

# Elementary Children's Church

## Lesson 36

### What is Prophecy?

1. Prophecy is speaking the counsel of God, and specifically in today teaching or preaching the Word of God. **II Peter 2:1** "But there were **false** prophets also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you." This gives us light that today's men and women of God who preach and speak the Word in Truth and Love prophesy to us just as the prophets of the Old Testament prophesied. And that is why all prophecy has been revealed through the Word and is contained in the Word, and now we live to see all prophecy being fulfilled.

2. Prophecy is not fortune tellers, or seers of events in the future. That's why prophecy is the greatest gift except for tongues and interpretation in the church. Tongues is the evidence a person has been filled with the Holy Spirit, but that is not the gift of tongues, only the evidence of the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Tongues with interpretation is the gift of tongues, and is for the church or body of believers, and is a precious blessing to all. Both prophecy and the gift of tongues (tongues with interpretation) are the anointed spoken Word of God unto men.

3. When we gather in church and the Pastor brings forth the Word in message, that is prophecy. That is why prophecy is to be most highly honored, for it is the divine, inspired, perfect and Holy Word of God, spoken unto man. To be received and believed by men which is all pleasing to God. **I Corinthians 14:1-3**: "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual [gifts], but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth [him]; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men [to] edification, and exhortation, and comfort."