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cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.”

2. Remember, Jesus said in Acts 1:8 that people who have the Holy Spirit have power: **“But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.”**
3. It is clear that since every Christian has the gift of the Holy Spirit, then every Christian has the power to do healings and miracles, just as the disciples of Christ and the prophets of old did.
 - a. This idea is supported in Mark 16:17AMP: **“And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; V18, they will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.”**
 - b. This support continues in John 14:12-13 AMP: **“I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I so do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father. V13, And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.”**
4. We need to increase our faith and step forth boldly to do what the Lord directs us to do.

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“THE MANIFESTATION OF PROPHECY”

- XX. The manifestation of prophecy is speaking, writing, or otherwise communicating a message from God to another person or persons.

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- A. The “manifestation of prophecy” is the speaking under the direct supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit.
1. It is becoming God’s mouthpiece, to verbalize His words as the Spirit directs.
 2. The word “prophecy” used in 1 Cor. 12:10 is the Greek word “*propheteia*” and means “*speaking forth the mind and counsel of God*”.
 3. It’s very important that we understand that “prophecy” is inseparable in its New Testament usage with the concept of direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
 4. During the manifestation of prophecy the Lord Jesus or Father God gives a Christian believer a message through the Holy Spirit for someone.
 5. When that believer delivers the message, it is prophecy.

“DIFFERENT WAYS PROPHECY MAY COME”

- B. This manifestation of the Spirit may come in several different ways upon the believer.
1. The revelation from God that the believer speaks as “inspirational prophecy” can come moment by moment, coming almost word by word as he or she speaks.
 2. Or the manifestation of prophecy can come as a complete revelation given to the believer before it is spoken as prophecy.
 3. It also can come as a combination, with some revelation coming beforehand and some coming as the prophecy is spoken.
 4. It can come through visions or “trances”: This may be more in the realm of the prophet’s ministry, though it could happen to any Christian.
 - a. Ananias is an example in the New Testament (Acts 9:10-16).
 - b. This was a common experience for the Old Testament prophets, (Isaiah 6; Numbers 24:1-6).
 - c. Through dreams and night visions as recorded. (Daniel 7:1-28; Genesis 37:5-9; Numbers 12:6).

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- d. Through the Medium of an angel as recorded in (Revelation 1:1; Acts 10:22; 27:23-26).

“IS PROPHECY DIFFERENT THAN PREACHING”

C. Emphatically Yes! There is no warrant for translating the Greek word for prophecy as preaching, teaching, or exhorting in a manner that robs it of its direct supernaturalness.

1. The Scriptures do not confuse and interchange these words.
2. There are different words used for preaching, teaching, etc.
3. In Scripture prophecy bore the very obvious earmark of a supernatural operation.
4. There is never a mention in the Bible of “the foolishness of prophecy” as there is with “the foolishness of preaching”.
5. Notice the emphasis on the supernatural of prophecy in the following verses:
 - a. 1 Timothy 4:1: **“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly.....”**
 - b. Luke 1:67: **“And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied saying.....”**
 - c. Acts 21:11: **“Thus saith the Holy Ghost.....”**
6. Yes, preaching may contain prophecy, but is not itself prophecy.
7. On the other hand, prophecy is never to become a substitute for preaching and teaching; this was never its intended use.

“PROPHECY IS A WAY FOR GOD TO TALK TO HIS PEOPLE”

D. A prophet in the Old Testament when moved on by the Holy Spirit almost always prophesied in one of the above three ways.

1. During this period of time only the prophet, priest or king usually prophesied as the Spirit of God moved “upon them”.
2. This may be why Joel said that the day was coming when the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all believers, and that they would prophesy.
 - a. This is recorded in Joel 2:28 AMP: **“And afterward I will pour out**

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My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

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“IS PROPHECY VALID FOR OUR DAY?”

XXI. Yes! The Bible in the New Testament refers about thirty times to prophecy and prophesying as a continuing part of the Church.

A. This is why Peter, in his teaching on the Day of Pentecost, referenced Joel.

1. In Acts 2: 17-18 AMP we read his message, **“And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams. V18, Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God’s kingdom].”**

“DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WRITTEN AND ORAL PROPHECIES”

B. I believe the prophecy of the Bible is meant to be a higher level of prophecy.

1. It will never be equaled or surpassed. Why?
2. It was given by God for the purpose of becoming His authoritative, written word for the entire Church age.
 - a. This is confirmed by the Word in 2 Peter 1:23: **“For the prophecy came not at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

“THE TWO GREAT EXCESSES OF PROPHECY”

C. The two great excesses of history relating to prophecy have been , on the one hand, to lift it to a point of infallibility, and on the other hand, to “despise” it.

1. The balance we need is simple, while we dare not give it too great an