



Biblical Truths Concerning Prophecy

Prophecy: A Gift from God to Reveal His Great Love & Draw Us Near

Receiving a prophetic word is an amazing way to understand God's heart for you. It demonstrates God's desire to walk and talk with you personally and intimately. You were created to continually encounter the living God who loves you and desires to speak to you. Allow the wonder of the vastness of who He is, and yet the closeness He desires to have with you, fill your heart with thanksgiving. The God of all Heaven and Earth who holds the very stars in His hand also tenderly holds your heart!

Father God is extravagant in His love and pursuit of you, holding nothing back, including His very own Son. The true source of all life is in Jesus Christ and true prophecy will always point you toward Him and walking in His ways. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life! No one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10)

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have also been sealed with the Spirit of truth - Holy Spirit - who guides us in all truth (John 16:13). In light of this, we must be more confident in Holy Spirit's ability to lead us in all truth than in the devil's ability to deceive us.

God has a great plan for your life; His plans are to give you a future and hope. God longs to share His heart with you in order to strengthen, encourage and comfort you. Only God knows the fullness of your destiny, but through prophecy, part of the picture can be revealed. It's important to understand that most prophetic words are an invitation and are conditional based upon our free-will choices.

Prophecies Measured by the Word of God

It is important that we use the Written Word, *logos*, as our plumbline. The Bible is the constant absolute standard of truth by which all other expressions, concepts, revelations, doctrines, preachings and prophecies are measured.

The spoken word of God, *rhema*, provides a precise word needed for a specific situation. It is that timely, Holy Spirit-inspired word that brings life, power, and faith to

perform and fulfill the purposes of God. *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word [rhema] of God” (Romans 10:17)*. The *rhema* must be received with faith by the hearer in order for it to fulfill its mission. A *rhema* or prophetic word won’t contradict His Written Word. Although you might not find the exact wording in Scripture, it will fall in line with His nature, His character and His ways.

Grace Gift of Prophecy - To Encourage, Build Up, and Comfort

“Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God’s grace. For example, if you have a speaking gift, speak as though God were speaking his words through you. If you have the gift of serving, do it passionately with the strength God gives you, so that in everything God alone will be glorified through Jesus Christ. For to him belong the power and the glory forever throughout all ages! Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11 TPT

“It is good that you are enthusiastic and passionate about spiritual gifts, especially prophecy. When someone speaks in tongues, no one understands a word he says, because he’s not speaking to people, but to God—he is speaking intimate mysteries in the Spirit. But when someone prophesies, he speaks to encourage people, to build them up, and to bring them comfort.” 1 Corinthians 14:1-3 TPT