

PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES - I

1. GOD'S DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH MAN.
 1. Communion with man in the garden.
 2. God is a personal God.
 3. Prophecy--God communicating His thoughts, intents.

2. PROPHETS SPECIAL TO HEART OF GOD.
 1. Purpose of five-fold ministry.
 2. Foundation of apostles and prophets.
 3. One ministry not more important than others, but emphasis will be on prophets.
 4. Believe prophets and will prosper.
 5. Reveal secrets to prophets. Am. 3:7.
 6. Touch not anointed; do prophets no harm.

3. THE BIBLE AS PROPHEC--WHY PROPHETS?
 1. Logos. Total, complete, forever settled in heaven, eternal standard.
 2. Rhema.
 1. A word from the Word.
 2. A specific, individual scripture for a specific need or occasion.
 3. Inspired timely word that brings life, power, and faith to perform it.

4. TWO-FOLD MINISTRY OF A PROPHET.
 1. Revelation and illumination which reveals mind of Christ to human race.
 1. Prophets have responsibility and anointing to receive proper revelation and application of scriptures to be fulfilled before Christ's return.
 2. Reveals new truth to Body of Christ.
 3. Can see voerall plan and purpose of God.
 4. Mystery hid--now revealed to holy apostles and prophets by Spirit.
 5. Bible prophetically inspired; requires prophetic Holy Spirit illumination.
 6. A true revelation brings revolutionary change.
 2. Personal prophecy.
 1. Brings confirmation and witness.
 2. Cannot be substitute for individual responsibilities to hear.

5. COMPANY OF PROPHETS TO PRECEDE CHRIST'S RETURN.
 1. Prepare way for the Lord.
 2. Make ready a people for his return.
 1. John could not be complete fulfillment; church not ye.
 2. Church making herself ready.

6. DISTINCTION PROPHET AND GIFT OF PROPHECY.
 1. Prophets.
 1. Extension of Christ. Men are gifts to the church.
 2. Prophets words have Christ-gifted creative ability to impart, birth, activate

- 3. ministry.
- 3. Correct, rebuke, give directives.
- 2. Gift of prophecy.
 - 1. Extension of work of Spirit in congregation.
 - 2. Exhortation, edification, comfort.
- 7. PROPHECY CAN BRING RESTORATION OR DEVASTATION.
 - 1. Should be under cover; under authority.
 - 2. Should be mature.
 - 3. Should not be hit or miss.
 - 4. Should be subject to being judged.
- 8. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.
- 9. PROPHETIC PREACHING.
- 10. PROTECTION FROM ENEMY'S FALSEHOODS.
 - 1. Expose saints purposefully and properly to true prophets.
 - 2. Educate saints to discern true from false.
 - 3. Train them in how to respond.
- 11. PROPHECIES CAN FAIL.
 - 1. Prophecies are conditional.
 - 2. Must be accepted and activated by faith.