

## **Why sometimes the prophetic doesn't happen when we think it should.**

Prophecy is still very much alive today and is part of God's kingdom work. John 16:13 says, "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."

There are 2 types of major prophecy. Prophecy is the word of God. Prophets are servants of God, called and appointed by God to pass His message. The 2 major types of prophecy are:

1. Conditional prophecy: Conditional prophecy is when the prophecy fulfillment is dependent on the compliance of those to whom the promise is made, with the conditions on which it is given. A prophecy in which the prediction is affirmed upon a condition. (i.e. Deut. 28 blessings & curses)

2. Unconditional prophecy: An unconditional prophecy is one in which there is no condition predicated. A prophecy from God that will come to pass exactly as prophesied no matter what humans do. (Jesus born of a virgin, would die for our sins, antichrist rise, etc)

Today God is using many people, not only the prophets as young and old have prophetic dreams, visions and have words from Father God and/or Jesus His Son. Just as Joel 2:28-29 & Acts 2:17 speaks of.

A lot of people today tend to think the prophetic should only be good messages, encouragement with words of hope and if it is not, or if it causes them to be fearful then it is not from Father God or Jesus Christ. It's from satan they will say. They will quote 1 Corinthians 14:3 which says, "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," Never realizing 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 is concerning how prophecy, usually a prophetic utterance should be given inside a church. This is different from those outside of the church who are sharing the dreams, visions and words from Father God and Jesus, His Son.

Hebrews 11:7 says, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Out of fear of what was to come he began preparing. He heard God's warning alarm and didn't reject it. This is the healthy fear God has instilled in us. Not the tormenting fear that has terror and is from our enemy satan.

Prophetic words, dreams and visions can cause fear at times. Fearful moments but you don't have to stay in that fear. If it causes fear that runs deeper than what motivates you to react whether it is to repent, seek God for confirmation or begin in obedience to make preparations, then the first thing that needs to be done is to ask why?

Why is this prophetic word, dream or vision causing me so much fear when I, as a child of God should be trusting Him for all my needs and safety? Is this word from someone with good fruits according to the word of God? Is it a false word? Watch the fruit of the person given the dreams, words and visions. Are they good or bad according to the word of God? Matthew 7:16 says this about the fruit of a person. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

If you know a person who you can see the attributes and fruit of Jesus and the sweet Holy Spirit operating and flowing freely in their lives then this is good fruit. If you cannot then this is bad fruit. They're not of God because satan cannot cast out satan. A divided house will fall.

### Mark 3:22-26

22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

These scriptures can help you determine someone's fruit and also the integrity of a prophetic dream, word or vision they have given.

Remember everything has to line up with the word of God whether it is prophetic or not for it to be from Father God, Jesus or sweet Holy Spirit because our God does nothing without sending warning first according to Amos 3:7. So, we need to understand some of the ways to determine if the things spoken or seen are from Heaven.

Here are a few things you can pray and ask Jesus about when a word, dream or vision causes fear if the Lord leads you to seek further what He's saying and why He is saying it?

1. Is the word, dream, vision given false or is it from God?
2. Has more than one word, dream or vision come forth that lines up with this word more or less from this person or others...meaning have much of the same warning? If so then this is a 2 Corinthians 13:1 warning and is confirmed...Established when it's from Heaven.
3. Do you know the person and can judge their fruits by the word of God? Even their past fruits lining them up with the holy scriptures standards?
4. Have you checked yourself for sin of any kind? Even hidden things like disobedience, casual talk that leads into gossiping, less time with Him, etc.? This can be the potential cause of the fear you're having.

5. Are you understanding the word, dream, vision properly? Have you earnestly sought His interpretation and asked the Holy Spirit to teach and give you the understanding? Spiritual things have to be spiritually discerned with the sweet Holy Spirit's help because without it, understanding cannot fully come according to 1 Corinthians 2:12-14. (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27.)
6. Was there a date given directly by God/Jesus/Holy Spirit or was it only a time or season? Most times when someone receives a dream, word or vision and it's dated, that is when they received it. That does not necessarily mean this is God's date for this to happen or even the year. God's timing is different from our shallow understanding of time.
7. Did God have a change of heart? If so, did God grant mercy because most of all He is love itself and is ruled by love?
8. Are we rejecting a word, dream or vision because of its contents before earnestly seeking Jesus for the truth of what it is saying because we don't like or want to hear what was said? More times than not the meaning will not be your obvious assumption because God is so much deeper than we are and can understand without His Holy Spirit showing and leading us. We are to search and study His matters out.
9. Is He warning me out of love to correct me? Do I need to repent?

**A word of caution I give in love:** If you have received a word of warning by dream, vision, or direct word from a person/persons who says it's from God/Jesus or Holy Spirit and you choose to reject or ignore it, then understand this: If they are truly hearing from God, if they've accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and are filled with His Holy Spirit, and it's a word given through the Holy Spirit, then you are rejecting the Holy Spirit within them and calling it not of God, but of satan!

You had better be sure!!!! This is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit and if you continue in this direction He very well may depart from you and you will then be damned eternally if you don't repent before He is grieved so much by your disobedience and rejection that He forever leaves you. He may allow you to do it one time or twenty or more before He leaves, but why chance it? This is the unpardonable sin. Why am I bringing this up? Because I love you and care what happens to your eternal soul. (Matthew 12:31-32.)

It is through the Holy Spirit that the prophetic can occur. John 16:13 says, "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."

If they are a true servant of Jesus Christ and this word has come forth by the Holy Spirit as the Bible says in 2 Peter 1:20-21 (20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.") then you are not denying or rejecting the person but Jesus they serve and calling the precious Holy Spirit within them that gave the word a liar! Again, that's if this is a direct word from God or Jesus.

One way to know if the word, dream or vision is from God:

Watch their fruits and rest assured time will tell whether they are false or true. It may not be the day of the given word, dream or vision. It may be 3 weeks, a month or 2 years but if God spoke it and it has not been changed by prayer reaching his heart or unrepentant causing it to be sped up and fast forwarded then it will come to pass at His appointed time! Not ours!

Numbers 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Pray about all this information and please remember if you are talking about someone who professes to love Jesus and they really do, then you are talking about His anointed that have been touched by His Father God in and through Him. If they have ever been truly saved then they are God's anointed. Psalms 105:15 says, "Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." This means even if they have walked fully away from our lovely Jesus. One such example we have in the Bible is Saul and David. (1 Samuel 24:3-6.)

When you hear a prophetic word, dream or vision and it causes fear, it is meant to propel you into action. You are being called to pray, or to repent, to make preparations or to warn others. This is healthy fear and should cause all who hear to respond one way or another. But it will be up to the individual what choices they make.

Each person has a right to reject a word, dream or vision that's declared it's from God but in the end God will reveal who is really speaking His words and those of His Son Jesus because he warns out of love for all his children.

Can a prophetic dream, vision or word be changed? Absolutely if people will repent and cry out to God and it reaches His heart with their prayers. Or if people fail to repent and Father God chooses to accelerate His hand of Judgment.

For those who say once God has spoken a word it can never be changed, then I direct you to Amos 7 & Jonah 4 which are only two of several places when God changed his called forth judgment because of true repentance or someone interceding for others.

Amos 7: 1-3

**1** Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

**2** And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

**3** The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

Here we see God gives a prophetic word to Amos of what His intentions of judgment were for Israel. He's going to send the judgment of destroying grasshoppers to cover the land. He even gives a general time.....the latter growth after the king's mowing. Amos intercedes for Israel and it tells us God repented. This means He had a change of heart...not a change of mind. The judgment was still coming but now it will be a different way. This is an example of prayer reaching God's heart and judgment and its timing then being changed for a later time. We see proof of this in some of the other verses in this same chapter.

Amos 7: 4-6



**4** Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

**5** Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

**6** The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

God gives another word to Amos of what His intentions are for Israel. This time it is a destroying fire that consumes much of the land. Amos once again intercedes for Israel and God repented. He is again moved by mercy and love for Israel. Judgment was still coming but now it was to be again a different way.

Amos 7:7-9; 17

**7** Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

**8** And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:

**9** And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

**17** Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be

divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

We see in Amos 7:7-8 God has built a wall with a plumbline. A plumbline is a tool that masons and contractors use to build a straight up and down wall. Next we see in verses 9 & 17 if Israel didn't line up with the straightness of the wall God built with the plumbline by God then their fate would then be the judgment of desolate (Uninhabited) lands, sanctuaries laid to waste (destroyed), they would die by the sword (war) and go into captivity. By history we know this all came to pass.

We don't know how long the time was between each time God and Amos spoke but we can see where God warned, in grace and love gave Israel more time to repent and return to Him, but they refused and then the judgment finally came. Thus showing if God chooses He being God can change a spoken word, vision or dreams outcome out of love.

Another example is Jonah who prophesied to Nineveh of its destruction but God was merciful and stayed the judgment until a later time when it was destroyed hundreds of years later.

This prophetic word he uttered is found in Jonah 3:4

**4** And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Notice He said it "shall" be destroyed. At this moment in time God's had determined to destroy Nineveh completely for its wicked, evil sins. But the people repented and God had a change of heart...meaning He delayed the judgment for a later time out of mercy and His great love. Even for a people as wicked as them. Four hundred years later when they had returned fully into their sins, they were destroyed and God's prophetic word of judgment against them was fulfilled.

The Bible, God's holy word, is full of His prophetic words that have been words of encouragement, hope and love but also of

warnings of ill intent which are meant to warn, to reproof, to draw people back to Father God and His righteous ways through Jesus Christ!

*(Look at 2 Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture [God's written and spoken word] is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.)*

If God only gives good prophecy then we would have to remove most of the prophets in the Old Testament and even some of the new including words spoken by Jesus, Himself!

Some of the reasons that prophecy can cause fear in some are not always the word, dream or vision itself, but the condition of their heart when they hear it. This will have a deciding factor in whether they will allow this spirit of fear to torment them or reject it before earnestly seeking the matter out as we are instructed to do in the Holy Bible.

If someone has known or unknown sin they need to repent of, if they have strayed some from our loving Savior without realizing it as the cares of life take precedent in their lives, or even if they simply refuse the word, dream or vision because they simply don't like what it said, then these can lead to the spirit of fear having access to your life. It can also cause you to remain inactive in all that needs to be done.

If you are repeatedly given warning by words, dreams or visions for something and at first you felt the need to earnestly pray and seek the Lord about it, but then pushed it away time and again saying in your mind, "This can't be God. He is love, or He would never do that". You may very well find Father God taking a step back for your disobedience and allowing satan to give you false

peace that settles in your heart right before sudden destruction, the very destruction you were warned about and chose to ignore hits you full force. I am sounding the warning right now that this is very possible if you don't stay as close to Jesus as you can in Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:3, For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Those who truly trust in Jesus know that He will take care of us, and if we were to perish, then just as 2 Corinthians 5:8 says, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Also what it says in 1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

Amos 3:7-8, 7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

1 John 4:1, Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

If God gives you a warning and you know it is definitely from Him then you must speak it, for Ezekiel tells us what happens if we do, or do not follow God's leading and give His word in due season!!!

Ezekiel 3:17-21

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

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou

givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

Here are just a very few examples of good prophecy: Joel 2:25-28; Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:16-18.

Here are a few examples of a prophecy that is of ill intent:

Hosea 13:16; Isaiah 13:15-18; Zechariah 14:2; 12; Revelation 21:8; Jeremiah 19:9.

In the end I will say this: Prophetic dreams, words and visions are given to edify, exhort, admonish, and comfort. It is to bring a word of hope **or** a word of warning and judgment. All out of love from our loving Father God and His Son Jesus Christ. They may be for a nation, the church or even an individual. Whichever it may be, we as His children are not to fear the prophetic but should always line it up to the word of God. No matter if it is one single word, dream or vision or several.

If these things do cause fear, then search yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what is in your heart that would cause you to

have it, but please do it *without* a made up mind with your own preconceived ideas of what these things mean or don't mean. I say this because God doesn't speak any idle words and in the end whether you believe a word, dream or vision if it's truly from God that will be revealed as time passes. His time.

For some His time is too late! The warning has come true. All because you chose not to seek God for the full understanding of all He was saying, or because you had determined in your heart the prophetic had to be given in a certain way, or when you thought it had to come to pass and if not, then it was false.

Jesus, help us to wait on You. To seek out each matter patiently and to be obedient in ALL You tell us to do, no matter how busy our lives are or how hot the battle we're fighting, in Your sweet Name I pray and ask.