

School of Prophecy Part 3

Lesson 1: Five Principles of the Spirit of Prophecy

Revelation 19:10 NKJV - *And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

1. Some Things Remain a Secret

Deuteronomy 29:29 NKJV - *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

A. Example of a secret thing:

Mark 13:32-37 NIV - **32** *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

B. No one knows when He is coming.

2. Prophecy is Given to Motivate Us

A. Priority number one is the proclamation of the Gospel.

Matthew 24:14 NKJV - *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

B. Prophecy motivates us to be a faithful and wise servant.

Matthew 24:44-46 NKJV - **44** *Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.*

C. Prophecy sharpens our spiritual senses.

1 Peter 4:7 AMP - *The end and culmination of all things is near. Therefore, be sound-minded and self-controlled for the purpose of prayer [staying balanced and focused on the things of God so that your communication will be clear, reasonable, specific and pleasing to Him.]*

3. Prophecy Keeps Us from Being Surprised by the Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 NKJV - *4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

A. The understanding of what is happening keeps us walking in the Light.

B. The Spirit of Faith is active and alive with hope and expectation.

4. The Spirit of Prophecy Focuses on Christ

A. The Holy Spirit guides us and keeps us living the Christ life.

John 16:13-14 NKJV - *13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

5. God is Sovereign Over the Nations

A. Sovereign - royal power, kingship, rule, and dominion

B. Sovereignty means that He is working it all out according to His Will.

Ephesians 1:11-12 AMP - *11 In Him also we have received an inheritance [a destiny—we were claimed by God as His own], having been predestined (chosen, appointed beforehand) according to the purpose of Him who works everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him as our Lord and Savior] would exist to the praise of His glory.*