

Hearing the voice of God for decisions II

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Text: 2 Chron. 20

Intro: Jehoshaphat prays and in answer to that prayer God speaks and He sends a Prophet.

We must not ridicule the prophetic

We must not resist the prophetic

We must never reject the prophetic

I Thess.5:20, 1 Cor.14:22-25

God answered Jehoshaphat through a Prophet, vv.14-17

God speaks through scripture, His Spirit, spiritual and significant others... one of those is a genuine and authentic Prophet or a word of prophecy..

- I. The person of the Prophet- a Prophet is a person raised up to speak with authority often to persons of authority (like a King). The authority of the Prophet comes from their:
 - A. Assignment - person(s), place, period
 - B. Anointing - discernment , an ability to see, once called seers , an ability to hear
 - C. Accuracy - what they say comes to pass because it is the word of the Lord
- II. The purpose of the Prophet- 2 fold, to foretell and to forth tell.
 - A. Prophets give a word of declaration- the what
 - B. Prophets give a word of direction - the way,
 - C. Prophets give a word of destination-the where
- III. The power of the Prophet
 - A. He gives him the period- tomorrow
This has to do with timing, God is not bound to or by time but He often works with, in and through time... Jesus= in the fullness of time, God sent His Son
 - B. He gives him the place - the ascent of Ziz, the wilderness of Jeruel
This has to do with territory or place. God is again not bound or limited to place or space but He often sets aside a place... Israel, The Promised Land, Jerusalem
 - C. He gives him the process- stand still and see the salvation of the Lord
This is training ... the means by which God gets us ready... there is always process before possession, training before triumph