

PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES - IV

“Responding Properly to Personal Prophecy”

- I. THE PLACE OF PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES IN THE BODY FOR THIS PRESENT MOVE OF GOD.

- II. RESPONDING PROPERLY TO PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES.
 - A. ***Know them.***
 1. (1 Th 5:12 KJV) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
 2. Should know something about track record.

 - B. ***True and false prophets.***
 1. (1 John 4:1 KJV) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
 2. (Mat 24:24 KJV) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
 3. (Deu 13:1 KJV) If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, (Deu 13:2 KJV) And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; (Deu 13:3 KJV) Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deu 13:4 KJV) Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. (Deu 13:5 KJV) And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

 - C. ***True and false prophecies.***
 1. True prophecies.
 - a. Prophecies which come to pass.
 - b. Prophecies which are in alignment with the Bible’s guidelines (edification, exhortation, comfort).
 2. A prophecy may be true, but fulfillment conditional.

 - D. ***Misuse of gift of prophecy.***
 1. Charismatic witchcraft--prophetic manipulation.
 2. (Mal 2:17 KJV) Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

III. ATTITUDES OF PROPER RESPONSES TO PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES.

- A. **Faith.** (2 Chr 20:20 KJV) And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
- B. **Obedience.**
1. Obedience should always follow faith. Obedience is acting out what you believe.
 2. (Exo 23:20 KJV) Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. (Exo 23:21 KJV) Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.
- C. **Patience.**
1. Time element.
 - a. Producing Ishmaels. Whenever we jump ahead of God's timetable for prophetic fulfillment, we produce something in the flesh that opposes fruit of true prophetic promises.
 - b. God will either be there in time to rescue the situation or He will resurrect it to live again.
 - c. His timetable necessary for fulness, maturity, and bringing everything together in proper order.
 - d. When fulness of time came God sent His son. (Gal 4:4 KJV) But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (Gal 4:5 KJV) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
 - e. In due time Christ died. (Rom 5:6 KJV) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
 2. (Heb 6:15 KJV) And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
 - a. Be not weary in well doing. (Gal 6:9 KJV) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
 - b. (James 5:7 KJV) Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.
 - c. (Hab 2:3 KJV) For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
 - d. (Dan 12:4 KJV) But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
 3. Mightier the ministry, more time God takes to make man or woman.
 - a. Those who suddenly become successful without going through the proper process will not usually not be able to maintain their personal

The way of the Lord.

Timing and methods are necessary means to do it.

Who. What, when, where, how.

Continued guidance and control of circumstances by God.

Patience to press on until His plan is accomplished.

Receive personal prophecies which do not come to pass because we do not find the way.