

## THE PROPHET

The prophet guides the church by God's words, and God confirms His words in His own way and time.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ A simplistic definition of the five-fold ministry is the following: Apostles GO; Prophets **GUIDE**; Evangelists GATHER; Pastors GROW; and Teachers GROUND.
- ❖ Peter Wagner defines prophecy as "receiving and communicating an immediate message from God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance."
- ❖ We will look at some practical examples of the outworking of this gift as God guides His people.

#### God appoints prophets to speak His Word in season.

- ❖ "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites..." (Deuteronomy 18:18).
- ❖ A prophet must speak the words God has told them. When they declare the Word of the Lord, they must be certain that they have heard from God. Absent this, they do not attribute things they say to the Lord.
- ❖ Elijah, a significant prophet of the Lord in the Bible, had been chosen by God to guide Israel in a season where her kings were evil. At the time when Baal was at the seat of power in Israel, God's chosen people, God anointed Elijah and chose to speak through him to the Israelites so that they would know and obey His will.
- ❖ The people entrusted to the prophet's influence are obligated to listen to their words as though they are coming directly from God. And God Himself will hold the people accountable if they do not listen to the word of the prophet thus spoken.
- ❖ In this season, God has given us a Word: We believe in the dignity of the human being, that everyone is made in the image of God to become the very best that they were created to be. This will cause godly nations to rise in our lifetime.
- ❖ Our contribution as a church is to feed Canada to feed the world, following Jesus' mission to seek and to save the lost. That's why, under the fortress of 24/7 prayer, we teach people what the Word of God says, what it means, and how to apply its transformational power to their lives. We do this in a culture that increasingly looks and acts like heaven.

#### The prophet must only speak the words God has given.

- ❖ "But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods is to be put to death" (Deut. 18:20).
- ❖ When God places the prophetic anointing upon us, this is a powerful responsibility. That's why we must be careful to speak only the things He has given us when we attribute them to Him.
- ❖ If God has not commanded something we say, we should not attribute it to prophecy (see 1 Corinthians 7:12). It is abhorrent to the Lord for a prophet to prophecy to His people in the name of a false god or idol. This is why, for example, people of God don't go to fortune tellers or to the stars in order to predict the future. Those prophets are doomed.
- ❖ In the Mosaic Law, God established a harsh penalty for those who would speak to His people prophetically things He has not said. The people belong to Him. To deceive them is a direct affront to God.

**KEY SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 18:14-22  
(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ Elijah, as far as he knew, had been faithful to the voice of God and the Word given to him. In the face of intense opposition—even at the risk of his life—Elijah had remained steadfast in his message. And God had come through (see James 5:17-18).
  - ❖ But in 1 Kings 19:10, we read that Elijah had lost faith in the ability of Israel to respond favourably to God's Word. He felt that he had failed to convince them to choose the Lord and thought he had no purpose. So, he requested God to take him, leaving the nation to their fate.
  - ❖ As your pastor, I simply speak what God has said. There are many times when I speak in an office other than that of the prophet. Yet, for the direction the church is taking, it is prophetically from the Lord, and I cannot relent. Like Elijah, I must only speak the words the Lord has given me as it relates to the prophetic vision God has given our church.
- God's Word through the prophet will come to pass.**
- ❖ The Lord asked the following question on behalf of the people: "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?" (Deut. 18:21). This shows how much God cares for us and how critical it is for us to get it right.
  - ❖ "If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken" (v. 22).
  - ❖ It can't get any simpler than this. If the prophet says that the Lord has spoken a Word concerning the future, there's an easy way to evaluate it: it will come to pass. God holds the future, and He is the only one who can accurately predict it. So, if it doesn't come to pass, it did not come from the Lord.
  - ❖ What is our response, then, to a mistaken prophecy? Stay calm. Don't be alarmed. God will speak when He has something to say. God's timing sometimes doesn't match our timing, as Elijah learned (see 1 Kings 19:10, 15-18). As has been said, "Promises delayed are not promises denied."
  - ❖ God's delay is not His denial. His Word to the prophet shall come to pass. "For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV).

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Think of at least three figures in the Bible who either had a word of prophecy spoken in their lives or who had prophetic dreams (e.g., Joseph). Discuss the prophecy and the (re)action of the person for whom the prophecy was intended and of those that surrounded the recipient.
2. Like in Habakkuk 2:3, was the prophecy "for an appointed time"? What happened when it tarried—did the recipient wait or tried to hurry the prophecy along? To what result?

### PRAYER TIME

I will wait on Your Word, Lord, from Your prophet.

Start-up: What methods do you use to guide others for a particular task? What do you do when people are unable to follow instructions?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)  
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD

**PRAYER FOCUS: U.P.C.I. Ontario District departments, leaders, participants**

**24-hour Prayer: Monday, Wednesday & Friday;**  
**Daily Devotions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;**  
**Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday** (please check schedule)  
**Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m.** (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), **Saturday** morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and **Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**  
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **MINISTERS IN TRAINING**

Date: Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Place: Faith Conference Centre

Contacts: *Pastor Chris Simpson, Rev. Marcia Rodney,  
Pastor Daniel Peel*

##### **PROMO VIDEO**

We're filming a promo video for our upcoming conference and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Join us after service on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to share your excitement and represent our church family. Come camera-ready and full of energy, and let's show the world what God is doing! For more information, *contact Sis. Andrea Peel.*

##### **FYYA FIRE NIGHT**

You're invited to Chapel Worship Night on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Faith Sanctuary!

Join Faith Youth and Young Adults for a powerful night of praise, prayer, and presence. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. — come expectant and bring a friend!

Contact: *Pastor Daniel Peel or Sis. Naomi Kovach*

##### **WOMEN'S PRAYER**

Calling the women of Faith to the throne room of God! **Every Thursday**, there is Women's Prayer on the Faith Sanctuary Zoom Prayer line from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a powerful prayer meeting that is led and facilitated by the women of Faith Sanctuary.

Please join us as we approach the throne of God "with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Contact: *Sis. Memory Mangwiro*

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)

**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)

**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
(see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**JULY 20, 2025**



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**Pastor:**  
**Rev. Adrian W. Peel**

***"I will raise up for them a prophet like you...and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him."***

***Deuteronomy 18:18 (NIV)***

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