

Prophet = one who hears God's voice and speaks his word.

Key Insights Into Our Prophetic Identity

- a. "The holy people of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name." - Lumen Gentium 12 para 1.
- b. "If only all the people of the LORD were prophets! If only the LORD would bestow his spirit on them!" -Numbers 11:29
- c. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - John 10:27
- d. God "raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus" - Ephesians 2:6
- e. We are able to hear God's voice not because of what we've done for God, but by what He's done for us.

The Catholic Church teaches that public revelation was completed, and therefore was concluded, with the death of the last apostle (Vatican II, Dei Verbum 4), but private revelation has continued.

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17

Grace = the empowerment to do what was impossible to do before.

We start off as lambs who grow into greater maturity as sheep to hear his voice.

“The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” 11 He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. 12 To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because ‘they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.’” - Matt 13:10-13

“At that very moment he rejoiced in the holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.” - Lk 10:21-22

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search them out.” - Prov 25:2

Three elements of a parable/hearing from God

Two most important questions in Acts 2

“Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” - 2 Cor 3:15-17