth. But I am getting ahead of myself.



Let's look at the text. The Holy Spirit fell in the upper room, and the 120 were all baptized in the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, interpreted that speaking in tongues was a manifestation of the prophetic and their encounter in the upper room was fulfilling the prophecy of Joel 2:28—that God would pour out His Spirit in the last days and His people would prophesy.

In the Old Testament, it was the “Age of God the Father.” God was showing us there is a God who created the universe, and He is a Father who wants a family. He created the family in the garden, but when they sinned, He chose another family, Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac to restore what was lost in the garden. Culminating with the last family of Joseph and Mary, who would birth and raise Jesus until the fulness of time.

Then for three and a half years, it was the “Age of the Son,” who would give us a better revelation of who the Father is, show us how to live and minister, and die for the sins of the world.

After Jesus died, rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father, Jesus sends His Spirit, the third person of the Trinity on Pentecost, 50 days after the Passover and the resurrection of Jesus—and thus we begin the “Age of the Holy Spirit.”

Purpose Statement: I want to share (1) The Biblical Basis for the Prophetic, (2) The Prophetic and Principles of Guidance, (3) How to Hear the Voice of God.

I. THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE PROPHETIC

A. Acts 2:17 “AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.’”

1. “The last days”: We have been in the last days for the past 2,000 years.
2. God is going to pour out His Spirit on all mankind. People must still choose to believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus (the Gospel) and receive the Holy Spirit by faith.
3. The prophetic activities that are mentioned in this passage are: *Prophecy* – when God gives you a word and you speak it forth. *Visions* – which include open visions (which has happened to me only twice in my life), but more commonly visions would be prophetic guidance for one’s life and ministry. *Dreams* – prophetic dreams as well as interpreting dreams. E.g. Joseph and Pharaoh. It starts with Joseph having a dream that his family would one day submit to his authority. His

story ends by Joseph interpreting Pharoah's dream and being promoted to the second highest position in Egypt.

4. The last point is that the Holy Spirit will fall on common people. The "deplorables" of society. Children, old people, servants. God has given all of you the Holy Spirit, and you can all move in the prophetic and hear the voice of God.

B. GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE PROPHETIC

1. The word *prophet* appears 300 times in the Old Testament and 100 times in the New Testament.
2. **The Hebrew word for prophet is the word *nabiy*. The feminine noun is *nabia*. Miriam is called a prophetess in Exodus 15:20. The other key word is *ra'ah* for seer (1 Samuel 9:9 – Samuel was a seer).**
3. A seer moves more through visual prophetic impressions, while a *nabiy* prophet moves more through hearing the voice of God. He is more auditory with the impression from the Holy Spirit.
4. **A prophet was someone who hears the word from God and speaks out or writes out that word on behalf of God.**
5. God called Abraham a prophet (Genesis 20:7), Moses "a great prophet" (Deuteronomy 34:10), Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, et al.
6. The two highest offices in the Old Testament are the Prophet and the High Priest. They were over the King. In the New Testament, it is the apostle and prophet (Ephesians 2:20; see also Hebrews 3:1).

C. JESUS THE PROPHET

1. In the Old Testament, God prophesies about Jesus, The Prophet that will come forth from the people of Israel: **Deuteronomy 18:18 "I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."**
2. Peter affirms that this prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:18 refers to Jesus. **Acts 3:22 "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.'"**
3. **Luke 24:19b "...concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people."**
4. The woman at the well. **John 4:16 He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet." Jesus is The Prophet—and more than a prophet, He is God.**

5. **John 6:14** Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”
 6. **JESUS ONLY DID WHAT HE SAW THE FATHER DO:** In His sovereignty, Jesus depended on the Holy Spirit. He was setting an example for us to follow. **John 5:19** Therefore, Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”
- D. IN THE NEW COVENANT WE CAN ALL HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD**
1. **“AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY”**
 2. Our children can prophesy. In the past, we would train Harvest Rock Kids to prophesy over adults. On May 28, 1995, my daughters Joy and Mary and their friend Christine began to prophesy that they had to go to Mott Auditorium. This was around midnight. Sue, discerning that they were hearing from the Lord, brought them to Mott, and they encountered the glory of God. They saw angels and thousands of doves and began to prophesy, “Mott is too small. Stadiums will be filled.” Lou was there and TheCall was birthed in his heart of Stadium Christianity.
 3. **John 10:27** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” All of you, even if you got born again last night, can hear the voice of God.
 4. **John 16:12** “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” (See Ephesians 1:17.)
 5. God has given us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.
 6. **Isaiah 30:21** Your ears will hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right or to the left. One translation says, “He will whisper behind you.” Why the whisper? He wants intimacy with you. He wants you to get quiet and be still and know that He is God.

II. PRINCIPLES OF GUIDANCE: FOUR THINGS THAT MUST LINE UP WITH THE PROPHETIC WORD

A. THE BIBLE

1. Therefore, it is so important that every believer becomes a student of His eternal Word. If the “word” you receive is contrary to God’s Word, you must obey the Bible. The “word” you received was a false word. E.g. A word to marry an unbeliever, but it is contrary to God’s Word (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). I have seen a lot of marriages suffer because of the violation of this truth. You are being led by your hormones or the devil and not the Holy Spirit.

B. GODLY COUNSEL

1. **Proverbs 11:14** Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.
2. **Psalm 1:1** How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

C. SUPERNATURAL CONFIRMATION

1. I have heard the audible voice of God only once, “You will marry Sue Roxas!” But He gave me five major confirmations, including my dad blessing the marriage.

D. CIRCUMSTANCES: OPEN DOORS/CLOSED DOORS

1. You know that a door is opened because you can go through it without banging your face on the door. Unfortunately, when God closes a door, we still try to go through even though we are banging our face each time we try. This year of 2022, I believe that there will be many open doors.

III. HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

A. MAKE SURE YOUR HEART IS CLEAN

1. **Psalm 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

B. GIVE EXPRESSION TO YOUR IMPRESSIONS

1. If you respond to your alarm clock, you become very sensitive to the alarm, and you will wake up before the alarm goes off to turn off the alarm. But if you sleep through it and don’t give expression (turn off) to the impression, you will become dull of hearing. In the same way, you develop a hearing heart by obeying the impressions that God gives you.

C. ASK, “IS THAT YOU, GOD?” AND ASK FOR CONFIRMATION

1. Confirmation to come to LA. We got confirmation from our pastors, and they sent us. We didn’t just go. There was accountability and covering through the entire process.

D. ASK, “DOES THE WORD GLORIFY JESUS AND DISPLAY CHRIST’S CHARACTER?”

E. WHAT IS THE FRUIT OF THIS WORD? IS IT MAKING YOU FEEL PROUD AND FULL OF YOURSELF? OR IS IT A “BE IT DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD” ATTITUDE OF MARY?

CONCLUSION: Give your heart to Jesus. He will come inside you through the Holy Spirit and will start to speak to you.