

## PROPHETS TODAY

**IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, PROPHETS** were unique because they were given the Holy Spirit to speak God's will to the people. At that time the Holy Spirit was not accessible to all God's people. These prophets were appointed by God to guide nations back from their moral decline and departure from God. They also cautioned about the consequences of not repenting and failing to return to God.

**Fast forward** to the New Testament. Jesus—God in the flesh, arrived on the earth as the final prophetic voice (Hebrews 1:1-2). After teaching for a little over three years, he died, was buried, resurrected from the dead, and ascended to be seated at the right hand of God and His throne (Mark 16:19; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:33-35). In this exalted position, he was given the Holy Spirit to give to his followers on earth (Acts 2:33).

**Now, with the Holy Spirit** living in us—not intermittently as with the Old Testament prophets, but constantly, every moment of every day—we, as followers of Jesus, are placed in a privileged position, surpassing the Old Testament prophets. In our present age, the role of a single prophet has ceased. Instead, every disciple of Jesus serves as a prophet to their generation as confirmed by the angel to the apostle John: “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9).

**As we walk** in the footsteps of Jesus, replacing the Old Testament order of prophets, each of us who have the Holy Spirit and the testimony of Jesus also have the responsibility, as God's voice, to declare repentance and compel people to return to God.

The hour is near, the darkness spreads  
The gospel's light seems nearly dead  
Where are those covered by the crimson flow?  
Where are those Christ commands to go?

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