



Why We Need Prophets In The Church

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If you ask most Christians today to name a pastor they know, nearly everyone could give you a long list of names of pastors. Yet, if you ask if they know anybody who is a prophet, very few would be able to give you more than one or two names.

Why is this? Did not God put in the Church Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Body of Christ? (Ephesians 4:11)

Yes, He did, but most of these ministry anointings have not been recognized by the Church, especially not the Prophetic ministry.

So why do we need the Prophetic ministry anointing in the Church Today?

A simple answer would be, because God has put this anointing in the Church for the perfecting of the Saints.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)

If all the ministry gifts that the Lord has placed in the Church are not recognized and receive, the Body of Christ will never mature and grow up.

I would say (just like the Word says) God has already placed them in the Church. Now we need to thank God for them and allow God's Spirit to use them to the edification of us all, understanding that we are not dealing with humans or the will of humans, but rather with the Spirit of God and the will of God, presented to us in His Word.

How do we do this, and what is a prophetic ministry? Is not everybody who prophesies in the name of the Lord a prophet? No, all that have the Spirit of God may also ask for the simple gift of prophesy (1 Corinthians 12:10), but that does not make them a New Covenant Prophet.

When the Prophetic ministry is operating in the local Church, the angels of God are also operating. Because the prophetic voice is the voice of God, with his voice also comes His presence. ***And in His presence there is fullness of Joy!***

I say it again from the Word: ***Thou wilt show me the paths of life, and in Thy presence is fullness of joy. (Psalm 16:11)***

The prophetic ministry is needed more today than it has ever been. Without it, the Church is reduced to nothing more than a boring religious club, void of power, relevance, and authority.

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