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WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

I was saved at a very young age but had no real biblical teaching. The Church I went to would have a short sermon, but there was little taught to bring change to my life. Through a series of events in my life, I rededicated my life to the Lord, and a hunger for the Word of God became part of my everyday life. I started reading the word and attended some Bible studies.

Many times, I would be in church, and a message would be preached, and something did not sit exactly right in my spirit. I would go home and look it up in my Bible. Oftentimes what was preached did not line up with what the bible said. You see, my friends, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. I became involved in other Bible studies as I grew, and I asked a lot of questions. I am sure the teacher at times got tired of the questions, but I truly wanted to know the truth. I did not want to take someone else's word for truth. I wanted it to be shown to me in the bible, because I knew that if it wasn't in the bible then it wasn't a message from God.

There are many prophetic voices out there today. They are saying all kinds of things. Some say that everything is going to be great in 2021, just like they said in 2020, while others are saying the opposite. How can we know who is speaking the truth? You go to the manual my friends, which is the bible. You dig into it and see if it says what the people are speaking.

Israel is a major key to know prophecy. We know when it became a nation again that it signified the return of Jesus. It had to happen before his return. People taught about the imminent return of Christ for centuries while Israel was still scattered. Once it became a nation, then prophetic words pointing to the return of Christ would come to pass. Another point is that Jesus said the gospel would be preached in all nations before his return. Well, with the internet and all the media, the gospel has gone into the nations.

I think so often that people are looking to prophetic words from individuals to guide their lives. I have seen so many people's lives destroyed by a "wrong" prophetic word. One friend had a son who had a prophecy over him that he would marry a blue eyed blonde. He married a dark haired brown eyed girl that was a beautiful Christian. His mother insisted that he had missed it in not marrying a blue eyed blond and that he should divorce his dark haired brown eyed wife and find the blue eyed blonde. That was ridiculous. It seems that the Church has been seduced by a spirit of fortune telling instead of a true prophetic spirit.

I believe in prophecy. I walk in that gift, but you can't just give a word any time you feel like it. Many Christians go to prophets to get answers instead of going to God. It is no wonder that the Church is in so much confusion. You can never go wrong going to God! He will guide you by the Holy Spirit and show you the plan. It is not a quick fix plan. You will be tested and tried to prove you trust His plan. Remember, if a word given or preached doesn't sit well in your spirit, it probably isn't a word from God. Test the Word! Be careful who you listen to.