

**General Topics :: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements****Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/2 16:03**

Hello my friends

Most of you won't remember me but I was quite actively involved in Sermon Index discussions about 5 year ago. In fact it can be said the even on the forum I was involved in a prophetic movement of sorts. I say "of sorts" because obviously we were not in physical contact we could only share testimonies of our experiences and not demonstrate them. So it came to pass that my brother and I (I lived with him in the United States at the time, he was actually my brother-in-law) would share experiences, prophecies and comment on the threads on the forum.

The last prophecy which my brother shared was on a massive scale and it did not come to pass. He prophesied the date of a major bombing in New York and Washington DC. My close fellowship with him and sharing in some of his experiences caused me to publically back him on this word. He gave this word to everyone we knew even apart from the forum. Obviously this did not come to pass and the effects on us as young prophets was devastating (we both have prophetic callings which God is still anointing us for, if we faithfully continue to receive his grace we will serve as prophets some day).

Subsequently, we both became very disillusioned but for me I had returned to Africa to serve God in ministry, prophetic ministry (as a side note, there are three levels of prophecy that I have observed: prophetic gift 1cor12, prophetic ministry Romans 12 and prophetic office Eph 4). So the momentum from being actively involved in ministry work, seeing people getting healed, delivered from demons and witchcraft (very common here) and prophecies coming to pass, that momentum kept me from being too discouraged by the failed prophecy.

It is because of this that I began to actively pray into and do research on why most prophetic movements have ended in failure. For the past 5 years I have directly and indirectly (based on my own experience as someone with a prophetic calling) as to why most of these moves have ended in excess or failure.

Given my background on the subject, my opinion is of necessity a biased one but as such it gives insight into some of these moves. For example, it is my opinion that one of the reasons for failure is that we as a church do not have adequate support structures for young prophets. Part of the reason for this is, I believe we may have over romanticized the role of the prophet up to a point where we fail to recognise that a prophet is also a man of like passions and also begins his journey as a baby Christian. A baby Christian lacks experience in the word and in righteousness.

As I alluded to earlier one does not just become a prophet over night, but sadly that is the overwhelming expectation. There are so many support structures in the church for pastors, teachers and evangelists. Indirectly there is such a wealth of books for pastors, teachers and evangelists, not only current but from throughout church history. Sadly there are very few reputable prophets in our history as church. No not since Agabus have we had a good New Testament example of a prophet and examples from his life are not very detailed. There is in fact, in the church a subtle hostility towards those who claim to be prophets. My use of the word "claim" does not betray my belief in the prophetic but I wish to call our attention to the fact that everyone who has a calling begins with a claim. We as church should not be surprised or annoyed by claims to any ministry but rather we should expect it if we are to get our act together before the Lord's return. Like it or not it is our responsibility to groom these young arrogant ones.

Yes, I did say "arrogant" because I must admit that the prophetic gift may produce pride in a baby Christian. One can nurture and appreciate the gift more than the Christian wielding it. As a result the gift may grow while the spirituality wanes. Without expounding too much, this happens when the congregation chooses to make the young prophet a king by force. Most cannot possess the foresight to turn down the elevation afforded by those who want to see the gift in action.

The pride we've spoken about should be expected and destroyed with love and humility. It is the baby Christians that are haughty and brash, the mature are gentle and meek. Let us not be overly offended by baby Christians. I think we sometimes forget that some of these people are babes in Christ because of their gifting. It occurred to me now that I should make it clear that I am not defending all prophetic moves, or specific current ones but I speak for the sake of future moves. Baby prophets need more teaching of the word, and much more mentoring and preparation time before they are fit for public consumption.

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There is not enough information on different degrees of prophetic anointing and different types of prophecy. Not all prophets possess the same type of gifting but each type has different uses and limitations.

I have touched on this enormous subject very generally so as to leave room for comments or questions.

Your friend  
James.

**Re: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/2 17:59**

I disagree. Today more than ever before are we bombarded with information on what it means to be a prophet. There are no lack of books on the subject, websites, conferences or schools. Information is everywhere.

The reason I think we see most prophetic movements "fail" today is because most prophetic ministries lack a genuine revelation of the Jesus Christ and the gospel that He preached. Additionally, those in prophetic circles are almost entirely lacking in the character that is supposed to accompany such a ministry.

As a result of lacking a clear revelation and understanding of this, there exists a great deal of boredom amongst those who claim to be prophetic. Jesus and the gospel simply are not enough for them. Instead of seeking to proclaim that old time religion, there is this constant seeking for some sort of novel revelation and word, making grand predictions about future events, and a scary fascination with personal words of prophecy.

Thus, desiring to play the role of a prophet, and lacking the Christ-like Biblical character that accompanies such ministry, people by the bushel have begun to prophesy the imaginations of their hearts, instead of a clear word that comes straight from heaven, that reflects the mind of Christ.

The reason prophets prophesy falsely is because their hearts are corrupt. According to Christ, one speaks out of the abundance of the heart. Words reveal character and spiritual stature. So, when a prophet "misses it," it's because they are amiss. It's not because they've not had the right education regarding their gifting, or any such nonsense. They miss it because they are not in right standing before the Lord. For if they were, they would speak a pure word. But their hearts are not pure, so therefore, they can't.

I would challenge you to read the following two letters I wrote not too long ago:

A Letter to a False Prophet in the Church - <http://christthinks.com/2010/09/24/a-letter-to-a-false-prophet-in-the-church/>

A Letter to a Prophet in the Church  
<http://christthinks.com/2010/09/25/a-letter-to-a-prophet-in-the-church/>

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2010/12/2 18:58**

KingJimmy I agree. Thanks for sharing.

**Re: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements - posted by boG (), on: 2010/12/2 18:58**

Amen, KingJimmy.

I have noticed this same attitude of Prophecy essentially becoming a trial-and-error spirituality. The gifts of the Spirit are being interpreted as spiritual muscles that just need to be exercised until they start working right. However, I have never had the pleasure of seeing a false prophet exposed in these movements, but I have seen many, many people accused of lacking faith in those prophets and being disobedient to the "word of God" spoken by them.

From my own experience the general theme of Prophecy coming from these movements comes in two flavors:

1) "I had a dream, I had a dream!" Prophecies  
(See Jeremiah 23)

2) Horoscope Prophecies

These are the more generic positive-thinking Prophecies. Instead of simply giving the Word as it stands, like a Devotional, which easily apply to every Christian, it comes packaged in a dramatic "God is telling me to tell you ...", etc., as if this

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person is directly receiving Divine Inspiration on the matter. It seems that declaring the Word of the Lord as revealed to the Prophets of old is neither entertaining nor divine enough anymore.

**Re: , on: 2010/12/2 21:34**

Just because somebody receives a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom or operates in the discerning of spirits or manifests one of various gifts of healing or has been given the gift of faith etc. . . does not make them a prophet.

Dreams cannot be trusted and generalities edify no believer.

The immense dynamo of power available to EVERY believer comes in walking even as Jesus Christ walked. Let a person prophecy according to the faith(fulness) they have received walking as He walked.

The Spirit of God works His will in His time for His purpose, even as Jesus prophesied, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you, and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

- Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.  
(Jn. 16.7-15)

Foretelling does not prove and never has been the proof that one is a prophet. If a word of knowledge does come to pass, it MIGHT indicate one is a prophet. If it doesn't, it isn't a word of knowledge at all, it certainly is not from Christ Jesus, and it proves that the message spoken was not prophecy at all.

Prophecy serves to Glorify Jesus Christ. If it does not conform to this ultimatum, it is false.

Prophecy is to encourage, exhort, and admonish the children of God BY WHATEVER AVENUE IT MANIFESTS.

Plain and simple, a prophet is one who continually proclaims the righteousness of God, namely Jesus Christ. In this proclamation of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected is the power of God, and here is where God validates the message of the prophet often confirming the Word of God through various signs and wonders.

This is all spoken from personal experience, after being called into this office, and against my fleshly choosing. When Paul was read, saying, "Pray that you may prophecy," I did just the opposite (at the time) wanting nothing to do with such (and thinking a prophet- from what had been seen- was just another way of saying "nut job."

God gave me the giftings appropriate and then (virtually) shoved me into the office.

(As far as the operation of gifts work here, the discerning of spirits predominates, and the others work according to His Spirit's unction. None of these things operate according to how I dictate and I cannot turn them on and off at will. More often than not, the discerning of spirits leads into worshipping Jesus and then intercession. After this, through the gift of faith following His speaking to me, things are spoken and done accordingly.

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It's prayed these words add to and promote this discussion and do not stifle honesty, openness, and transparency in the partaking in this thread.

Shalom and grace to you,  
gregg

Titus 2:

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. 9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; 10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

### Re: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2010/12/2 21:53

Howdy Jimm,

I am so glad you brought this subject up. recently I was watching GodTV. It was a revival service with the pastor from the Brownsville revival.

As I was watching the music was great but when speakers would get up they would have a word from God in prophecy. My heart would sink.

More music and another prophecy. again my heart would sink with sadness. I am not talking about my physical heart but my spiritual heart. I don't know why? I am not one to judge another's gift or callings.

I really wanted to hear the message from the old brownsville revival pastor. He began talking about how next week would be the last week this year for the revival. But it would begin again in January at another location. this is the point when I turn off the tv.

I have such sorrow in my heart about this. I prayed to God about why this is. I have received from the Lord about this and it is "true Revival can't be scheduled".

When true revival starts it is like a match on dry straw. the people will spread the word through out the community.

I believe there are prophets. How many are there on the earth today? It seems that there are millions of them. When I see a prophetic conference on the internet or on tv, it seems almost every one there are prophets.

How can this be? If there are so many prophets on the earth today, why hasn't the world been evangelized?

I am still reading when I can a book called "The Seer" by Jim Goll. According to Jim, almost anyone can say they are a prophet, if they have opened eye visions, dream visions ect.

Now I have had open eye visions (that have come to pass and some that are beginning to come to pass). I have had dreams of Heaven and spiritual things since I was a little boy. I have seen demonic spirits and heard the voices of heavenly Angels. I have even been touched by an Angel of God before.

I have had a word from the Lord concerning another person that I didn't know and it came to pass.

Even after all of this I still do not consider myself a prophet. I have been called to the ministry, but I do not believe at this point I have been called to be a prophet and may never be.

I do believe that I am working in the Gifts of the Spirit and Anointing.

Can you explain this? why are there so many Prophets today than there were in the entire Bible?

**Re: yes indeed... But not quite - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/3 0:21**

Hello again.

Thank you all for answering so honestly and openly. I know the people on this forum are serious God-fearing people and don't post lightly the things they do. I have in fact remained on SI reading the posts over the years and mostly downloading sermons. It is as King Jimmy said, there are many teachings on the subject which I myself enjoy for example from Art Katz, A. W. Tozer, Leonard Ravenhill, Zac Poonen, Austin T. Sparks, David Wilkerson and so on and so on. I want to phrase myself very carefully here so I'm not misunderstood. I love these men of God and I still listen to them almost everyday and no doubt I will continue to listen to them as they are mature holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. However on the subject of the prophetic, it is precisely sermons from these men I respect so much that have made my journey that much more difficult.

I must explain myself. In summary I would say that most sermons on the subject are based on the old-Testament model of a prophet. This is a very general summary but, I hope, a sufficient one. The new Testament prophet is very different from the old Testament one. In the new testament for example, Christians are never meant to live in the romanticized loneliness. Where are one body whether one member has a gifting or not, we should have healthy fellowship consistently.

In the old Testament, the prophet was frequently not only the lone man with public anointing in the Nation but also in the whole world. Everything that God wanted to express publically to Israel or the world for that matter would be through this single prophet. There were no pastors, teachers, evangelists or apostles even to back up the man of God. That was as it all rolled up into one. For this reason the anointing level on their lives had to be much, much higher.

How frequently do we here of someone in the new Testament receiving their calling like Ezekiel who had visions of God as his call into ministry. Sure there are divine encounters these days but not of the same magnitude and not as a calling.

The anointing upon these men had to be stronger also because of the lack of anointing within. They did not have the risen and ascended life of Christ and thus their anointing upon (which is the spiritual gifting) had to make up for the lack of having Jesus in the heart of these servants.

Moses was so anointed in fact that when he said that he was overwhelmed God took the very anointing on him and placed it on 70 others! They did not need a new outpouring but the anointing on Moses was in essence strong enough to gift 70 men at once and still have plenty left over to see the glory of God.

My argument also, let me reiterate, is not in defense of some public ministries which have failed, that's another thread altogether we want to discuss that. My thrust is actually aimed at the younger ministries, many of which will never see the light of day. I am saying that as a church our support structures are not adequate. I have over the years ministered to many young people with prophetic gifts and all too often I can see that they are just doomed and will never get the help they need.

Every Christian offer character and holiness, not just the prophets. Remember we're talking of young prophets here not just the public ones. In my own experience I went to many, many pastors and men of God to get advice for the prophetic but the overwhelming response was one of, "you know you may not actually have a calling at all, just a gift operating". These days I'm experiencing the other extreme of having people literally stalking me.

Apparently as young man I didn't quite look like a prophet so everyone dismissed me, also my gifting wasn't strong enough at the time to prove that God was speaking to me. It is in light of this that I feel the church is not prepared as a whole for prophetic movements. Now the other extreme is even worse, once the gift in a young prophet's life takes off there is so much hype and it's hard for young christian to handle that without falling into error. Suddenly everyone becomes a "yes man". Selah.

Sonsigns, thank you for your contribution. You are an example of exactly what I'm talking about. You've had experiences that are awesome for us as church but you tell me where do you go to discuss meeting an angel. The only people who talk about the subject can be so extreme and so lacking in character that you really wonder what to do. There are for inst

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ance, three levels of visions. Inner vision (almost like you're imaging things), open vision (where you see the spirit realm and natural realm with the same intensity) and closed vision (where you are completely unaware of the natural realm such as out-of-body experiences). One needs training in these areas as they all have different laws of operation.

Another spoke of differences between having a word and having an office. Let me explain my understanding on the subject briefly. There are prophetic gifts which anyone can have without a calling to any office. These operate less frequently as the Spirit wills. There is a prophetic ministry where one person may very frequently receive words for people and they seem to be able to prophesy almost at will. This is where most young prophets lie. Finally there is prophetic office and this is very rare indeed and it operates with signs following it.

One cannot choose the content of their prophecies. I may feel the church needs words of judgement but if I am not gifted in that area I cannot prophesy on it. I may preach or teach on the subject if I have the gift but not prophesy. Each Christian has a specific design and there are those called specifically to speak harsh words. These ones need special training as well.

There is nothing wrong with having a simple personal word for someone. This may be your calling in the church, it may be another person's calling to have words for the whole church, and yet another may have correctional. This business of trying to have someone with a prophetic calling being the sum of all spiritual things is not only unfair but it is unscriptural.

I believe prophets should work closely with teachers and pastors if they want to minister to a congregation. In this way we do not sacrifice word content for prophetic gift. I don't believe it should be either or, but both should work in conjunction. Strong prophetic gifts need stronger teachings on Christ and holiness as a counterbalance. We are in danger of throwing out the proverbial baby with the water when we reject certain styles of prophecy altogether. Every good gift is from God and these are good gifts but it takes training to wield them, training for the prophet and training for the church.

James.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/3 0:33**

Quote:

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I have noticed this same attitude of Prophecy essentially becoming a trial-and-error spirituality. The gifts of the Spirit are being interpreted as spiritual muscles that just need to be exercised until they start working right.  
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It's an amazing thing to see that this is so widely taught. Yet as widely taught as it is, there isn't an ounce of Scriptural truth to it. But, hey, drop \$20 on a book, and \$119 on a conference, and if you follow a certain guru long enough, you just might learn how to flex those prophetic muscles one day!

It has been my understanding of Scripture that about the only thing one can grow in as a prophetic person is their Christian walk. And while becoming more Christ-like day by day might cause one to be more fruitful and powerful in their prophetic ministry, that still doesn't change the fact that the prophetic gift is a gift of God's grace, and is freely given, and is perfect to and through the person who exercises that gift. One does not need to go to a school or sit through a conference to increase the "accuracy" of their gifting, or any such thing. One simply needs to be faithful in speaking the words God puts in your mouth to speak when He gives them to you to speak.

You see, one of the key doctrinal errors of those in the prophetic movement is this conviction that the gift of prophecy is based on one's finite and limited ability to accurately hear from the Lord, and then somehow convey that information. But based off my study of Scripture, you know what I've come to believe is true? The gift of prophecy isn't so much about one's "ability" to "hear," but it's about one's supernaturally given "ability" to "speak."

Yes, of course, the prophet must "hear" from God, and know that it is God that is speaking to Him. But as Christ said, His sheep know His voice. So such isn't exactly rocket science. If you know the Lord, as a result of knowing the Lord, you hear His voice, and can readily identify it. And such a voice is a clear voice, and not some muffled noise which has to be painstakingly discerned. It's simply known to the Christian, because He is a Christian.

Where the rubber meets the road regarding prophecy, is the supernatural ability one is given through the gift to make a s

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supernatural utterance, and declare what one has heard and is hearing. As the Lord said to Moses regarding prophets: "I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak all that I command him to speak." You see, the onus is not placed on man's ability to hear God, but rather, the onus is placed on God's ability to give man the words He would have man faithfully convey.

Thus, the prophetic task is not to grow in one's gifting, so that they can go from being a baby prophet to a big boy prophet. Rather, the prophetic task is simply to be faithful in the gift you've been given, and speaking the word God puts in your mouth.

And it's been my personal experience, that anytime the Lord has used me specifically in the gift of prophecy, that the words He wanted me to say were always given, word for word in that moment, and He left me nothing to try to figure out in my speaking. In fact, in most of the utterances I've given over the years (which are very few), I usually had no more than a basic thought in my mind from the Lord when I began to speak. And then, as I spoke, not knowing where I was going with what I was saying, it's as if a stream of words just filled my mind, my heart, and my mouth, and I simply spoke as the Holy Spirit guided me. I simply made myself available to the Lord, and sought to be faithful.

### Prophetic gift vs prophetic office - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/3 2:16

Thank you again brother (KingJimmy) for your considered post. I believe we are getting somewhere here.

For you as a mature Christian, faithfulness is second nature but for a baby Christian faithfulness is a fruit of the spirit they still need to develop and even learn about. You say that all that is needed is to simply be faithful, but therein lies the crux of what I'm talking about. Where does our faithfulness come from if not from growth in the Holy Spirit? Such growth takes time to develop through worship, meditation on the word, prayer and God's tests. It is during this time of growth a Christian must go through that those I referred to as "young prophets" make mistakes.

Again I want to distance myself from the so called gurus selling books for obscene amounts of money, such books are frequently intended to, as it has been said, "flex spiritual muscle". On these points we are together.

I gather from what you have said my brother that you are not called to the prophetic office? I have frequently encountered those with callings to this office and most of them have some very intense experiences (myself included) on a fairly regular basis.

There are different types of prophecy and one type does not nullify the existence of another. If one may prophesy with hearing the voice of God it does not mean it is therefore impossible to hear his voice during prophetic utterance. Some people see visions of angels as did Daniel and Zechariah. This is not an easy adjustment into a "normal life".

With such a heightened sensitivity to the realm of spirit there are also increased attacks in the area of false visions and false voices. One needs training, just like people go to seminary or bible school, why should this be any different?

Please don't feel like I'm attacking you personally my brother I love you in Christ and I sense that this subject is as close to your heart as it is to mine. Only our perspectives are different. Here in Africa we have people who practice witchcraft openly, we have wizards, warlocks and sorcery of all sorts. To me these are the false prophets of Baal and baby Christians with prophetic gifts are still just baby Christians.

### Re: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements, on: 2010/12/3 5:49

Hey Jimm; Thanks a bunch for your post. This subject is usually swept under the rug so fast, all you see mostly is the trail of dust.

Really, I see the failure of the prophetic movement as a whole, not in the church receiving them, but the Nicolaitan system receiving false prophets as true. The Jezebel spirit is honored above the holy prophetic, almost always.

I prophesied some years ago, that the prophetic movement, that I was a part of, would become the major enemy to the true. As I look around, at the self proclaimed gaggle, such as THE ELIJAH LIST, BOB JONES, THE K.C. PROPHETS, THE CHILDREN OF THE TORONTO "BLESSING", JIM GOLL, TODD BENTLEY and RICK JOYNER, KIM CLEMENT and the like; we can understand why the movement has been marked with the mark of Cain.

The modern so called prophet in this arena is nothing less than a lying murderer; The sins of Baalim emanating from

them. I believe that Satan had a plan; to project these men and women upon the church, with maximum public notoriety to completely discredit the true. He appears to have got the job done; but it's not over yet.

In 1991 I had a prophetic utterance at a home meeting at my house. As we held hands to pray upon breaking up, the Lord put a fiery word in my heart, like molten gold. "WHERE ARE THE FATHERS?, WHERE ARE THE FATHERS?, WHERE ARE THE FATHERS?" It was from the Lord.

I understood. It was an exact reflection of your word. Every other calling, except Apostle, can be mentored in a way. Teaching, Preaching, Shepherding and Evangelizing have been accepted as the Normal Christian Life, but who can mentor you when God takes you away in the Spirit and speaks to you, while showing you things to come, or giving you His very own heart on a matter?..or sends an angel, or appears to you Himself?

Only a prophetic Father can, and yet that relationship has to be Providential, sovereign. The called prophet is basically on his own, and must learn to walk with God alone. I sent letters to every prophetic person I knew after that word.

Every prophetic person, in the public limelight, that I knew, from the era, has proven themselves Apostate; each and every one. Do you see how maybe the Lord had been protecting me? I was enamored with some men. They proved themselves TARES; poison look alike wheat plants. It took TIME to expose them; and some of them were my idols.

1.] I think that the true prophetic has some life issues most are not aware of. MISERY! A woe unto me experience in life. 2 Corinthians Chapter 1....The sentence of death upon a man or a woman, so that; "THEY WOULD NOT TRUST IN THEMSELVES, BUT IN GOD WHO RAISES THE DEAD."

This means a life of Crucifixion. Alive to God; dead to the world the flesh, and the temptations of the Devil.

2.] Revelatory. The revelation of God; the heart of God to the church. This is always met with resistance, especially to men who make their living ruling over the church. God wants his church back. He paid for it, with his own blood, and He is jealous for her. The issue is Holiness, for His Name is Holy Spirit, Holy God. The prophet will carry this holy heart, and proclaim it. This guarantees friction, for most of the time, the church is fiercely resisting the Father off on their own kingdom building.

3.] A brother first. Prophets are called, like any Christian to bear fruit to God, and manifest them; love being first, along with a passionate, merciful attitude toward his church. This must always be done without respect of persons, and always unto the least of the brethren, whoever that may be. This is the high calling, and requires the low calling; being made the least, the lessor, underneath the entire body....AS A GOOD BROTHER.

### **Prophetic receptions and rejections...., on: 2010/12/3 6:25**

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4. The prophet stands before God alone. This is very, very hard and greatly misunderstood. Expect to be treated so. It must be so, for too much time in the trees, makes you blind to the forest. This also creates illusionary and unstable presumption in many. Many believe every dream they have is from God, not realizing that Satan will make sure, make sure, that the true prophet receives a lying dream or two. ..

5 It will always be used for the good of the church, and for nations and people groups....to turn to God, as a blessing.

5. THE PROPHETIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE. People readily receive the apostle Paul's doctrine, but few consider his prophetic origins. Do we realize that Paul received his doctrine in Heaven itself, from the lips of Jesus?...and heard some things illegal to share on Earth, but necessary for his understanding? The same Spirit exists within the church today

6. REJECTED. The gift will never create doctrine, as Paul's did for multiple billions, but will reveal Jesus's heart on a matter, and WILL show us things to come. If people heed the true prophetic, it can save their lives, yet, if it is the true WORD

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of God, it will stand alone. There must never be personal ownership of God's word. This can be a huge problem for prophetic people.

We must NEVER manipulate the church or anyone through our prophecies, nor be offended when rejected. Even Jeremiah had one or two who received him. This is the key. Whoever receives a prophet, receives his reward. For those who don't, well, you may grieve at the hardness of heart they possess, or your pride may be offended; but never take it personally. It's between them, and God, and we must learn to love and show mercy to those who REJECT us, and our word.

7. HUMILITY!..You are a nobody anyway, a worm that God chose to make a Prince before him. Do not be enamored by your revelation, calling, or standing with God. If you are of the true, you will just be inviting more severe discipline to fall upon you, and the deeper the revelation and calling, the more severe the chastisement and discipline.

This must be accomplished in the spirit of worship. The best prophets are the ones who have learned personally that the Father seeks worshippers, who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. If you ever attain unto true power, to heal, do exorcisms, to cast out demons and rebuke the heavenly demon kings under Jesus's feet, then it is here, in WORSHIP, it will be given.

You are not superior, but the least and unworthy, but just called and anointed.

My ideas..with some experience.

### Re: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements, on: 2010/12/3 8:42

Quote:  
-----There is not enough information on different degrees of prophetic anointing and different types of prophecy. Not all prophets possess the same type of gifting but each type has different uses and limitations.  
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The error that most prophets fall into is dating the times it would happen. There is only just a couple of instances in the OT where a prophet said that such and such a thing would happen very shortly, the rest were wrapped up neatly in proverbs and parables so that those that had an ear to hear could recognize when those future fulfillments had occurred.

Putting a time to something that has been uttered to the wind is pretty scary and your putting your life and your reputation out on a line.

Years ago a well known evangelist from Georgia had stated that things were going to get really bad in the 90's and there would be a bad food shortage. Well, nothing like that happened here, but he wasn't off, he had made the mistake like all prophets when they get excited about receiving information from God, is that they either get too cocky, or and I think it's his latter part that is more the obvious, is that what they received from God sounds so urgent that it feels like it's going to happen right away.

There will be a food shortage. And something will happen in New York, and perhaps even in Washington.

A friend of mine had a dream where she saw everyone she knew being gathered together in a gymnasium, there were men who came to each person and said, "Deny Christ", when they didn't, they were instantly shot. When they came to her, they asked the question and the dream ended with the words, "this is not too far away". There was no specific dates that this would happen. She told only a couple of people. The reason why she told only a few is because the dream scared her because she stood there in the dream scared to die, and scared to deny Christ. The dream ended at that moment leaving the thought, "will I deny Christ?". So she didn't run around telling everyone she could find.

We've got to learn to stop putting dates to these, and yes, arrogance is a trait seen amongst many prophets, and not just prophets but any aspect of ministry.

By the way Jimm, are you Ironman? if so, Welcome Back Brother.

**Re: Prophetic receptions and rejections... - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2010/12/3 9:14**

Hey there Brothertom,

What a great word. This has shed a lot of light on the prophetic movement. From your opinion and experience, are the same thoughts that I have had from reading the word about major and minor prophets and how they project themselves to others.

We all must have a heart likened to Jesus. A heart for others. I believe there was a reason that biblical prophets had attitude toward their enemies but not toward their brothers or sisters.

I think the prophetic movement has missed this. Without compassion you will have no passion. Pray to have the Father's heart, like that of Jesus Christ.

Thanks Brothertom

**Re: - posted by Lesserlight, on: 2010/12/3 11:32**

Interesting thread

Lots of experience in hearing utterances..... I suppose most who have dedicated themselves to the Lord have heard from Him. Personally I am still looking for the Word to be spoken that will cause everyone to say Amen.

Rick Joyner's place is only ten minutes from me and the first time I went there when I got out of my car I saw what I had seen years earlier in a dream that I had felt at the time was from the Lord but because I did not understand what it meant I soon forgot about the dream.

So when I saw these buildings looking exactly like my dream I was so excited that I had found the place where the Lord would have to go to learn, to hear and to follow. So excited that I forgot the rest of the dream on wandering around inside these beautiful buildings but the inside was like deserted industrial warehouses having to pick your way through the broken girders and stairwells, hanging wires etc.

However a few weeks there not only had I remembered all of the dream it was made plain to me what many of you probably knew that I would come to realize as soon as I said what I did.

So why is there such a big difference in how RJ perceives the things of God versus how I do?..... This is what the Lord has shown me

The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of prophecy and if we have the Spirit of Christ we are to have the spirit of prophecy..... plain and simple

So what is the spirit of prophecy?

All of the Bible is a prophecy starting in the Garden on through the Laws to the history of Israel. Add to it the ministry of Jesus then that of the Apostles that all ends up in Revelations that is the revealing of Christ that nobody can understand without the spirit of prophecy that is Christ within you

The spirit of Christ in us is the faith that is needed to unlock all the mysteries and allegories in the Scriptures and be able to have confidence that what you believe is the truth and not just what we think is the truth.

"Words" have been spoken to countless amounts of people but where is the faith that Jude spoke that was given to the saint that we are to contend for?

Hebrews 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

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Jude 1:3

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Faith is not our faith in Jesus but the faith of Jesus in us that is the seed that is Christ that just happens to be the spirit of prophecy..... To me it appears obvious that if there is "enough of Jesus" in someone then they have the spirit of prophecy that will unlock the scriptures that teach how to leave the flesh and become one with the spirit of Christ thus as the process unfolds they overcome sin

Anyone ever hear a church preach how to overcome sin? I have not and I have gone near and far looking for one that I have yet to find let alone one that has seen results from teaching their flock how to overcome sin.

So if the Spirit of Christ abounds in the church why can't the church teach its followers how to overcome sin?

Funny thing happened (actually sad) when I was doing the spell check before hitting the submit button. I had misspelled warehouse back in the beginning of my post when describing RJ's place and the auto correction came back as "whorehouse"..... goes to show that you never can tell when a prophetic word will come forth

Doug

**Re: He married us and He is not mute....., on: 2010/12/3 12:59**

Wow Doug,, what excellent ideas.

"The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of prophecy and if we have the Spirit of Christ we are to have the spirit of prophecy..... plain and simple"....Lesserlight

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"Faith is not our faith in Jesus but the faith of Jesus in us that is the seed that is Christ that just happens to be the spirit of prophecy."..

Wow! Your perspective is very fresh and deep, and yes, highly prophetic. I had to smile at the RJ experience.

**Re: , on: 2010/12/3 19:55**

Thank God for all youz guyz.

What was not stated here was said by others.

Not only is there a greater confirmation of the Lord's dealings with me; but every poster in some way brought greater congruency on this thread.

The food shortage issue and death to many who profess Christ?

Five years back, the same dream repeatedly becoming more lucid each time it occurred was dreamt until it manifested as a vision. . . where a very large garden was growing lush, just beginning to bear fruit. . . then from the East a hot wind began blowing until it was gale force, even bending fruit trees at the West end of the garden. No rain came so everything began withering and dying. At the middle of the garden, from the ground rose up men (slightly stunted in stature) with sword slowly walking West severing most of the plants from their roots as they meandered West.

The gales continued to grow more intense. A very tall warrior (about 9 feet high) garbed in blue with unworldly light flashi

ng from his attire rushed these men from behind and beginning from the south end of the line running towards the North cut them in two at their waists with a blade that was spinning as the hilt and the point remained drawn and in one position. 3/4th's through the line of these destroyers, they noticed what was happening and fell backward into the ground.

The warrior turned, looking into me with eyes of fire, he hollered, "YOU WILL DO WHAT!?" With the sword ( blade still spinning) in his hand he then pointed to the East (behind me) and threw the sword which was heard hitting the ground behind me.

Turning around, the sword was stuck point first in the ground where grew countless wilting fruitless gourd vines. Reaching down and drawing it to my face (fascinated with the spinning blade) water began welling up from the dirt where the sword was once embedded.

One gourd plant a hair's breadth where the sword had been implanted was still unwilted and bearing 8 healthy gourds. As the water flowed out of the ground, the gourd plant began vining among the wilted gourd plants and where it's vines spread (in all directions) the water flowed, and the wilted grew lush again.

Turning back to look to the warrior, he was directly behind me. Looking into me then through me, he said, "It's time to prune and prepare these for harvest.

He was handed back his sword and followed gathering the dead vines and scions he cut off.

i could not keep up, my back growing so sore and arms weak with the weight of the gathered cuttings.

Finally, i cried out to him that i could not keep up and asked for help.

He pointed to the North and then to the West, and looking, i saw many different people coming to help in the work.

He told me to give the cutting to them and just walk with him until he was finished . . . then this repetitive dream turned lucid vision ended abruptly every time.

In coming back to the here and now i would always hear Lamentations 3.22-33 echoing in my consciousness. Rev 19:

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

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v. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

## General Topics :: Reasons for the failure of prophetic movements

Though i used to pray and pray for God to show the meaning about all this, He has chosen to show mw step by step as time passes the how and why of it all. This has kept me from a high-horsed attitude and ever walking dependent, (not to mention constantly recalling how more and more weak and sweaty this body become as the dream grew into a real-time vision). . .  
it's only my imagination . . . right?

It's thought that Brother Tom really struck on something mentioning love in the maturing of prophecy, yet it's true with all the gifts and offices.

1.  
Without faith(fulness) nobody pleases God  
-(Heb. 11.6);
2.  
howbeit this works by the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts  
-(Rom. 5.1-5). . .
3.  
expressed outwardly through our souls in the living  
-(I Cor. 13.2, 11-12 / Jn. 14.15, 20-21, 23-24; 15.9-17 Neh. 8.8-10.

The above three things are written to show foundational support to the following thought:

Those who are mature as prophets MUST edify particularly those of like calling (if and when God says to). These are those who can identify with what others who have been called as prophets in a very personal way.

i don't know that our job is 'mature' them as this comes through walking with God.

We can encourage, exhort, and admonish  
but ultimately our Great Shepherd is the one who says what should/will and what should/will not happen. If we are not obeying His voice in this, we are out of line.

Back in the early 80's, when the idea of "prophetic movement" was first heard touted, first thoughts were, 'where is that in the Bible?' What was observed only confirmed the scepticism here: ~calling 'predicting/seeing' prophecy,  
~focus turning to satisfying the flesh through focus on the things of the world,  
~falsehood becoming more and more frequent in these camps  
~many proponents falling from grace through falling from faithfulness  
~etc. . .

At this time, one night witnessing house to house, the team i was working together with saw God miraculously heal a woman's mangled foot instantly when hands were laid on her and she was prayed for. He told me His Spirit was grieved (when the direction of focus was seen to turn from Jesus Christ to the human tool in His hands) and He said to get away from them and do not return.

The pastor came to me a few days later asking why i was no longer being active in "the work of God." He said how 'OUR' church could grow, etc. if 'I' would use 'MY' gift(s) for the furtherance of his kingdom . . . but was it really God's kingdom that was being promoted or the phenomena?

You wonder why many mispredictions come and the gifts stop operating?  
Is it really struggling to walk the straight and narrow  
to glorify Christ  
or  
a matter of what's in it for me  
and getting God to titilate the senses.

My pride did get the best of me eventually  
and in 1985 i was taken through deaths door and brought back again phsically and mentally maimed  
PRAISE GOD!

Total recovery was actually a growth into deep dependence, relying on God for everything imaginable, spanning the course of just over 20 years.

Many do not make it as prophets simply because of the issues of submission to God and yeilding everything up to him, yet this could also be said of anyone who stumbles and falls.

The thing is, one truly in the Lord's hands will be raised up again and again and again and . . . he may even fall seven times, but he won't stay there.

Yes, we all need each other, but this is never where reliance can ever be set if we are to walk even as He walked.

Why don't we hear sisteren&bretheren talking about Jesus as the greatest prophet ever before both God and man?  
Knowing this, something is really out of whack if we are not emulating His ministry.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Who soever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven

(Mt. 5.10-19)

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

(Jn. 14.23-24)

No response is expected.  
For him who has ears to hear  
let him hear what the Spirit is saying.

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

(Heb. 3.1-6)

Amen

**Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2010/12/3 20:16**

Quote:  
-----Anyone ever hear a church preach how to overcome sin? I have not and I have gone near and far looking for one that I have yet to find let alone one that has seen results from teaching their flock how to overcome sin.  
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Zac Poonen is the first person that I every heard teach on this specific subject.

Sadly, I've been saved for about 15 years and after hearing his teachings I honestly felt like I've been ripped off by 'church organizations'. Fifteen years of not hearing that I could actually be set free from the power of sin in my life. I'm not bitter at all about it in fact just the opposite, I'm extremely grateful that The Lord revealed this to me.

I've read countless books, heard people preach sermons that had NO revelation on being set free, stood in prayer lines, and I was struggling with anger and bitterness. No one told me that I could be totally set free from these conditions. Zac's teachings were like water in the middle of the desert for me. I struggled, and I worked, and I prayed, and I labored, (notice a recurring theme here?) and I was defeated.

Honestly, I just resigned to the fact that I was 'just that way, and there was no hope' but GOD was faithful, He's so wonderful, and He never gave up on me.

In the last 3 months I have noticed that He is taking the desire to gossip (I'm being very honest here) to hear gossip, and eat the fruit of gossip away from me.

Additionally, He is taking anger from my heart and helping me to relax. It's very surprising to me because in order to do this in me He has taught me to recognize His voice and 'not listen to another' heck I didn't even know how to recognize a fiery dart from the enemy so I was constantly being hit. Now I know by revelation that if it doesn't pass the Ephesians 4:8 test, it's from the enemy:

Quote:  
-----Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.  
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You are talking to someone who is 'being set free indeed' and I owe an incredible debt of gratitude to first Jesus (He was bruised (bled internally) for MY inequities) and second Zac Poonen for enduring the scorn that he has received and remaining faithful to God.

To HIM be the glory!

Bless you my brothers and sisters!

In Christ,  
Earl J.

**Re: , on: 2010/12/3 22:33**

Earl,

Anger is overcome by yielding what we think are our own rights up to God and recognizing that everything that happens in our lives comes from the hand of t.his King of glory to glorify you in the overcoming of our own selfish interests.

Bitterness is destroyed completely in forgiving others, even as Christ has forgiven us.

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**Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2010/12/3 22:55**

Quote:  
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That's the truth.

I realize that I didn't tell the rest of the story earlier, here's the BIG SECRET about overcoming anger, murder, the love of money and any other sin:

- 1) Confess it to God
- 2) Let Him take it from you
- 3) Resist temptation ('lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil')

When it is done you have nothing to glory about, He removes the desire. The victory belongs to the Lord!

It's simply amazing the way that the Holy Spirit will take it from you. I spent years managing fruit, and the Lord spent a few months ripping out the root (not to say that temptation isn't there).

In Christ,  
Earl J

**Re: , on: 2010/12/3 23:01**

Quote:  
-----Faith is not our faith in Jesus but the faith of Jesus in us that is the seed that is Christ  
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Very Good!

**Re: , on: 2010/12/3 23:06**

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In Christ,  
Earl J

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Amen EJ!

Temptation here has been overcome by walking contrary to it: returning good for evil.  
This is the best way found so far to resist the devil and make him run away.

Personally, when tempted to get angry, I see that there is both covetousness and lust still trying to manifest in my life.  
Doing as His Spirit leads in opposition to these things is self-denial.

From here it's a matter of the cross and HE will kill out the urge.

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**Re: Prophetic gift vs prophetic office - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/3 23:11**

Quote:  
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For you as a mature Christian, faithfulness is second nature but for a baby Christian faithfulness is a fruit of the spirit they still need to develop and even learn about.  
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Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit that all Christians have by virtue of the new birth. No doubt, those who are more seasoned in faith are more fruitful in regard to this. But, young saints are just as capable as being faithful as those who are more tenured in the faith. For Christ has made them faithful.

Quote:  
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It is during this time of growth a Christian must go through that those I referred to as "young prophets" make mistakes.  
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Error filled prophecies are never called "mistakes" in Scripture. If a young prophet makes an error, it's because he deliberately chose to do so. If an older prophet makes an error, it's because he deliberately chose to do so. In a word, both have "sinned." It's not because the younger prophet is somehow lacking in the ability to carry out the ministry the Lord has charged him with. For everything he needs to carry out the calling the Lord has placed in his life has been provided him. He whom the Lord calls and sends, the Lord equips, makes qualified, and gives the ability to follow through with the task assigned to him before the foundations of the world.

Quote:  
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I gather from what you have said my brother that you are not called to the prophetic office? I have frequently encountered those with callings to this office and most of them have some very intense experiences (myself included) on a fairly regular basis.  
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I prefer not to use the term "office," because I find the term nowhere mentioned in Scripture in connection with the prophetic ministry. But I do consider myself to have a prophetic ministry, and have had this calling for about a decade. A few others have recognized such calling on my life as well.

But with that said, I do not consider myself a prophet because of the frequency or intensity of my utterances. I believe I am such because the Lord has called me as such. Indeed, if it were based on frequency or intensity of utterances, then I probably would not be qualified. I don't think I've ever given anymore than a few words in a single year.

Quote:

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One needs training, just like people go to seminary or bible school, why should this be any different?  
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I've been to Bible college and seminary, but such was just to give me a deeper knowledge of the word. And in studying the word, I've yet to see where such ministry schools existed to train people in their spiritual gifts. Indeed, any such notions are entirely absent from the pages of the Scripture.

Quote:  
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Again I want to distance myself from the so called gurus selling books for obscene amounts of money, such books are frequently intended to, as it has been said, "flex spiritual muscle". On these points we are together  
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No offense to you personally, but I've yet to see in your post anything that would distance you from these guys. The little I've read, you really don't sound any different in anything I've seen you say. You might not be selling a book or inviting people to a conference, but theologically, your view of the prophetic seems to be sadly in the same mold of such fellows.

Blessings.

**Re: , on: 2010/12/3 23:37**

For a long while now, prophetically speaking, I'd be thinking about something and almost the next day, it would happen. It's weird. When I have those thoughts, I always think that I should act upon them and by the next day there is no need because whatever it was is done. It's like God is telling me something and I am not sure what. I am no prophet, don't want to be, thank you very much.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/3 23:55**

I think we make prophetic ministry much too complicated. Biblically speaking, being a prophet is simply about speaking on behalf of another. When one prophesies, one is simply declaring the thoughts and mind of Christ, as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance. To prophesy is to say Jesus would say, if Jesus were here saying it in person Himself. It's the sharing of the testimony of Christ, and what He thinks about anything and everything.

Yeah, all of this could be fleshed out some more. And it's very interesting to do so, with some edifying value. But, some times it's better to just take the axe to the root of the tree. For if you were to memorize the paragraph I just wrote, make that your motto, and teach it to others, you could spare yourself and the rest of the Church many problems. And instead of being dominated by a prophetic movement that is nothing short of embarrassing, we might actually produce a prophetic Church that glorifies God.

**Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2010/12/4 0:44**

Quote:  
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Perhaps you should reread the book of Samuel, and look for the phrase 'the school of the prophets'.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:15-20:

Quote:  
-----"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

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Notice Jesus doesn't say "by their doctrine you will recognize them" He says that they will look just like the other sheep and you won't be able to tell them apart because "inwardly" they are ferocious. You will recognize them by their fruit.

This brother comes in here to learn, he has a humble spirit by his writings (I've read all of this post), asking honest questions and you tear him apart (like a wolf):

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Brother, I'm glad that you don't consider yourself a prophet.

In Christ,  
Earl J

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/4 0:50**

Quote:  
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Perhaps you should reread the book of Samuel, and look for the phrase 'the school of the prophets'.  
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Such a phrase does not exist.

Quote:  
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This brother comes in here to learn, he has a humble spirit by his writings (I've read all of this post), asking honest questions and you tear him apart (like a wolf):  
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I think you've probably misread me. I'm simply being straight and to the point. I'm not looking to tear the brother apart.

Quote:  
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Actually, I do.

**Thank you all - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/4 2:19**

Hello my friends

Thank you all for your considered posts. I don't have much internet time at the moment so I must be brief.

One brother asked me if I was IRONMAN. I'm not, he's actually my brother-in-law. Thanks for the welcome, I'll pass your regards to him.

The general stream of thought from you is one that is emphasising character training from the Lord. This to me is a simple but ample truth that cannot be exhausted. One brother mentioned the school of prophets in Samuel and Kings, and I think the concept is the same as that of the "sons of the prophets" in the same book. I have noticed that prophesying as a collective seems to have a stronger anointing. More importantly, a collective movement can give an "environment of accountability and correction which we otherwise would not have", as Art Katz once said. For instance one can have a subtle bitterness and anger in their hearts and not notice it, because no one is close enough to point it out to them in love. Such character training is important.

I was tickled and greatly excited by the concept of God's providence providing a father. My pastor whom I met just two years ago is a wonderfully mature and Spirit filled man. His humility is always convicting and genuine yet he is firm authoritative at the same time. To me he is truly a gift of God's providence.

KingJimmy, I understand that you don't accept my calling, or phrasing, or anything else I say for that matter. That's perfectly fine and I accept that and you in love. There is no offense taken. Only, please don't let your opinion of me overshadow the subject matter of this thread. It's about failures in the prophetic move, not failures in Jimm! (lol). My failures are many I know but I'm not trying to take over the world here, I just would like some positive helpful insights on the subject matter without attacking my person or referring to my inner most thoughts as nonsense.

I've read all your posts and even gone to the links of the two letters you wrote and could see what the implication of what you thought of me, or who you perceive me to be anyway. That's alright. I love you anyway my brother. I hope however that we can continue to discuss this important matter without attacking one another's person because you don't deserve that hat, and I don't deserve that.

James.

**Phenetheus' vision - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/4 4:28**

Hello brother,

Your post was a fascinating and vivid example of what I mean concerning tricky areas of the prophetic. I've had a dream that turned lucid halfway through. I didn't even know such a thing existed before then and it was a tough area to research and get solid info on.

I have a few thoughts on the vision though. Please prayerfully consider these things which I think may be helpful insights.

To begin with I want to speak about the significance of the winds and their direction. Throughout scripture there is much cryptic talk about winds and their direction. If you do a quick search on an internet bible on the wind you may be surprised by how many times it appears in prophecy in the Old Testament. The significance of each direction is consistent in scripture and it is also consistent in your vision.

Consider the plagues of Moses. We know the story, God instructed Moses to call for an east wind and it brought locust which destroyed the crops in Egypt. The crops were in a literal sense, the works of the Egyptians. After that, the Lord commanded Moses to call a wind, this wind picked up all the locust and cast them into the sea.

Now to interpret the significance of each wind we must consider its usage throughout scripture. I did such a study years ago but my notes are not with me at the moment but I will for the time being share with you my conclusions and then if the Lord permits I will expound on it later.

The east wind always represents the destroying of evil works or the works of the devil. In this case, and usually in scripture, Egypt represents Satan's kingdom and Babylon represents the world. So we can see that the destroying of the Egypti

ans crops is symbolic for the destroying of the works of the devil.

Again throughout scripture locust represent demons. So we see that the removing of locust is symbolic for the removing of demons. From this we have that the east wind removes the works of the devil whereas the west wind removes the actual devils.

The North direction is tricky to describe vividly but from Ezekiel's vision in chapter 1 we have the vision of God Himself coming from the North. The North wind always represents God or God's presence.

I hope this useful to you, please let me know what you think.

James.

**Re: Thank you all - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/4 10:58**

Jimm, I don't think I ever said anything about your calling, or gave an opinion on whatever ministry you have or don't have. I've only talked about the theology of prophetic ministry, and the topic of why prophetic movements in the church have largely derailed. If my posts implicate you, then such was unintentional. But if they imply you are in error, then such is God's word to you to probably repent. But I don't know you, and have no knowledge of your ministry whatsoever.

**Re: - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/4 11:19**

KingJimmy

Thank you for that clarification my brother, I may have misunderstood your posts to be in response to my posts but I realize now that your statements were general statements against false prophets. Be blessed.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/12/4 11:22**

Blessings. :-)

**Re: - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2010/12/4 20:05**

Dear Jimm,

Brother I feel your pain and understand where you are coming from. It is frustrating when you can not get good advice on subjects that are "mystic" in nature from the denominational churches. I thank God that the true church is not made of brick and mortar, but of flesh and bone, spirit and soul and ready to be enslaved by Christ Jesus, to do the works of God through the Holy Spirit in US (meaning our bodies to do his will and bidding).

I have read and re-read your posting with a prayerful spirit. I have even taken your posting to the Lord in prayer. Here is what you said. I am only posting a portion for those whom are just now reading these excellent posting to the subject of the prophetic movement.

My argument also, let me reiterate, is not in defense of some public ministries which have failed, that's another thread altogether we want to discuss that. My thrust is actually aimed at the younger ministries, many of which will never see the light of day. I am saying that as a church our support structures are not adequate. I have over the years ministered to many young people with prophetic gifts and all too often I can see that they are just doomed and will never get the help they need.

Every Christian offer character and holiness, not just the prophets. Remember we're talking of young prophets here not just the public ones. In my own experience I went to many, many pastors and men of God to get advice for the prophetic but the overwhelming response was one of, "you know you may not actually have a calling at all, just a gift operating".

These days I'm experiencing the other extreme of having people literally stalking me. (I am taking this as young Prophets wanting instruction).

Apparently as young man I didn't quite look like a prophet so everyone dismissed me, also my gifting wasn't strong enough at the time to prove that God was speaking to me. It is in light of this that I feel the church is not prepared as a whole for prophetic movements. Now the other extreme is even worse, once the gift in a young prophet's life takes off there is so much hype and it's hard for young christian to handle that without falling into error. Suddenly everyone becomes a "ye

s man". Selah.

I have to admit I had a hard time digesting these few paragraphs. It wasn't until I took this to the Lord in prayer that I fully understood what you are actually saying. I believe that you are teaching young prophets, in their gifting from God. And how to use their gifts in the ministry according to the word of God and in the light of the Holy Spirit.

For such a time as this, you are called as a Prophet of God to teach and train up other Prophets and prophetesses of God and prepare the Church for the prophetic ministry?

Is this right?

If so, the Lord has shown me in his word, that which you probably already know, but I feel needs to be shared here. I would like to draw your attention to 2Peter. Read the whole book, I think it is two or three pages long. I read it four times last night.

The Lord shown me through his word, (look at 2peter 1:3-21).

If a prophet or any Christian with a calling to serve, doesn't have these qualities (meaning from verse 3-9), they are not ready to minister. They aren't equipped for service to or for the body of Christ or any brick and mortar church.

You have said so yourself in your first thread. These young Prophets are not ready and may never be ready. But they could be made ready if they abandon themselves and live through Christ.

Here is my thoughts. If they are arrogant and do not possess Christ like qualities according to the word 2Pet. 1-21, they personally should seek out the Lord to change their heart and not minister until they have been changed.

This is achieved by being taught in the Spirit and not by men. It is the only way, we can not change ourselves unless instructed, convicted and apprehended through the Holy Spirit.

Would you agree?

Now I believe just as there are seminaries there should be a school for prophets. And there should be more teaching and lectures on modern day prophets and their role in the church today. How to handle their gifting etc.

The church shy's away from these types of ministries because of a lack of knowledge of modern prophets and how the bible prophecies of false prophets leading Christians away from the faith.

It is easier to stay away from self proclaimed or called prophets all together, than to be led down the wrong path.

Although this may-be true for the most of the church, I believe in the word and continually put the word of God into my heart, I would hope that when the time of testing comes that the Spirit that lives in me would be able to tell the difference between true and false doctrines and false ministers & ministries.

Please don't take this posting the wrong way. I will always welcome a Prophet until they prove otherwise. I agree with most of the points that you published.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
William

P.S. I get David Wilkerson's newsletter and this month's letter was dynamic! and it follows along with what 2Peter 1:3-9. It is titled Handcuffed to Jesus. Here is the link:  
<http://www.worldchallenge.org/node/10745>

Re: Glory to God! - posted by Jimm (), on: 2010/12/5 1:29

Sonsigns

God the Father is incredible! You prayed to him through His Son and you understood me by His Spirit. Praise Him forever! I prayerfully read 2Peter and I was amazed how it was addressing the very thing we are talking about. I was listening to a sermon from Bob Gladstone last night about the word of righteousness and he said something that struck me. "You know you are walking in the deep of God when you come out of prayer and you have a specific relevant word from scripture. Jesus did not quote random scripture but as He was always in the spirit He knew exactly which scripture was relevant". Needless to say I am impressed by Christ in you.

I have a prophetic ministry and a teaching ministry. I mostly travel to high schools to teach and sometimes impart from the Lord. This ministry I do free of charge. I am very interested in the coming of our Lord and as you rightly discerned in prayer, I have grace in ministering to young prophets. It is because of His great undeserved love that I have prayed for a number of people and they have instantly received gifts from the Holy Spirit.

Quite often they receive gifts which I myself do not use. I have learnt that I cannot control what gifts people receive from Him but usually I have grace with people who have an aspect of prophetic gifting whether they are apostles, pastors, teachers or evangelists. Often I don't even lay hands. The Lord may give a word of knowledge of how a gift is going to operate in someone and sometimes instantly and at other times after some days miraculous things start to happen by God's grace.

2Peter from start to finish is full of practical immediate counsel. It states clearly that 2petr2:1 that they will even deny the Lord who bought them. It is very sad for me that these people are Christians knowing that our Lord would leave the 99 to find His lost sheep.

Why I did not want to make this about older public ministries is that I believe there is a certain point of no return (1 John 5:16). John calls it sin unto death which we should not pray for.

I think if there are to be prophetic schools in these modern days, the main emphasis should be in character training. Strong food belongs to those that are mature, who by reason of use have their senses trained to discern both good and evil.

Second Peter begins with a structure of character traits important for the young prophet to learn and to be trained in. Thank you Sonsigns for that post.

James