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Prophecy, and the Prophetic Gift

{Remedial Study}

Part IV

Though sin ended face to face communication between God and man, ¹ God did not end His intimacy with humanity; instead He developed other ways of communicating. He began sending His messages of encouragement, warnings and reproofs through his prophets. ²

“In the Scriptures a ‘prophet’ is “one who receives communications from God and transmits their intent to His people.” ³ Prophets did not prophesy on their own initiative, “For prophecy never came by

¹ Isa. 59:1, 2; Amos 3:7

² Ex. 15:20; Judges 4:4; II kings 22:14; Luke 2:25, 26; Acts 21:8, 9

³ Frank B. Holbrook. *The Biblical Basis for a Modern Prophet*, P.1.

the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”⁴

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

Acts 2:17 is a re-statement of Joel 2:28 that let's God's people know the gift of prophecy will be present in the last days!

“But this is that, {concerning the speaking of tongues on the day of Pentecost} which was spoken of by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the ‘last days,’ saith GOD, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters *shall prophesy*... and on my *servants* and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and *they shall prophesy*...” Acts 2:16–18

⁴ II Peter 1:21

I wholeheartedly appreciate the way GOD's inspired Bible writers convey their messages; they are plain concerning prophets of the last days! They state that GOD will have servants who shall prophesy! ⁵ Not maybe, not probably, not might, not perhaps, not sort of, but shall prophesy!

GOD gave the 'gift of prophecy' to John the Baptist to announce Christ's first advent. In a similar way we may expect Him to send the prophetic gift again to proclaim the Second Advent so that everyone will have the opportunity to prepare to meet the Savior.

Jesus, Himself warns of false prophets in the last days, ⁶ therefore there are genuine prophets called who will lead God's people to follow *His* Word and His Law. If there were no 'true prophets' during the time of the end, Christ would have warned against that gift. His warnings against false prophets implies

⁵ Amos 3:7

⁶ Matt.24: 11, 24

that there would be **true prophets** as well, ⁷
{Emphasis provided}.

Those who claim to be readers and doers of God's Word, and with impunity refute the evidence of the presence of the Gift of Prophecy in His last-day remnant church, {one of the identifying characteristics of the remnant church} are obviously being led by a spirit of indifference!

Get the point Saints!



⁷ Seventh-day Adventist Believe, "The Gift of Prophecy-The Prophetic Gift Just before the Second Advent," Ministerial Association General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, 1988. P. 220.