



**DO WE
STILL NEED
PROPHETS?**

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

The Old Testament teaches that God had a special and unique relationship with certain individuals who held the office of “prophet”. Men like Moses, Isaiah, and Daniel had uncommon access to God due to their positions. Whenever God wanted to communicate something to His people, He spoke through these prophets. But today, we no longer need a human prophet! Here are 2 reasons why:

#1: JESUS REPLACES THE PROPHETS

Before Jesus’ time, God’s people needed mediators to stand between them and God. These priests and prophets provided a way for sinful people to communicate to – and hear from – God. But today, we no longer need this office! Why? Because we have JESUS – the greater priest and prophet.

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son” (Hebrews 1:1)

Jesus supersedes the Old Testament Prophet! In every way, He replaces our need for another man to stand between us and God.

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:5–6)

#2: TODAY, GOD’S SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS!

Under the Old Covenant, God’s Spirit was specially given to His prophets to equip them for their unique role. But this special giving of His Spirit was extremely limited. At any given time in Israel’s history only a small handful of people were gifted in this way. The rest of the people then, were dependent upon these Spirit-filled men as intermediaries between them and God. But now God’s Spirit is given freely to every Christian!

On the day of Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to the men and women waiting in Jerusalem. These 120 Christians immediately began preaching the Gospel in different languages and when the crowd asked what was happening, Peter explained that this had always been God’s plan by quoting the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy” (Acts 2:17)

There are no longer just a few who are “Spirit-filled” amongst God’s people, because now He gives the Holy Spirit to *every believer*.

“When you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, [you] were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it” (Ephesians 1:13–14)

JESUS IS ENOUGH!

Jesus finally and completely fulfills our need for a prophet! In light of this, any desire for a human prophet is a rejection of Christ as our all-sufficient mediator between God and men.