

“THE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

D. The purpose of prophecy is **Comfort** – Vines says this Greek word means “primarily a speaking closely to anyone, hence denotes consolation, comfort, with a greater degree of tenderness than the Greek word that means to call to ones side.

1. The prophetic word is Christ not only drawing near and speaking but speaking in great personal concern and tenderness and care.

(1) This is a great comfort.

(2) It not only makes us aware that He is there and speaking, but that He speaks with great intimacy and concern.

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“THOSE WONDERFUL POWER MANIFESTATIONS”

“PROPHECY’S USE IN THE CHURCH”

XXIII. The manifestation of prophecy can also reveal the secrets of people’s hearts so that they can be closer to God as seen in 1 Cor. 14:24-25: **“But if all prophecy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convicted of all, he is judged of all. V25, And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.”**

A. The manifestation of prophecy is a “power manifestation” of the Holy Spirit.

1. Prophecy is part of the “power” of Almighty God, which is why God places prophecy in the “power group” of manifestations.

2. Many Bible authorities place prophecy in the worship of vocal gift department.

3. Prophecy is not worship, it is speaking a “message of power” from God to His people.

4. Yes, it is used in a worship service, but that does not make it worship.

5. We must remember, at any given time in a Church service all the manifestations may come into play, depending on the needs of the people.

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“RELUCTANCE TO USE GOD’S POWER”

- B. Many Christians today will not use the manifestations of power, and its not because they do not have the ability to do so.
1. The “gift of the Holy Spirit” gives them the ability to allow all of the manifestations to come forth in their lives.
 2. What is causing this reluctance and why is it important that they obey the Spirits prompting.
 - a. The reluctance is usually based in fear, and this fear comes in many different forms.
 - b. As a Christian allows God’s power into manifestation, they will not only feel God’s presence, but will soon learn to flow with Him in ministry.
 - c. This opens them up to God’s power and allows them to move in the Spirit without hesitation or fear of any sort.
 3. All Christians can operate in all nine manifestations, and if they don’t its because they have not been sufficiently instructed, or that person does not have the faith to step out on what he has been given, or he simply does not want to flow with the Spirit.
 - a. An example of the above found in 1 Corinthians 14:24 states that the whole church can prophesy: **“But if all prophecy [giving inspired testimony and interpreting the divine will and purpose].....”**.
 - b. What’s the result? The unlearned or untaught outsider: **“.....will worship God, declaring that God is among you in very truth”** (V25).
 - c. The manifestations of power are IMPORTANT and the Church needs to hear this message.

“THE SPIRIT WORLD”

- C. I will start by asking, does the Bible reveal any information about the spirit world?

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1. Yes it does, the Bible confirms the fact of the spiritual world, and that there are actual incorporeal (without physical bodies) beings that exist.
2. In fact, these spirit beings exist in great numbers and in three major realms, and have their own particular personalities and character.
3. The Bible mentions the word “spirit” or “spirits” 990 times.
 - a. Actually, all life is spirit, even man.
 - b. The Bible tells us that God breathed the spirit of life into man and he became a living soul.
 - c. When the spirit leaves, the man is dead.
4. Mankind as a whole tends to be unconscious of the spirit world surrounding them, even though they are highly influenced and controlled by it.
 - a. So much so that the Bible in 2 Timothy 2:26 says, **“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”**
 - b. I have found that it requires contact with the spirit realm before a person is really awakened to its reality.
 - c. Until then, it is more a theory than reality.

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“WHY CHRISTIANS NEED TO DISCERN SPIRITS”

“SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS”

- XXIV. The Bible also teaches us that God is a spirit and the Father of spirits.
- A. In fact, His whole realm is a spirit realm and that realm is called “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”.
 1. We read about angels, the seraphim and cherubim, all spirit beings, and we are told that there are incalculable numbers of them (Daniel 1:10; Matthew 26:53).
 2. These heavenly hosts are organized into principalities and thrones, and some are even higher in beauty and authority.