

# THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

## **1. HOW did God communicate with man in Eden?**

“And the Lord God *called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*” **Genesis 3:9.**

## **2. Since the fall, by what means has God generally made known His will to man?**

“I have also spoken *by the prophets*, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, *by the ministry of the prophets.*” **Hosea 12:10.**

## **3. What things belong to God, and what to us?**

“*The secret things* belong unto the Lord our God; but *those things which are revealed* belong unto us and to our children forever.” **Deuteronomy 29:29.**

## **4. How fully and to whom does God reveal His purposes?**

“Surely the Lord God will do *nothing*, but *He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.*” **Amos 3:7.**

## **5. Can the wise men of the world foretell the future?**

“Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers, show unto the king.” **Daniel 2:27, R. V.** See study on “**Prophecy, Why Given**” and notes thereto.

## **6. Who did Daniel say could reveal secrets?**

“But *there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets*, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.” **Verse 28.**

## **7. How did the prophet Daniel acknowledge the insufficiency of human wisdom?**

“*As for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living*, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.” **Verse 30.**

**8. After revealing and interpreting the dream, what did Daniel say?**

“The great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass *hereafter*.” **Verse 45.**

**9. How does God show His foreknowledge?**

“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and *new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*” **Isaiah 42:9.**

**10. How does the Lord reveal Himself to His prophets?**

“If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a *vision*, and will speak unto him in a *dream*.” **Numbers 12:6.**

**11. Under what influence did the prophets of old speak?**

“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*.” **2Peter 1:21. See 2Samuel 23:2.**

**12. How are both the origin of prophecy and the means of communicating it still further shown?**

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, *which God gave unto Him*, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and *He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John*.” **Revelation 1:1.**

**13. What angel revealed to Daniel his visions and dreams?**

“Whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man *Gabriel*, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And *he informed me, and talked with me, and said*, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.” **Daniel 9:21, 22. See also chapter 10, and Revelation 22:9, 10.**

**14. What Spirit was in the prophets inditing their utterances?**

“Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time *the Spirit of Christ which was in them* did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” **1Peter 1:10, 11.**

**15. How were the Lord's words to the prophets preserved?**

"Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then *he wrote the dream*, and told the sum of the matters." **Daniel 7:1**. See **Jeremiah 51:60; Revelation 1:10, 11**.

**16. By whom has God spoken to us in these last days?**

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son*." **Hebrews 1:1, 2**.

**17. What was one of the offices to be filled by the Messiah?**

"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee *a Prophet* from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken." **Deuteronomy 18:15**.

**18. What was foretold through the prophet Joel?**

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out 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*." **Joel 2:28**.

**19. When did this prediction begin to be fulfilled?**

"But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." **Acts 2:16, 17**.

**20. What were some of the gifts Christ gave to His church?**

"When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And He gave some, *apostles*; and some, *prophets*; and some, *evangelists*; and some, *pastors and teachers*." **Ephesians 4:8-11**.

**21. By what means did God deliver and preserve Israel?**

"*By a prophet* the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and *by a prophet* was he preserved." **Hosea 12:13**.

**22. When Moses complained of his slowness of speech, what did God say Aaron should be to him?**

“And he shall be thy *spokesman* unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a *mouth*, and thou, shalt be to him instead of God.” **Exodus 4:16.**

**23. What did God afterward call Aaron?**

“And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be *thy prophet*.” **Exodus 7:1.**

**24. What is one test by which to detect false prophets?**

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, *if the thing follow not, nor come to pass*, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” **Deuteronomy 18:22.**

**25. What other test should be applied in determining the validity of the claims of a prophet?**

“If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, *Let us go after other gods*, which thou hast not known, and *let us serve them*; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. *Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice*, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him.” **Deuteronomy 13:1-4.**

**NOTE** — From these scriptures it will be seen that, in the first place, if a prophet’s words do not prove to be true, it is evidence that God has not sent that prophet. On the other hand, even though the thing predicted comes to pass, if the pretended prophet seeks to lead others to break God’s commandments, this, regardless of all signs, should be positive evidence that he is not a true prophet.

**26. What rule did Christ give for distinguishing between true and false prophets?**

“*By their fruits ye shall know them.*” **Matthew 7:20.**

**27. What general rule is laid down for testing all prophets?**

*“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”* **Isaiah 8:20.**

**28. How did God’s prophets anciently use the words of former prophets in exhorting the people to obedience?**

*“Should ye not hear the words which the Lord hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity?”* **Zechariah 7:7.**

**29. What is the promised result of believing God’s prophets?**

*“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.”* **2Chronicles 20:20.**

**30. What admonition is given regarding the gift of prophecy?**

*“Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”* **1Thessalonians 5:20, 21.**

**31. What will characterize the last, or remnant, church?**

*“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”* **Revelation 12:17.**

**32. What is the “testimony of Jesus”?**

*“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”* **Revelation 19:10.** See **Revelation 1:9.**

**33. What results when this gift is absent?**

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”* **Proverbs 29:18.** See also **Psalms 74:9.**

WHAT poor, despised company  
Of travelers are these,  
Who walk in yonder narrow way,  
Along the rugged maze,  
Ah! these are of a royal line,  
All children of a King,  
Heirs of immortal crowns divine;  
And lo! for joy they sing.  
Why do they, then, appear so mean,

And why so much despised?  
Because of their rich robes unseen  
The world is not apprized.  
But why keep they that narrow road,  
That rugged, thorny maze?  
Why, that's the way their Leader trod,  
They love and keep His ways.  
Why do they shun the pleasing path  
That worldlings love so well?  
Because that is the road to death,  
The open road to hell.  
What! is there then no other road  
To Salem's happy ground?  
Christ is the only way to God,  
No other can be found.