

Brushes with Prophets, Politics, People & Prophetic Protocols

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Tim Taylor's notes for Sunday Service

There is a lot that is good and then there are some issues. Originators Joseph Mattera & Michael Brown

<https://josephmattera.org/need-prophetic-church/> (the Prophetic Protocols & signers and at the very bottom is a link to the PDF copy you can download if you like).

- My goal is to use this current event to help each of us mature as a minister.
- I know people on both sides of the issue.
- Issues – broad sweeping statements – using a brush that is too large.
- Glaring omission – encouragement to apply Biblical standards of judgment
 - ie. accountability for the ones judging
 - in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses let every word be established. (Matt 18:16 & 1 Cor 13:1)
 - Exactly, who said what and when vice broad statement summarizing “what the prophet’s said.”
 - Use a smaller brush. The statement (the brush) is too broad. It besmirches or discredits others who have not erred.
 - Too many broad sweeping statements. It’s like using a brush that is too large for the job. You need to use a smaller brush.
- Some of the prophets (ie. Steve Schultz and Robin Bullock) have made responses



Opportunity to Call the Church up to Maturity

- Hebrews 5:12-6:2 – solid food belongs to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (discernment = a judicial estimation)
- 1 Cor 2:15 – he who is spiritual judges all things yet he himself if rightly judged by no one
- John 12:47-48 – God’s word is what will judge (John 1:1)

Different Gifts

- Gifts of the HS – prophecy is for edification, exhortation and comfort (1 Cor 14:3)
- Gifts of the Son – Eph. 4:11 – prophet
 - Primary role of a NT prophet – equip others to hear/see
 - Also performs a governmental function

- 2 Peter 1:19-21 – no prophecy of any private interpretation
- 1 Cor 14:29 – let the prophets speak two or three and let the others judge
- Prophets addressed and worked with kings/governmental issues (ie. Samuel & king Saul and David, Nathan, Gad and David, King Hezekiah and Isaiah, Nehemiah & Haggai etc. John the Baptist and Herod.

Discerning the True and the False – judge the word actually delivered & the character/motives

- Deut 13:1-5 – if prophet or dreamer delivers a word or gives a sign that comes to pass and they say let us go serve other gods, You shall not listen, the LORD your God is testing you.vs 5. You shall put that prophet to death.
 - Jer 14:13-15 – prophets prophesying lies in my name, the deceit in their own minds. Worthless divination..... they will be consumed by famine and sword.
- Deut 18:20-22 – vs 20 prophet is to die who speaks in the name of another god. How will you know if God has spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and it does not come to pass, the prophet has spoken presumptuously. (Jer 28:8 example)
- Matt 7:15-20
 - Balaam – Jude 11 (Neh 13:12, hired to curse), 2 Pet 2:15, Numb 24... every word true.
 - Numb 31:16 – caused the women to cause children of Israel to trespass through the counsel of Balaam. & Rev 2:14
 - Micah 3:11 – prophets divine for money

Balaam had a gift but note what Vines says regarding the Hebrew word translated divine in Micah 3:11.

Vines

The practice of divination might involve offering sacrifices to the deity on an altar (Num. 23:1ff.). It might also involve the use of a hole in the ground, through which the diviner spoke to the spirits of the dead (1 Sam. 28:8). At other times, a diviner might shake arrows, consult with household idols, or study the livers of dead animals (Ezek. 21:21). Divination was one of man's attempts to know and control the world and the future, apart from the true God. It was the opposite of true prophecy, which essentially is submission to God's sovereignty

Balaam was well-known among the pagans as a diviner; at the same time, he recognized Yahweh as his God (Num. 22:18). He accepted money for his services and probably was not beyond adjusting the message to please his clients. This would explain why God, being angry, confronted him (Num. 22:22ff.), even though God had told him to accept the commission and go with his escort (22:20). It appears that Balaam was resolved to please his clients. Once that resolve was changed to submission, God sent him on his journey (22:35).

Every word Balaam prophesied was true.

- - Gal 5:17-25 (Gal 6:1 addresses what to do when one is overtaken in a fault).
 - Judge character & the word

How to Judge

- Get specific (let every word be established)

- Compare it to the word of God
- Then look to elements, requirements etc
- Done in the context of understanding the prophetic. Some words speak to the past, present and future.

Both groups made comments using to broad a brush.

From Joe Mattera's site - <https://josephmattera.org/need-prophetic-church/>

"In the lead-up to the 2020 elections, [Bishop Joseph Mattera](#) and I began to discuss the need to convene a number of charismatic leaders, sensing the fallout that would come should Trump not win reelection.

(TT – Trump did win. It was stolen. By not acknowledging this premise he fails to address a motivation of the prophetic gift which has to do with justice. Ie. where is the call for justice & what's right? One of the primary motives of the prophetic gift. It would have been wise for the presenters of this to have acknowledge the injustice and fight against Satan's stratagem in this nation. The adversary has taken advantage of this situation and is trying to get our eyes off the even bigger issues. Psalm 68:11, Ps 2:6-9, Eph 3:10, Ps 110:1-2, Dan 7:21-25 etc...)

Said...." In light of serious concerns after well-publicized, national prophecies did not come to pass, and in light of the needs of local pastors as well as individual believers to have practical guidelines for processing prophetic words, as Pentecostal and Charismatic leaders, we felt that now was the opportune time to produce this current document."

Example of a unfilled word and poor character

It would be much better if they got specific ie https://churchleaders.com/news/399223-jeff-jansen-trump-reinstated.html?utm_source=cl-news-nl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=text-link&utm_campaign=cl-news-nl&maropost_id=742223925&mpweb=256-9408799-742223925 – Jeff Jansen gave dates + has some character issues.

Ministers who did not sign

<http://www.christianitydaily.com/articles/11726/20210504/christian-leaders-issue-prophetic-standards-statement-following-controversial-prophecies-about-recent-elections.htm>

However, the document was not signed by a large number of prominent leaders in the prophetic movement, such as Christian International Ministries' Dr. Bill Hamon (who founded the modern prophetic movement in 1979), Chuck Pierce of Global Spheres, Inc., Cindy Jacobs of Generals International, Tom and Jane Hamon of Vision Church, Kenneth Copeland of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Lance Wallnau of Lance Learning Group and 7M Underground, and Dutch Sheets of Dutch Sheets Ministries.

(TT – I heard Steve Schultz and Robin Bullock talking and saying based on their standards no one would ever give a word either. I don't have a link to the Elijah Streams video which has those statements but, Brenda heard them too. They used to broad of a brush as well in those specific statements. Should have gone to a specific sentence and identified exactly what part they took issue with.)

To broad = generalized statements

We need to be or get specific. Who said what and when? Exactly. Remember peoples experience with memory of words. Why we encourage recording the words (Hab 2:2... write it down, make it plain...)

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- We've been practicing these standards for a very long time and it is part of our Church mobilization strategy. It's built in.
- Recognized this and encourages forming apostolic and prophetic councils with a view to taking 1 Cor 14:29, 1 Thess 5:12 and 21, 2 Tim 2:2, 1 Cor 2:15, Matt 7:15-20 from teaching into a daily operational practice.
- That's what is at the center of our ARC and the HOP/the Church.
- It honors the gifts in God's people, the stewardship of His word, and positions God's people to proclaim and execute our Father's will on earth as it is in heaven (Ps 68:11, Ps 2:6-9, Ps 110:1-3, Matt 6:9-12)

Excerpt from a 2012 Class I taught on the Prophetic Gift

Prophetic words tests

1. Timing of the word (is now the time – ie. Zech 11:3)
2. Test of the spirit – 1 John 4:1-6
 - Human, Holy or demonic spirit - see 1 Kings 22 for example of all 3
3. Test of fulfillment – Deut 18:22 did it come to pass
 - Accuracy of the word – details if word of knowledge etc.
4. Test of doctrine – 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Tim 4:1-3 (doctrines of demons – lies – hypocrisy – ie. Chrislam – homosexuality etc.)
5. Test of character – Matt 7:15-20
 - Motive – ie. greed – Jude 11 (Balaam)
 - Test or decide if the prophet or minister is trying to use their gift to manipulate – do they try to use the word to control or gain influence over your life? (Matt 12:34-37) ie flattery – prophesy to leaders so they'll invite you to minister or give more money etc.
 - Je covetousness – 2 Peter 2:1-3 (false teachers & prophets) exploit
6. Whose heart test – God's heart of yours? - spoke out of your own heart, wishes or desire
7. History Test - Judge history (scripture tells us if we judge ourselves we won't be judged – 1 Cor 11:31) – history of accuracy or not?
8. Flow test - How does it flow or fit with previously delivered words or revelation by Holy Spirit (most words confirm)
9. Prophetic words 99% conditional - if then
 - If from The Lord - yes or no - personal or corporate
 - judge if prophecy or office prophet
 - If yes, Lord, what do you require of me? Faith in action
 - War with the word 1 Tim 1:18