

Text: *Jeremiah 29:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22*

Discover the Differences between OT and NT Prophecy

- In the OT, prophecy was not _____.
- OT prophets were _____ of God.
- The OT prophet's words were the very _____.
- OT prophecies carried _____.

What are the Red Flags of False Prophecy?

- Their messages are _____.
- They tailor their message for _____.
- They rarely _____ or call for _____.
- They seek their own _____.
- They rationalize their _____.
- They deny the foundational _____.
- They glorify _____ rather than God.
- They use their influence to _____.

Basic Principles of NT Prophecy

Is it biblical?

Is it useful to the church?

Does it instruct us?

Does it encourage us?

Does it expose sin and move us toward repentance?

Does it help advance the mission of the church?

Does it equip us to love as Christ loves?

Does it encourage us to love God more completely?

An occasional mistake does not make someone a false prophet.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think the gift of prophecy is so important to the Church? Why do you think so many modern churches ignore it or teach that it is not for today?
- There are several differences between the OT concept of prophecy and the NT gift of prophecy. Which do you think is the most significant difference? Why?
- How might confusing OT prophecy with the NT gift of prophecy lead people into error concerning the NT gift of prophecy?
- Of the eight "red flags" of false prophecy mentioned in this week's teaching, which have you seen? Which do you feel are the most dangerous? Why?
- With so many prophetic voices in the world today, how might the "red flags" help us steer clear of false prophets?
- How might the "Basic Principles of NT Prophecy" help us to discern truth from error?
- How can we be discerning without "despising" prophecy (1 Thess 5:19-22)?

Resources

John Bevere. *Thus Saith the Lord*.

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