

## Doctrine of a Prophet

### Seven Tests of a True Prophet

1. The true prophet of God will never speak anything contrary to the Word of God.
  - *Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.*
  
2. The true prophet of God will rebuke the sins of other prophets rather than support evil behavior.
  - *Jeremiah 23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness.*
  - *Jeremiah 23:16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, [and] not out of the mouth of the LORD.*
  
3. The true prophet of God that foretells events that will come to pass must be totally accurate.
  - *Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*
  - *Jeremiah 28:9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, [then] shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.*
  
4. The true prophet of God will lead people to repentance, brokenness and humility before God followed by good works and the fruit of the Spirit. False prophets shall be known by their fruits.
  - *Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. ... Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ...Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."*
  
5. The true prophet of God will always confess the Incarnation of Christ.
  - *1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God."*

6. The true prophet of God takes no credit and does not exalt himself but finds his strength in the Lord.

- *Daniel 10:17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me."*

7. The true prophet of God will always bear witness to Christ.

- *John 1:15. "John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.*