

OUR PROPHETIC HERITAGE

Before believers can be used as God's prophetic messengers, they must have an intimacy with God. Consider our Heavenly Father as the "Head Prophet" who shares His revelatory messages to His servants. God primarily anoints His messenger's voices so that the message will have the greatest impact to its recipients. However, a sensitive ear to the Spirit is the first necessity of any messenger. The church will recognize the "sound of prophetic anointing".

MAT 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him**.

God commanded the disciples to hear the words of His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

DEUT 18:15 The LORD thy **God will raise up unto thee a Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **like unto me**; unto him ye shall hearken;

"Like unto me" i.e. a man that speaks to God face to face. This face to face relationship to God is what made Moses such a powerful prophet. All prophetically gifted ministers need to maintain a similar consistent abiding relationship to God.

ACT 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; **him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you**.

ACT 3:23 And it shall come to pass, *that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people*.

DEUT 18:18 **I will raise them up a Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; **and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**. 19 And it shall come to pass, *that whosoever will not hearken unto my words, which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him*.

Moses gave instructions demanding separation from all ungodly spirit-practices. This would ultimately increase the standard of inner spiritual life. Once this was done God's people could move forward and be used in the prophetic realm. God expected every heathen demonic practice of the old life to be discarded in order that the truth of God could come forth. God's expectation has not changed, as

those desiring to be used as a mouthpiece for God must get rid themselves of all the old life carnal practices.

DEUT 18:14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, **the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do .**

DEUT 18:13 **Thou shalt be perfect** with the LORD thy God.

God never changes. He still expects perfection in all His children.

MAT 5:48 "Be **ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

Separate from everything in this world that hinders your ability to hear from God. If we are not able to hear Him clearly we should not speak prophetically.

To be used of God in the spiritual gifts, we must not only believe we are the sons of God (Gal 4:6), but also the anointed sons of God (1Jn 2:20,27)

1 JN 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

It is impossible to give ourselves to the ministry of building the kingdom of God if we don't believe we are sons of God.

READ: John 1:12, Galatians 3:26, Romans 8:17, Galatians 4:6, 7

GAL 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷ Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

EPH 2:19 Now therefore **ye are no more strangers** and foreigners, **but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God**;
20And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;

1 JN 2:27 But **the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, **ye shall abide in him**.

This believers' anointing is upon all spirit filled believers. When we abide "in Christ" we are able to operate at any spiritual or ministerial level according to our level of faith.

HOW CAN I RECEIVE A PROPHETIC GIFT?

The Gift of the Holy Spirit makes the way for this gifting. (Act 19:6)

ACT 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and **they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

Paul's apostolic anointing brought forth not only an overflow of new tongues to the disciples of John, but immediately after being filled with the Holy Spirit they prophesied as well. Prophecy is one of the easiest of the oral gifts. The "laying on of hands" is one way to receive this gift. Having received the promise (Act 2:39) every tongue-speaking believer should be encouraged to prophesy. Being the sons of God, we have the authority to speak on God's behalf.

ACT 2:39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off**, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

"**The Promise**" was the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit gives us the "fire". The fire gives us the ability.

HEB 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and **his ministers a flame of fire.**

EZE 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: **therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**

As a watchman, Ezekiel was not only praying, but he was sensitive to hear everything that God had to say to him. Only after Ezekial had received God's divine message, could he go and tell the people what God had said.

LUK 10:23 And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, "**Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:**" 24 "For I tell you, that **many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.**

...**freely ye have received, freely give.** (Matthew 10:8)

We do not have the right to isolate God's Word and miracle power to a select few.
We must minister God's Word to all people groups worldwide.