

# SAME SPIRIT, DIFFERENT MANIFESTATIONS

## How God Speaks

The Heart of Prophecy · Week 2 · Follow-Along Outline

### 1. Recap of Week 1

- The Heart of Prophecy is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus — “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10).
- The **test**: if a word doesn't reveal Jesus — or sound like Jesus — it isn't carrying the Spirit of prophecy.

### 2. A Clean Vessel: Healing & Deliverance

- We carry the testimony of **Jesus**, not the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Tim 2:21** — “...if anyone cleanses himself...he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master.”

- Healed and delivered, we see \_\_\_\_\_ correctly (Matt 5:8) → then we see \_\_\_\_\_ correctly → and we minister in a way that **benefits** the one receiving (Matt 7:3–5).

### 3. What Is Prophecy? (The Umbrella Term)

- *prophēteuō* = to speak \_\_\_\_\_ for God. Mainly **forth-telling** (declaring God's heart), and it also \_\_\_\_\_ — predicting the future (Agabus: Acts 11:28; 21:10–11).

**Prophecy is a Spirit-prompted message from God, in human words, to build people up — edification, exhortation, comfort (1 Cor 14:3).**

- Prophecy is the \_\_\_\_\_ term for the revelatory gifts. The gift of prophecy **encompasses** them all:
- Word of knowledge · word of wisdom · discerning of spirits · tongues · interpretation of tongues
- What it is **not**: not occult fortune-telling, not our opinions, never above Scripture — always **tested** (1 Cor 14:29; 1 Thess 5:20–21).

### 4. A Prophet vs. the Gift of Prophecy

**Every believer can \_\_\_\_\_ — but not every believer is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- All can prophesy — Acts 2:17–18; 1 Cor 14:1, 31. Not all are prophets — 1 Cor 12:29; Eph 4:11.
- Three levels: **occasional** prophecy · a **regular gift** (Rom 12:6) · the **office of prophet** (Eph 4:11; 1 Cor 12:28).
- **OT prophet**: “Thus says the LORD,” 100% accuracy — \_\_\_\_\_ for a false word (Deut 18:20–22).
- **NT prophet**: “we know in \_\_\_\_\_ and prophesy in \_\_\_\_\_” (1 Cor 13:9) — weighed, not received blindly.
- So we are **free to step out** (no one is stoned for missing it) **and** stay **humble** — hold a word loosely, test it, never use it to control.

### 5. Same Spirit, Different Manifestations

- Same \_\_\_\_\_, different manifestations — “varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit” (1 Cor 12:4–11).
- → Follow along on your “**How God Speaks**” chart — the many families of how God speaks.
- Two keys: **recognize** His voice in its many forms, and **weigh everything** by Scripture and by Jesus (1 John 4:1).

### For Reflection

1. Where am I carrying the testimony of *self* instead of the testimony of Jesus?
2. Which way(s) does God most often speak to me? Which do I want to grow in?
3. What healing or forgiveness step is God inviting me into?

### THIS WEEK

- Ask the Holy Spirit to **speak** — then take a small risk to share an encouragement with someone.
- Keep saying **yes** to His healing — stay a clean vessel.

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## HOW GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

*A New Testament Survey, with examples in operation · The Heart of Prophecy*

God still makes Himself known in many ways. Two reminders: **Scripture and the person of Jesus are the standard**, and **weigh everything** (1 John 4:1; 1 Thess 5:21; 1 Cor 14:29).

Way God Speaks	What It Looks Like	Biblical Example in Operation	Key Scriptures
<b>God's Settled, Foundational Word</b>			
<b>Through His Son, Jesus</b>	God's clearest and final word is a Person.	The risen Jesus opens the Scriptures on the Emmaus road; their hearts burn (Luke 24:27, 32).	Heb 1:1–2; John 1:1, 14
<b>Through Scripture</b>	His written Word — living and active; the standard for all else.	Jesus answers every temptation with “It is written” (Matt 4:1–11); the Bereans search daily (Acts 17:11).	2 Tim 3:16–17; Heb 4:12
<b>Through the apostolic letters</b>	The Spirit-carried writings of the apostles.	“What I am writing is the Lord's command” (1 Cor 14:37); Peter ranks Paul's letters as Scripture (2 Pet 3:15–16).	Col 4:16
<b>Directly by the Holy Spirit</b>			
<b>Inner voice / leading</b>	An inward prompting to go, stay, speak, or act.	“The Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go...join this chariot’” (Acts 8:29); “Set apart...Barnabas and Saul” (Acts 13:2).	John 16:13; Rom 8:14
<b>Restraining or compelling</b>	A holy ‘no,’ or an inner constraint.	Forbidden to preach in Asia; the Spirit redirects them to Macedonia (Acts 16:6–7); “bound in spirit” (Acts 20:22).	Acts 16:6–7
<b>Witness with our spirit</b>	Inner assurance of belonging.	“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God” (Rom 8:16).	1 John 5:10
<b>Conviction</b>	Awareness of sin that draws us to repent.	Pentecost hearers are “pierced to the heart”: “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37).	John 16:8
<b>The anointing — teaching</b>	Sudden understanding, or a timely Scripture.	“He will...bring to your remembrance all that I said” (John 14:26); the anointing teaches (1 John 2:27).	John 6:45
<b>Peace as umpire</b>	Peace that confirms; its absence cautions.	“Let the peace of Christ rule [umpire] in your hearts” (Col 3:15); His peace guards us (Phil 4:6–7).	John 14:27
<b>The renewed mind</b>	A renewed mind discerns His will.	“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove...the will of God” (Rom 12:2).	Eph 5:17; Col 1:9
<b>Wisdom when we ask</b>	God-given insight for a decision.	“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...and it will be given” (James 1:5).	1 Cor 2:9–13

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<b>The Revelatory Gifts (1 Cor 12:7–10)</b>			
<b>Prophecy</b>	Spirit-prompted words that build up; can also foretell.	Agabus foretells a worldwide famine (Acts 11:27–28) and Paul's arrest by his belt (Acts 21:10–11) — both happen.	1 Cor 14:3; Rom 12:6
<b>Word of knowledge</b>	Knowing a fact you had no natural way to know.	Jesus tells the woman at the well her marital history (John 4:17–18); many believe (4:39). Peter knows Ananias lied (Acts 5:3–4).	1 Cor 12:8; John 1:47–48
<b>Word of wisdom</b>	Spirit-given counsel for a situation.	Paul: “unless these men remain in the ship, you cannot be saved” (Acts 27:31); James resolves the council (Acts 15:19).	1 Cor 12:8
<b>Distinguishing of spirits</b>	Perceiving the source behind a word/manifestation.	Paul discerns and casts the divining spirit out of the slave girl (Acts 16:16–18).	1 Cor 12:10; 1 John 4:1
<b>Tongues</b>	Spirit-given speech in an unlearned language.	At Pentecost they declare “the mighty deeds of God” in unlearned languages (Acts 2:4–11); so do Cornelius's household (Acts 10:46).	1 Cor 12:10; 14:2
<b>Interpretation of tongues</b>	The Spirit-given meaning of a tongue.	Paul: when one speaks in a tongue, “one must interpret”; if not, keep silent (1 Cor 14:27–28).	1 Cor 12:10; 14:13
<b>Revelation (disclosed insight)</b>	A mystery unveiled by the Spirit.	Paul receives the mystery of Christ “by revelation” (Eph 3:3–5); a revelation given in worship (1 Cor 14:30).	Gal 1:11–12
<b>Supernatural Encounters</b>			
<b>Angels</b>	Messengers with direction, warning, or news.	Gabriel announces Jesus' birth to Mary (Luke 1:26–38); an angel sends for Peter (Acts 10:3–6).	Matt 1:20; Acts 27:23–24
<b>Dreams</b>	God speaking in sleep — guidance or warning.	An angel tells Joseph in dreams to wed Mary, flee to Egypt, and return (Matt 1:20; 2:13, 19–20).	Matt 27:19; Acts 2:17
<b>Visions</b>	A God-given image or scene while awake.	Peter's sheet of unclean animals opens the gospel to Gentiles (Acts 10:9–16); the Macedonian call (Acts 16:9–10).	Acts 9:10–12; 18:9–10
<b>Trances / caught up</b>	An overwhelming state of revelation.	Peter falls into a trance (Acts 10:10); Paul is caught up to the third heaven (2 Cor 12:1–4).	Acts 22:17; Rev 1:10
<b>Audible voice / from heaven</b>	A voice heard outwardly.	“This is My beloved Son” at the baptism (Matt 3:17); “Saul, Saul, why...?” on the road (Acts 9:4).	Matt 17:5; John 12:28
<b>The risen Jesus appearing</b>	Christ Himself appearing to speak.	Jesus appears to Saul (Acts 9:3–6) and stands by Paul: “take courage...witness at Rome” (Acts 23:11).	Acts 18:9–10; Rev 1:12–18
<b>Signs, wonders &amp; miracles</b>	God confirming His word with power.	“The Lord worked with them, confirming the word by the signs” (Mark 16:20); God testifies by wonders (Heb 2:4).	John 5:36; 10:38

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<b>Through People</b>			
<b>Prophets &amp; prophetic people</b>	Believers gifted to deliver God's word.	Agabus and the Antioch prophets (Acts 11:27–28; 13:1); Philip's four daughters prophesy (Acts 21:9).	Eph 4:11; 1 Cor 12:28
<b>Teaching &amp; preaching</b>	God speaking through His Word proclaimed.	“Faith comes from hearing...the word of Christ” (Rom 10:17); pastors/teachers equip the saints (Eph 4:11–12).	2 Tim 4:2
<b>Exhortation &amp; counsel</b>	God using believers' words to strengthen.	“Judas and Silas...encouraged and strengthened the brethren” (Acts 15:32); “encourage one another” (Heb 3:13).	1 Cor 14:3, 26
<b>Spirit-led decisions of the church</b>	God guiding through the gathered body.	The council: “it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (Acts 15:28).	Acts 13:1–3
<b>Prophetic impartation</b>	A word/gift conferred by laying on of hands.	Timothy's gift came “through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands” (1 Tim 4:14).	2 Tim 1:6; Acts 13:3
<b>Through Providence, Creation &amp; Circumstance</b>			
<b>Open &amp; closed doors</b>	God directing through circumstances.	Doors shut in Asia, then Macedonia opens (Acts 16:6–10); “a wide door...has opened” (1 Cor 16:9).	2 Cor 2:12; Rev 3:7–8
<b>Creation / general revelation</b>	God's nature seen in what He has made.	“His invisible attributes...clearly seen...through what has been made” (Rom 1:20); rains as witness (Acts 14:17).	Rom 1:19–20
<b>Conscience</b>	The moral witness written on the heart.	Gentiles “show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness” (Rom 2:14–15).	Rom 9:1
<b>Trials &amp; discipline</b>	God training and correcting His children.	“Those whom the Lord loves He disciplines...the peaceful fruit of righteousness” (Heb 12:5–11).	James 1:2–4
<b>Casting lots / seeking His choice</b>	Submitting a choice to God (pre-Pentecost).	The eleven pray and draw lots; it falls to Matthias (Acts 1:24–26).	Acts 1:24–26
<b>Fasting, worship &amp; waiting</b>	The posture in which His voice is heard.	“While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said...” (Acts 13:2).	Luke 2:36–38

**Remember:** *the test of every word is Jesus — “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10).*