

GOD IS REALLY AMONG YOU

1 Corinthians 14:21-25

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

- An understandable message from God
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Shared with others as authoritative and true
- Directly attributable to God
- Which must be received by its audience

IN OTHER WORDS...

- Biblical prophecy is speaking God's words after him.
- What God's Word can do, prophecy can do:
 - Worship
 - Correction
 - Foretelling
 - Encouragement
 - And more...

TONGUES

- Not speaking to people
- Speaking in one's spirit, not with one's mind
- Speaking to God
- Not understandable
- In the spirit
- Builds up himself

PROPHECY

- Speaking to people
- For strengthening, encouragement, and consolation
- Speaking for God
- Understandable
- Builds up the church

DON'T BE CHILDISH

Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking.

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Don't stifle the Spirit. Don't despise prophecies, but test all things. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

CONFUSION AS JUDGEMENT

It is written in the law,

**I will speak to this people
by people of other tongues
and by the lips of foreigners,
and even then, they will not listen to me,**

says the Lord. Speaking in other tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers.

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If, therefore, the whole church assembles together and all are speaking in other tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all are prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all. The secrets of his heart will be revealed, and as a result he will fall facedown and worship God, proclaiming, “God is really among you.”

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- Prophecy is clear – work to be clear
- Prophecy is from God – seek God
- Prophecy is serious – Receive it seriously
- Prophecy shows that God is really among us

Rejoice in his presence