

Bible Studies

Prophetic Gifts

1. Of what special subject does the Lord say he would not have us ignorant? 1 Corinthians 12:1.
2. What does he say of these gifts? Verses 4-6.
3. What are the different gifts of the Spirit? Verses 8-10.
4. To what does he compare the church with these various gifts all doing their appointed work? The human body. Verses 12-27.
5. Who placed these gifts in the church? And in what order does the apostle mention them? Verse 28.
6. What signs did Jesus say would follow all true believers? Mark 16:17, 18.
7. What does James say in reference to the prayer of faith? James 5:14-16.

The sick may be healed now, but fanaticism should be avoided in the matter. All who were sick in Bible times were not healed. 2 Timothy 4:20. While we pray in faith, it is our privilege to bow in submission to the will of God. There are lessons to be learned better in sickness than elsewhere, and the eternal happiness of our friends we should consider of more importance than the present. Miraculous healing is not always evidence of the work of God. Matthew 7:22, 23; Revelation 16:14, 15. The work of God is known by its fruit, and all manifestations should be tested by the unerring word of God. Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Isaiah 8:20.

8. Were these gifts of the Spirit ever to cease? 1 Corinthians 13:8.
9. When were they to be done away? Verses 9, 10.
Not until the perfect day, at the Second Advent of Christ, when the gifts will not be necessary.
10. What is it said that Jesus gave unto men when he ascended on high? Ephesians 4:8.
11. What were these gifts? Verse 11.
12. What were they for? Verse 12.
13. How long were they to remain in the church? Verse 13.
14. Can it be said that God's people have yet reached the unity of the faith, while they are supporting six hundred opposing creeds of faith?
15. What was to be the effect of these gifts upon the church? Verses 14-16.
16. Does the Bible recognize any difference in these gifts? 1 Corinthians 12:31.
17. To which does it give the preference? 1 Corinthians 14:1, 39. God unveils the future to those who have this gift.
18. Whom was this gift especially to benefit? 1 Corinthians 14:22.
19. How does God reveal himself to those who have the gift of prophecy? Numbers 12:6; Daniel 7:1.
20. Were there prophets in the early Christian church? Acts 11:27, 28.
21. Did women have visions in the apostles' days? Luke 2:36, 38; Acts 21: 8, 9.
22. Did women prophesy in Old-Testament times? Exodus 15:20, 21; Judges 4:4; 2 Chronicles 34:22.
What promise was made about women's prophesying? Joel 2:28.
23. When was this prophecy first fulfilled? Acts 2:16-20.
The signs mentioned were to be seen near the close of the gospel dispensation. Revelation 6:12,
24. Hence the prediction covers the entire gospel dispensation.
25. Of what did the Savior warn the church? Matthew 7:15.
26. Would there be any need of warning against false prophets if there were no true ones?
27. How are we to know the true from the false? Verse 20.
28. Were those who were looking for the coming of the Lord to have all of the gifts? 1 Corinthians 1:5-8.

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29. By what special characteristics were the remnant people of God to be recognized? Revelation 12:17.

30. What is the testimony of Jesus? The spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10.

31. Will not the true remnant people of God then keep the Ten Commandments, and have the gift of prophecy among them? Revelation 12:17.

The Scriptures state that because of the violation of the law of God, these gifts have been taken from the church. Lamentations 2:9; Proverbs 29:18. A return, then, to obedience of the law would be necessary for their restoration.

32. What are we exhorted not to do when this gift is manifested? 1 Thessalonians 5:20.

The word “prophesying” does not refer to the prophecies already recorded, but is the exercise of the living gift of prophecy.

33. What should we do? Verse 21. Prove all things by the word of God. Hold fast that which is good.