**KOINONIA THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**

**ALL CAN PROPHESY**

 **A. UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY IN TH NEW TESTAMENT**i. The Greek word for prophecy is “propheteia”.

ii. It means, “inspired speech from God” or “a message from God.”

**B. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY WAS THE EXCLUSIVE PRESERVE OF A FEW PEOPLE
Amos 3:7**

“For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret
  to his servants the prophets.

 **Numbers 12:6-9**

6 And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.

 7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.

8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.

**2 Kings 3:11**11 And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may inquire of the Lord?” Then one of the king of Israel's servants answered, “Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.”

**C. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS PROPHESIED OF A COMING MOVE OF GOD IN WHICH THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL BE POURED DOWN IN A GREATER MEASURE THAN THAT WHICH THEY EXPERIENCED.**

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

**33**For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**34**And no longer shall each one teaches his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**26**And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**27**And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**Joel 2:28**
**28** “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

**D. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DWELLS WITHIN EVERY BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER.**

 **Acts 2:4**

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Acts 2:14-18**

**14**But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

**15**For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

**16**But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

**17**“‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

**18**even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

**E. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO HEAR FROM GOD BECAUSE GOD’S SPIRIT LIVES IN US.**
**1Cor 2:9-12**9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
 **John 14:26**26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**John 16:13**

**13**When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

 **F. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WE CAN ALL PROPHECY BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIVES IN US.
1 Corinthians 14:31**

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.
**G. WHEN THE SPIRIT IS STIRRED UP WITHIN US IT INSPIRES US TO MAKE PROPHETIC UTTERANCES**.
**1 Corinthians 14:1-5**1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

**Acts 4:8**8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders.

 **Acts 4:31**

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.