

THE PROPHETIC DILEMMA

Dealing with false prophets and prophecies





1 Corinthians 14:39

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.





Mike Winger calls Bethel apology 'amazing' but warns Charismatic Church faces defining test

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Quick Summary

- Mike Winger calls Bethel Church's recent apology 'amazing' and a significant moment for accountability.

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Bethel apologizes for failing to take appropriate action after alleged sexual misconduct by Christian ministry leader Shawn Bolz

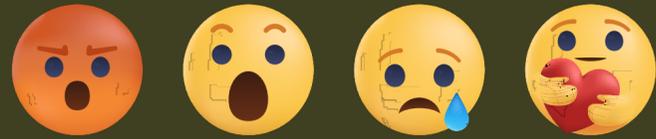
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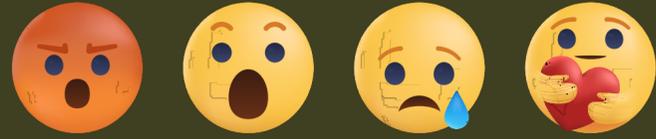


REACTIONS TO THIS



Some people have totally disregarded and removed themselves from anything that's connected with the prophetic.



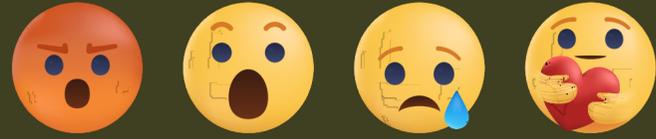


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Some are not sceptical but have not ruled out the need for prophecy.





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Some want to learn from the mistakes because they still believe that prophecies are true and valid for today.





I BELIEVE IN
PROPHECY
AND I BELIEVE IN THE **PROPHETS**
AND SO SHOULD YOU.
(Because that's what Scriptures exhort us to do)





Every *good gift* and every *perfect gift* is from above, and comes down from the **Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.





1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies. ²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good.





When Jesus ascended into heaven, He split Himself into *5 parts* - the ***apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher,*** and ***evangelist*** and He gave Himself as a gift to the church.





1 Corinthians 12:1

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,
I do not want you to be ignorant...





1 Corinthians 13:9

For we know in part and we prophesy
in part.





When you hear a New Testament prophet speak, you should not hear a *pre-Calvary* voice but a **post-Resurrection** voice.





Another vital thing we need to understand is, almost all of the **prophecies** in Scripture are *conditional*.





GOD
RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO
CHANGE
HIS MIND.





Jeremiah 18:7-10

The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, ⁸ if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.





Jeremiah 18:7-10

⁹ And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, ¹⁰ if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.





Now, **peer pressure** is one thing.
But **peer review** is another and it has
its place.

1 Corinthians 14:29

Let two or three prophets speak and let the
others judge.





Why does God allow false teachers and false prophets to operate?





2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap-up for themselves teachers;
4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.



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DECEPTION

IS THE **DEVIL'S** MOST
FORMIDABLE WEAPON;

DISCERNMENT

IS THE **CHURCH'S** MOST
FORMIDABLE DEFENCE.



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Jeremiah 23: 21-22

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in My counsel, and had
caused My people to hear My words, then they
would have turned them from their evil way
and from the evil of their doings.

