

# Prophecy in Action

## Hearing from Heaven, Part 2

☑ **Target:** *Get your guidance & inspiration from the Lord through prophecy!*

### Key Verses

*Matthew 7:20—Therefore by their fruits you will know them.*

*1 John 4:1—Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

*Psalms 119:105—Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

### Suggested Bible Reading

- Matthew 17–21
- 1 John 4 and 5

### Other Recommended Reading

- Finish reading *Hearing from Heaven*

### Prayer and Praise: The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13)

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Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. In Jesus’ name, amen.

### Meditation: Are You Listening to the Whispers?

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A naturalist walking with his friend through the busy streets of a great city, stopped suddenly, and asked: “Do you hear a cricket?”

“Of course not,” laughed his friend. “You could never hear a cricket with all this roar of traffic.”

“But I hear a cricket,” persisted the naturalist, and, turning over a stone, he uncovered the insect.

“Did you actually hear that cricket chirping above the noise of the street?” asked his friend in astonishment.

“Certainly,” said the naturalist. “I spend my time listening to nature, whether I am in the forest, the field, or the town. Everyone hears that for which he is listening.”

Taking a coin from his pocket, he dropped it on the pavement, and each passer-by put his hand in his pocket to see if he was the one who had dropped it.

## A Message from Jesus

*These are the days of the voice of the Lord, the voice of My whispers, the strength of quietness. The strength and power of My voice instructs, and the strength and power of My love empowers. These are the things that must rule in these days.*

*Would you have this power? Would you have this wisdom? Would you have this understanding? Would you have this empowerment and this strength? Then come unto Me! Enter into My rest, for in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. You must stand back and see Me fight! Stand back and see My strength! Stand back in prayer. Stand back in praise. Stand back in quietness. Stand back in communion with Me. Stand back as receivers—listening and tuning in to My voice. Then you shall see the power and might of God in a way that you have not seen it in any of the days past.*

**<To think about>** *The Lord wants to speak to us, but in order to hear Him, we need to slow down, be quiet, be attentive, focus upon Him. Then we'll hear His still, small Voice. Are you listening to Him?*

## Putting the Word into Action: God's Guidance Through Prophecy

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### Why get prophecies?

- Prophecy gives you guidance for specific questions: Psalm 73:24a; 143:10
- Use the Lord's help: John 15:5
- For encouragement: Psalm 27:14; 85:8a; 119:50; 144:15b; Proverbs 16:20

### How can you tell if a prophecy is truly inspired by God?

- "The voice that tells me to do something good." Check the fruits! Matthew 7:15–20
- Is it in harmony with the Bible? Isaiah 8:20b
- Is it helpful? Matthew 7:20; Galatians 5:22–23
- Does it bring peace and unity with your fellow believers? 1 Corinthians 14:33
- Does it bring humility and not pride? 1 Corinthians 1:29
- Does it encourage you? Revelations 12:10b
- Does it bring faith to your heart? 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18
- Does it provide helpful instruction? Proverbs 9:9

### Other ways to find God's Will

- For important decisions, always find and confirm God's will through more than one means. Besides prophecy, other ways include:
  1. The written Word
  2. The "voice of the Word"
  3. Direct revelations such as dreams, visions, or impressions
  4. Seeking counsel from other believers
  5. Circumstances
  6. Personal concern or conviction
  7. Specific, predetermined signs received in answer to your prayers