

Sure Word

Bible Lessons



Lesson 29

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

passed (see Lesson 30). E. G. White is one of the world's most prolific woman writers. Her books, read worldwide, give inspired counsel on health, education, temperance, the Christian home, parenting, publishing and writing, assisting the needy, stewardship, evangelism, Christian living, and more.

Her book Education is considered an authority in its field. It has been used by a secular university as a textbook. It is so perceptive and relevant that it was once plagiarized by the minister of education of a certain nation, who published it under his own name. Dr. Florence Stratemeyer, a former professor of education at Columbia University, said the book contained "advanced educational concepts" and "was more than fifty years ahead of its time." Dr. Clive McCay, former professor of nutrition at Cornell University, said of her writings on health: "In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White were written long before the advent of modern scientific nutrition, no better overall guide is available today." Newscaster Paul Harvey said she "wrote with such profound understanding on the subject of nutrition that all but two of the many principles she espoused have been scientifically established."

Her book The Desire of Ages, on the life of Christ, has been labeled an "English masterpiece" by Stationers Hall in London. It is heartwarming and uplifting beyond description. She said on the subject of intelligence that a person's IQ could be increased, long before experts agreed. She said in 1905 that cancer is a germ (or virus), which medical science began to endorse only in the 1950s. Ellen G. White is said to be the fourth-most-translated writer of all time. Her book on Christian living, Steps to Christ, has been translated into more than 150 languages and dialects.

20. How important is it to believe God's prophets? **2 Chronicles 20:20.**

Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you understand that the spirit of prophecy and other spiritual endowments are Christ's special gifts to His church, and that God planned for these gifts to be present in His church until the end of time?

Do you understand that the gift of prophecy has indeed been manifested in the church in these last days in the ministry of Ellen G. White?

1. What did Jesus give to his church when He ascended to heaven?
Ephesians 4:8.

2. What are some of the gifts that He gave? **Ephesians 4:11.**

The word apostle is a transliteration of a Greek word meaning “one sent forth,” or in other words, a missionary.

3. Why did Jesus give these spiritual gifts to members of His church?
Ephesians 4:12.

Unlike natural talents which anyone might possess, spiritual gifts are given to God's people so that each believer will have some specific ministry he may perform in the service of God.

4. How long will each of these gifts be needed? **Ephesians 4:13.**

Until the church reaches the perfection which measures with the fullness of Christ's stature she will have missionaries, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. All the gifts were to continue operating until the end of time.

5. What is one of the reasons for giving these gifts to the church?
Ephesians 4:14.

6. Which two gifts were noted at Antioch? **Acts 13:1.**

7. What was Philip's gift? **Acts 21:8.**

8. Philip had four daughters and they had what gift? **Acts 21:9.**

God often endowed women with the spirit of prophecy: Miriam (**Exodus 15:20**), Deborah (**Judges 4:4**), Hulda (**2 Chronicles 34:22**), Anna (**Luke 2:36**).

9. What has God set before us, for us to walk in? **Jeremiah 26:4.**

10. What second source of instruction are we also to hearken to? **Jeremiah 26:5.**

11. Since the law and the prophets go together, what happens when the law is upheld no more? **Lamentations 2:9.**

12. How did God reply to some who inquired of Him? **Ezekiel 20:3.**

13. Why did the Lord refuse to give them any new counsel at that time?
Ezekiel 20:11-13.

If people forsake God's law and break His Sabbath, they cannot expect to receive the gift of prophecy. But restore the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus appears again also (see **Revelation 12:17**).

14. When would the spirit of prophecy be manifested again? **Acts 2:17.**

15. How does God give messages to His prophets? **Numbers 12:6.**

The natural possession of keen insight or the gaining of knowledge by study do not constitute the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is when God speaks directly to His chosen messenger through a vision or dream, giving specific information which the prophet had no other way of obtaining. The prophet is not the source of the information he reveals, but simply the channel through which God speaks.

16. What was another name for a prophet in the Old Testament? **1 Samuel 9:9.**

17. What prophet and what seer wrote books which are not in our Bible? **1 Chronicles 29:29.**

From the above text it is clear that a prophet's writings do not have to be in the Bible in order for that prophet to be inspired. When Ahab disregarded the counsel of the prophet Micaiah (who never wrote a single word of the Bible) he suffered the consequences for disobedience just as if it had been Isaiah or Jeremiah who had given the warning (**1 Kings 22**). When the Lord inspires a prophet, whether the message serves only to meet a specific need at a specific time, or whether it is canonized in the Scriptures for people in all ages, the degree of inspiration is the same. And the messages of all true prophets of God, whether they are Bible writers or not, will be in perfect harmony with the written Scriptures, by which all things must be tested (see **1 Corinthians 14:32**).

18. What two vital roles did the gift of prophecy play in the experience of ancient Israel? **Hosea 12:13.**

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” **Amos 3:7.**

19. Has God sent a prophet to His end-time remnant church?

Yes! The prophetic gift has been manifested in the remnant church through the ministry of Ellen G. White. Every one of the Biblical tests of a prophet she has