

# “The Purpose of Prophecy” Joel 2:28-31

I. In the Joel 2, we see:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. **V.28**
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of prophetic dreams and visions. (needed) **V.28-29**
3. Signs and wonders on \_\_\_\_\_ and in the Heavens. (confirmation) **V.30-31**
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Souls calling to King JESUS for Salvation. **V.32**

II. The Gift of Prophecy is very \_\_\_\_\_ to CHRIST’s Kingdom. 1 Cor. 12:10  
 Revelation 19:10 says “The testimony of JESUS is the \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 Amos 3:7 “For the Lord GOD \_\_\_\_\_ without revealing his secrets to his servants the prophets.

III. Prophecy is important because:

1. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ HIS People.
2. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ to HIS People. Matthew 4:4
3. GOD uses men and women to share \_\_\_\_\_ with HIS People.
4. Prophecy has not \_\_\_\_\_, because GOD is still speaking to the Church.
5. Prophecy is a treasured \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 12:6, Prov. 14:4
6. Prophecy is a Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church. Ephesians 2:19-20
7. We are told to \_\_\_\_\_ what is said, by testing everything. 1 John 4:1
8. Yet we are told to not \_\_\_\_\_ prophecy. 1 Cor. 14:29, 1 Thess. 5:20-21
9. The more we grow in \_\_\_\_\_, the more prophetic we become. Mark Batterson
10. The more we grow in \_\_\_\_\_, the more we hear GOD’s Voice. The prophetic is a \_\_\_\_\_ of intercessory prayer.

IV. There seems to be four levels of Prophetic Ministry in the Scriptures:

(all of these are \_\_\_\_\_)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Prophecy. Any follower of CHRIST can \_\_\_\_\_ a prophetic word (impression) from the LORD. All men and women can \_\_\_\_\_ forth words from GOD. Acts 2:17 We are told to earnestly \_\_\_\_\_ to prophesy (share GOD’s Heart). 1 Cor. 14:1,39 This is within the scope of what Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 14:3 in that a person that prophesizes speaks to men for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, and for \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_. These are Believers who are very \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD’s Voice and regularly \_\_\_\_\_ impressions, dreams, visions, or other types of prophetic giftings from the Holy Spirit.

3. Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_. These are Believers whose character and giftings have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the Body of CHRIST. They tend to receive detailed

information such as names, faces, dates, and future events. GOD can use them to bring correction and give direction to HIS People. Their work seems to carry more \_\_\_\_\_, yet they should still be under the authority of church leadership, who are responsible before GOD to oversee the church's life. Acts 11:27-28, Acts 21:10-13

4. Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 4:11-13 These people give correction, direction, and bring new emphasis to the church body. They often minister in signs and wonders and are known to speak very \_\_\_\_\_ words from GOD. 1 Samuel 3:19-20 (the Nation of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ him) This does not mean that prophets are \_\_\_\_\_ infallible, but their words are to be taken \_\_\_\_\_. Old Testament prophets were required to be completely accurate under penalty of \_\_\_\_\_. Deut. 18:18-22

## V. Pastor's Thoughts:

1. It is far better when the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ about a situation, rather than you just deciding what you \_\_\_\_\_ is best.

2. When you receive a prophetic word from someone, you should hold it at \_\_\_\_\_, before acting on it, or interpreting it, or applying it. Let GOD \_\_\_\_\_ it. 2 Cor. 13:1 Wait for HIM.

3. Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ from the Holy Spirit is one thing. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the information is another thing. And the \_\_\_\_\_ is still another issue. \_\_\_\_\_ is very important, as well as discerning \_\_\_\_\_ this word is for.

4. These steps take maturity and \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation often comes from the LORD in \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 13:9 These 3 steps take being a part of and being \_\_\_\_\_ to a mature fellowship, where the revelation can be judged (\_\_\_\_\_); in safety and love.

5. It is important for people with prophetic giftings to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to a body of believers, who are sensitive to the Spirit's workings. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are key attributes for prophetic people to remain in service to the Body of CHRIST.

6. One of the best ways to learn to hear the LORD's Voice is to regularly ask: \_\_\_\_\_.

