

3 Truths You Need to Understand About Seeing in the Spirit Realm

You don't have to be a prophet to prophesy. Any believer who is filled with the Spirit can prophesy according to the proportion of their faith (see Rom. 12:6).

Much the same, you don't have to be a seer to see in the spirit realm. If God wants to open your eyes, He can.

In this practical prophetic teaching video, I share three truths every believer needs to know about seeing in the spirit. If you're curious about the seer realm, you'll want to dive in and watch this video more than once.

9 Signs You're a Prophetic Intercessor

Are you a prophetic intercessor?

There are sure signs that you are a bit different than other intercessors and prayer warriors. If you are operating in several of these nine ways, it's a sign that you are moving in the realm of prophetic intercession.

Get some education, inspiration and equipping in this short video and receive this strategic prayer by faith that will help you walk in your calling.

Is This a Partial Fulfillment of the Smith Wigglesworth 'Spirit and Word' Prophecy?

Scott Nary used to train NFL, NBA, NHL and NASCAR all-stars. Now he's training power evangelists to preach the gospel with signs following.

Nary, a graduate of the Reinhard Bonnke School of Evangelism, a year ago founded 420 Fire, a ministry is planting apostolic groups for power evangelism equipping around the world.

I caught up with Nary to talk about this move of God—and others like it—and how this ties into Smith Wigglesworth's prophecy about the last move of God.

LeClaire: Why did you call your ministry 420 Fire?

Nary: When you tell someone the name of your ministry is 420 Fire, they automatically want to ask questions. It's based upon 1 Corinthians 4:20: "The kingdom of God is not in word but in power." Some translations say "the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power."

It's a very, very unusual name. I know a lot of people in the world, when they hear the name 420, they think of National Marijuana Day. But I love it. I can wear my T-shirt that says 420 Fire all over it. If I go to the mall, I'll have people coming up to me and say, "Man, what kind of website is that?" And I'm able to share the gospel just by the name.

LeClaire: It's an attention-getter for sure. I love that Scripture because in the hour we live in, we need to preach

gospel that has signs and wonders following. There are a lot of watered down gospel presentations out there. Many believers in America especially have never seen the power of God manifest in a strong way. How do you introduce others to power evangelism?

Nary: When I train our leaders, I always point them to 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, where Paul said, "I did not come to you with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit of God and power so that your faith won't rest on the wisdom of man but on the power of God." So, there has to be a demonstration. There has to be something you experience when the kingdom of God is preached. Otherwise, it's just lip service.

Our ministry is all about equipping people to do more than just talk but to demonstrate the kingdom of God through God's power. Through that, we've seen so many people give their hearts to Jesus through the demonstration of the Spirit of God and power.

LeClaire: How does this relate to the Smith Wigglesworth prophecy?

Nary: We are in the era of Word and Spirit just like Smith Wigglesworth prophesied. He said one of the last moves of God that will take place before the coming of the Lord is the move of Word and Spirit combined. And I am really seeing that.

We had a Word revival in the '70s and '80s and even some in the '90s, but now we're coming to a place of Spirit and the Word together. This is what I really see happening in power evangelism. We call it power evangelism but really, Jennifer, I think it should just be called normal Christianity. I tell people don't evangelize. Just be like Jesus. And if you're just like Jesus, people are going to get saved.

LeClaire: Tell me about these power activation hubs you've now launched in most states in the nation.

Nary: I had an encounter with the Lord in December 2016. At that point, I was travelling, preaching the gospel all around the world. I was a Fire international missionary. I'm connected with Dr. Michael Brown and traveling and preaching.

I had an encounter with the Lord at roughly three in the morning. The Lord woke me up. I went into prayer. And the Lord Jesus literally walked and talked to me. I don't know if it was a vision or if it was real but it was absolutely amazing. He looked at me and He said, "Scott, I told you to preach the gospel all over the world."

I said, "Lord, I've gone to six countries in the last four months. I'm trying my best."

And He looked at me and smiled and said, "But you haven't even touched the 50 states of the country you live in now."

At that moment, He started speaking to me about reaching America. He said, "For now, I want you to view America differently. I am the one who sets the borders, and I'm the one who divides the nations. I want you now to view each and every state as its own country. And I want you to go into 50 of those countries and raise up Holy Ghost activation revival hubs, groups where I get my people equipped in the gifts of the spirit for the sole purpose of reaching the lost."

The whole mandate from the Lord was to equip people with the gifts to reach the lost. I had no idea what I was doing. I was just answering the call, being obedient.

LeClaire: How many hubs do you have now?

Nary: 81. These small groups meet once a month. They come together. They do community together. It's very based on outreach and evangelism because every group has to understand this. What's the purpose of me teaching you how to prophesy if you don't know how to go out and tell somebody about Jesus?

LeClaire: Bishop Bill Hamon prophesied a Saints Movement. It's not all about the fivefold. We are to equip the saints for the work of ministry. And prayer is such a key, which is why we partnered our Awakening Blaze movement with 420 Fire.

Nary: When you study the moves of God in the past, there was always intercessory prayer that advanced it, always intercessory prayer that was the forerunner that paved the way. Reinhard Bonnke had intercessors that would go in advance to Africa and literally get underneath the platform and pray. Charles Finney's intercessors who would go into a city and pray for a month before he'd get there and literally would pray underneath the platform the whole time.

Intercessory prayer is absolutely vital. I believe it's part of this next Great Awakening. We're going to see America saved. We're going to see the world turn upside down with the glory of God. And I really believe that intercessory prayer and evangelism together are going to help pave the way for this, Jennifer.

LeClaire: I'm so appreciative of your ministry because it unlocked something in me that was to be birthed. I had been wrestling. I was praying into it. I couldn't really discern what the Lord is saying. He's talking to me about mega faith, mega grace, mega movement. What is this? And all of a sudden, I heard your vision. It's like my baby leaped. And Awakening Blaze was birthed. Thanks for your partnership.

Dealing With 'Appalling'

Ichabod Prophets in the Church Today

Ichabod stays in attack mode, tearing down what God is building, because they have no glory revelation from which to edify, comfort and exhort the body. Beware Ichabod prophets.

I posted that to Facebook and got an especially strong reaction. But when I followed up with a no-holds-barred Facebook Live video, it went viral and thousands of people let out a resounding amen.

In part one of this look at Ichabod prophets, I laid some foundation, and I'll share that with you again for clarity's sake. We find mention of Ichabod in 1 Samuel 4:19-21.

[Eli's] daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she kneeled down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. About the time of her death the women that stood by her said to her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or regard it.

She named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory is departed from Israel," because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

The translation of Ichabod is somewhat debated. Some theologians say it simply means "no glory." Others say the name actually poses a question: "Where is the glory?" The question, of course, suggests the glory is nowhere to be found. Yet another translator offers the meaning, "Alas! The glory," an expression of bitter sorrow that God's glory is absent.

If you missed the first article with five characteristics of Ichabod prophets you need to avoid, you can read it here. Here are four more characteristics of Ichabod prophets and how we should deal with this plague in the prophetic.

1. Ichabod prophets do not stand in the Lord's counsel.

Jeremiah 23:22, "But if they had stood in My counsel and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds."

Ichabod prophets don't bask in the glory God. They don't hide themselves away in that secret place. They do not stand in the Lord's counsel. Therefore, they do not announce what is on the Father's heart.

2. Ichabod prophets steal prophetic words from other people.

"See, therefore I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who steal words, each from his neighbor" (Jer. 23:30). I wrote about this extensively in a recent article: "Beware Presumptuous Prophets Who Parrot and Plagiarize Words."

3. Ichabod prophets boast about how accurate their words and visions are, even though the Lord had no part in it.

Jeremiah 23:32, "See, I am against those who prophesy false dreams, says the Lord, and recount them and cause My people to err by their lies and reckless boasting. Yet I sent them not nor commanded them. Therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says the Lord."

Braggart prophets are actually in danger of stealing God's glory. If they did receive a true dream or vision from the Lord and use it to exalt themselves, it's a scary proposition. More often than not, though, these Ichabod prophets are "propheying"—lying about what they say they saw or heard.

4. Ichabod prophets prophesy their own words in the name of the Lord, perverting the word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:35-36, "Thus will each of you say to his neighbor and to his brother, 'What has the Lord answered?' or, 'What has the Lord spoken?' For you will no longer remember the oracle of the Lord, because every man's own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God."

If you are a prophet, remember no one wants your opinion in the name of prophecy. If you are sharing your opinion, make that clear. Don't leave people thinking you are prophesying "thus saith the Lord" when you are prophesying "thus saith your soul." By the same token, be careful not to let your personal opinions color your prophecy.

5. Ichabod prophets prophesy the deception in their own minds.

"Then the Lord said to me: The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them nor have I commanded them nor have I spoken to them. They prophesy to you a false vision and divination, and emptiness, and the deceit of their heart" (Jer. 14:14).

What else would you expect from an Ichabod prophet?

The church is putting up with Ichabod prophets!

You've now read 10 characteristics of Ichabod prophets. Do you recognize any of these in your midst? If so, what are you going to do about it?

"An appalling and horrible thing has been committed in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority; and My people love to have it so. Yet what will you do in the end?" (Jer. 5:30-31).

It's time to stop tolerating the no-glory, Jezebelic ministry of Ichabod prophets. Stop sowing into their strife-driven ministries. Stop receiving their flattering prophecies.

5 Characteristics of Ichabod Prophets You Need to Avoid

Ichabod prophets stay in attack mode, tearing down what God is building, because they have no glory revelation from which to edify, comfort and exhort the body. Beware Ichabod prophets.

I didn't expect such a strong reaction when I penned that post on Facebook earlier this month. Some didn't know what an Ichabod prophet was. Others offered a hearty "amen." Still others manifested their Ichabod-ness.

What is an Ichabod prophet? We find mention of Ichabod in 1 Samuel 4:19-21.

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1. Ichabod prophets do not carry a strong revelation of the Father's heart.

Ichabod prophets are missing a deep revelation of the glory of God—the goodness of God—so they prophesy harsh words, judgements with no room for repentance, curses on people and nations and celebrate when their witchcraft comes to pass. They may even trumpet an intimacy message, but bitterness supersedes a glory revelation.

2. Ichabod prophets hide in caves when Jezebel attacks because they fear man more than they fear God.

First Kings 18:4 tells us, “When Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them in groups of fifty in a cave and fed them with bread and water.” Glory dwellers don't hide in caves. Ichabod prophets hide in caves to escape the persecution and whine on the Internet when people don't accept their prophetic utterances.

3. Ichabod prophets are yes-men. They flatter people in authority with prophetic words that bring them personal advancement.

First Kings 22:6-12 says, “Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, approximately four hundred men, and said to them, ‘Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I wait?’ And they said, ‘Go up, for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.’ But Jehoshaphat said, ‘Is there not a prophet of the Lord here whom we can ask?’

“And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, ‘There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we can inquire of the Lord. But I hate him because he never prophesies good for me, but always evil.’ And Jehoshaphat said, ‘Let not the king say so.’ Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, ‘Quickly, bring Micaiah son of Imlah.’

“The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each put

on his robes and sat on his throne at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them. Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made horns of iron and said, 'Thus says the Lord: With these you shall push the Arameans until you have consumed them.' All the prophets prophesied similarly, saying, 'Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand.'"

Micaiah offered a true word of the Lord and went to prison for it. That's the opposite of the Ichabod prophets Obadiah hid in a cave, hiding from Jezebel.

4. They prophesy what the party line wants to hear.

Ichabod prophets deal falsely and are greedy. They prophesy unto popularity. Jeremiah 6:13-14 says, "For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness. And from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have healed also the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace."

5. Ichabod prophets prophesy without an unction.

Jeremiah 23:21 says, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied." If God is not speaking, prophets should not be talking in His name. Ichabod prophets speak anyway.

Are You Carrying Keys to Doors of the Past God Long-

Ago Locked?

I wear a key around my neck. In fact, I have several different key necklaces. One says "faith." One says "dream wild." One says "create." Some are silver. Some are black. Some are copper.

Call it a prophetic thing ... I started wearing necklaces when I got the Isaiah 22:22 revelation: "The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder. Then he shall open, and no one shall shut. And he shall shut, and no one shall open" (Isa. 22:22).

In the realm of prayer, we use the Isaiah 22:22 key with governmental authority to unlock doors God prophetically shows us to open for His glory and to lock doors He wants locked to the enemy. As ambassadors for Christ, this is one strategy for waging prophetic warfare and legislating in the spirit.

Carrying Too Many Keys

Last week, I received a new revelation while relocating to a new home. As part of taking possession of the property, I got three new keys for my ring and used one of them to turn the lock on a 7-foot door. When I opened this God-given door, I walked into my dream loft in an urban city with artists, photographers and organic coffee surrounding my abode.

As I worked diligently to unpack boxes, I noticed my friend had a key ring with no more than three keys. That struck me, as my keyring had no less than 18 keys on it. Beyond the three new keys to my home, I have post office box keys, car keys, church keys and a slew of other keys. This keyring was so heavy it literally weighed down my bags.

I declared in that moment I would winnow down my key chain. I ended up with six keys. Honestly, I couldn't even remember what most of the other keys were for. If I had been on a game

show and the host asked which key went in what door, I would have surely lost the competition.

Putting Away Old Keys

Here's the lesson: Many of us are holding on to keys from doors of the past that are not only closed, but the locks have been changed. We're toting around a ring with keys to doors we long forgot about. Somehow, we closed the door and kept the keys—and those keys are weighing us down.

Hebrews 12:1b admonishes us, "Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

We can't run our race with endurance if we don't forget what lies behind—the closed doors, the failed relationships, the trials of life. We can't sprint around the track God has laid out without wearing ourselves out if we don't let go of the heavy weights the enemy wants us to carry.

Stripping my key chain of these superfluous keys to doors of the past was like letting go of a heavy load—and not just out of my bag, but off my mind. It was a prophetic act that parallels Philippians 3:13-14.

"Brothers, I do not count myself to have attained, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Beware Presumptuous Prophetic Pirates Who Parrot and Plagiarize Words

I've witnessed for many years a troubling trend in the prophetic movement—a trend that is proliferating among pontificating voices who parrot true prophets. Essentially, there's a lot of plagiarism in the prophetic.

This, mind you, is hardly a new trend. Jehovah God pointed it out thousands of years ago in Jeremiah 23:30:

“‘Therefore,’ declares the LORD, ‘I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me.’” (NIV). The New Living Translation puts it this way: “‘Therefore,’ says the Lord, ‘I am against these prophets who steal messages from each other and claim they are from me.’” The Holman Christian Standard Bible offers this spin: “‘Therefore, take note! I am against the prophets’—the LORD’s declaration—‘who steal My words from each other.’”

What a declaration!

The Lord Is Against These Prophets

Noteworthy is the reality that God does not call them “false prophets.” You would expect false prophets to pour out plagiarize prophecies—and I am quite sure they do. But the Lord did not call them false prophets.

It's been said imitation is the highest form of flattery. But to imitate someone's prophetic word as if you got it straight out of a “profound prophetic dream,” a throne-room experience or a still small voice coming unto you saying isn't flattery. It's a falsehood.

While I know all too well that God speaks to many different

prophetic voices about the exact same word, Scripture or theme, I am convinced prophetic plagiarists are acting like high-schoolers who didn't have time to read their literature assignment and are depending on Cliff Notes instead.

Why Do Prophets Plagiarize?

What is plagiarism, really? And why do prophetic pirates plagiarize? What motivates them?

Plagiarism is stealing and passing off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source, according to Merriam-Webster. This dictionary also defines plagiarize as "to commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source."

Here are five reasons prophetic voices parrot and plagiarize:

1. Pressure to prophesy abounds: The body of Christ largely has put such a demand on prophets to prophesy words Johnny-on-the-spot or to have some "new revelation" at the beginning of each month that some bow to the pressure and echo another voice pretending it was God's speaking directly to them.

2. Pride enters the prophetic flow: Prophetic pirates think people perceive them as so spiritual and would never consider the fact they lifted a word, cheated in the name of Jesus and otherwise compromised the gift in which they claim to flow.

3. Lazy bones breed lying prophets: Some prophets are too lazy to press into God for a pure prophetic word, so they lie about what they supposedly heard from the Lord. In reality, they heard it at a conference or on YouTube.

4. Low self esteem kills prophetic confidence: Some prophetic voices don't have enough confidence in what they are hearing from the Lord, so they parrot what they heard someone else say that impacted the saints.

5. Self-promotion puffs up: Prophetic scribes who get a big hit on the internet want to ride the wave but may not receive the consistent revelation they want, so they borrow inspiration from other, more obscure voices and make it their own.

Plagiarizing is akin to lying and stealing. Leviticus 19:11 (MEV) warns, “You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, or lie one to another.” Prophetic pirates who shoplift prophetic words from the internet are dealing falsely, and that’s one step toward false prophethood. We don’t need Robin Hoods in the prophetic.

If you’ve been a prophetic pirate or parrot, repent. God wants to give you your own unique prophetic expression. You’re more likely to hear something spectacular from God if you spend more time in His presence and less time listening to what others are prophesying.

Exposing Spiritual Abuse and Toxic Church Leadership

In this season of exposure, I’m tackling spiritual abuse. Could you be a victim?

Victims of abusive church authority structures may not even realize what they are enduring until they escape its grip. Spiritual abuse is often subtle. Christian cult leaders don’t always operate like Jim Jones. Controlling ministries tend to hide behind the guise of spiritual coverings. And far too many outsiders are not willing to even question the messages and practices of such churches. It takes lovers of truth with spiritual discernment to recognize the sometimes-subtle signs

of abusive churches. And it takes courage to confront it.

What exactly is spiritual abuse? Jeff VanVonderen, co-author of the classic book *The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse*, explains it this way: "Spiritual abuse occurs when someone in a position of spiritual authority ... misuses that authority placing themselves over God's people to control, coerce or manipulate them for seemingly godly purposes which are really their own."

Spiritual abuse is hardly a new phenomenon. You can find instances in the Bible of spiritual leaders exploiting people to build their kingdoms. In Jeremiah 8:11 (NIV) the Lord called out the abuse of prophets and priests, saying, "They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious."

Watch this video for a strong teaching on spiritual abuse, and a prayer to break free, in Jesus' name.

Feeling Oppressed? It May Be an Intercessory Prayer Burden

Feeling oppressed? Emotions going haywire? Pain in your body?

It may not be you. It may be an intercessory prayer burden.

You need to learn how to distinguish between your emotions, the Lord's emotions for people and other people's emotions that require intercession. The same is true for cities.

Sometimes you might think you are downright crazy, and few understand you. This video is setting people free!

Calling All Seers! God Wants to Release You at New Levels of Authority!

Seers, arise! God wants you to function in the fullness of your giftings. Believers, begin to see! God wants you to open your eyes to the spirit realm, with dreams and visions!

Just like you don't have to be a prophet to prophesy, you don't have to be a seer to see. God wants you to see what He is trying to show you.

The seer realm is available to all believers. Acts 2:17 says, "In the last days it shall be," says God, "that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."