

THE HEART OF PROPHECY

Module 1 · Participant Handout

The Heart of Prophecy — the Spirit of Prophecy — is the TESTIMONY OF JESUS.

Working definition: Prophecy is “divine revelation that points people to Christ.”

Rev 19:10 — “...I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Three Questions

1. Is pursuing prophecy really pursuing God (Jesus)?
2. What is the Heart — the Spirit — of prophecy?
3. Does God still need prophetic messengers today?

The Testimony of Jesus

- Rich both ways: the testimony **ABOUT** Jesus (every true word reveals Him) and **FROM** Jesus (His Spirit witnessing through you). **From Him, and about Him.**
- A prophetic word never leaves people impressed with the _____. It leaves them in love with _____.
- **The test:** if a word does not reveal Jesus — or sound like Jesus — it is not carrying the Spirit of prophecy, no matter how accurate it seems.
- The angel is a *fellow servant* — and so are we. We are a **prophetic people**: in service, teaching, evangelism, or kids, **you are a prophetic messenger of Jesus.**

It Has Always Been About Jesus

- The **Spirit** moved the Old Testament prophets to speak — Num 11:25–29; 1 Sam 10:6; Joel 2:28–29; 2 Pet 1:21.
- And their **message pointed to Christ** — Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39, 46; Acts 10:43.
- Peter says the “Spirit of _____” was in the prophets, predicting His sufferings and glory (1 Pet 1:10–12).

Hebrews 1:1–2 — “God... spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets... in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.” The prophets were the opening movements; **the Son is the climax.**

Is It For Today?

The gifts are given for the **whole church age** — from Pentecost to the Second Coming:

- **Acts 2:16–21** — poured out “in the last days” (= the whole _____)
- **Eph 4:11–13** — until we reach the full stature of Christ · **1 Thess 5:19–24** — active until He returns; test everything
- **1 Cor 13:8–13** — gifts continue until “face to face” = His return, not a finished book

Guardrail: God never speaks against His Word. The canon is closed — test every word by Scripture (1 Thess 5:21; Acts 17:11). Prophecy never adds to revelation; it applies what He already said.

From Truth to Pursuit — Two Steps

Step 1 — Believe God is still speaking, and He wants to speak to YOU.

Step 2 — Align our hearts. This is why **inner healing & deliverance** matter. The enemy fights to keep the testimony of Jesus from getting out — working through our **brokenness** and the pull of the **world** (John 10:10; 1 Pet 5:8).

- **Healing** (Ps 147:3; Isa 61:1) · **Forgiveness** (2 Cor 2:10–11; Eph 4:26–27) · **Deliverance** (John 8:36)
- **Your tongue reveals your heart:** “the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart” (Luke 6:45). “_____ and life are in the power of the tongue” (Prov 18:21). Tame the tongue and you can bridle the whole body (James 3:2). Guard your words — use fewer (Prov 10:19; 21:23; Eccl 5:2; James 1:19, 26; Ps 19:14; 141:3).
- An **ongoing journey**, not a one-time event (Ps 139:23–24; Phil 1:6).

The cleaner the _____, the clearer the testimony of Jesus that flows through it.

For Reflection

1. Do you *REALLY* believe that God wants to speak to you?
2. Where am I more impressed with messengers (or wanting to impress) than in love with Jesus?
3. What broken or unforgiven place might the enemy be using to hinder the testimony of Jesus in me?

Scripture for Study

Foundation: Rev 19:10; 22:8–9

The Spirit & the OT prophets: Num 11:25–29; 1 Sam 10:6; Joel 2:28–29; 2 Pet 1:21

Pointed to Christ: Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39, 46; Acts 10:43; 1 Pet 1:10–12; Heb 1:1–2

For today: Acts 2:16–21; Eph 4:11–13; 1 Thess 5:19–24; 1 Cor 1:4–9; Mark 16:14–20; 1 Cor 13:8–13

Heart & freedom: John 8:32, 36; 10:10; 1 Pet 5:8; Ps 147:3; Isa 61:1; 2 Cor 2:10–11; Eph 4:26–27; Ps 139:23–24; Phil 1:6

The tongue & the heart: Luke 6:45; Prov 18:21; 10:19; 21:23; 17:28; Eccl 5:2; James 1:19, 26; 3:2–10; Ps 19:14; 141:3

THIS WEEK

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you **one** area for healing or forgiveness — and take it to Jesus (and a trusted person).
- Look for one chance to **point someone to Jesus** this week.

Notes
