

Is That Prophetic Word a Blessing From God or a Curse From the Enemy?

A crucial and continuous lesson in your walk with the Lord is learning to recognize and discern between curses and blessings. You must be able to tell the difference between when God speaks and when man or the enemy speaks.

Recognizing Curses

It's possible for a person to claim to be prophesying over you and speaking to you from God's wisdom, when in reality, they are cursing you. You may have even experienced this exact problem. It may look like this: A person tells you they have a Word from God for you, but when they start speaking, it is negative, disastrous and does not align with God's Scriptures. Unfortunately, this opens the door for you to actually accept this curse and walk right into something the Lord never wanted for you.

Be cautious! Never allow people you do not trust to speak prophetic words over you. Even when someone you trust gives you a prophetic word, weigh the words that are spoken over you. Always stand against and dispel the power of curses spoken over you. Often, curses come true because you accidentally stand in agreement with them. When you learn not to do that, you remain in God's freedom. If someone speaks something negatively over you and you start living in fear because of it, you are agreeing with a curse and allowing it to have power over your life.

Recognizing Blessings

Scripture says, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human

strength" (1 Cor. 1:25, NIV). When God speaks to you, you can trust His wisdom more than any other source. That is why it is important to grow in your discernment and ability to recognize God's voice.

When you believe you are hearing from the Lord, compare what you are hearing to Scripture and what you've learned about the character of God. Does the prophecy you are receiving match with what God says about you and your future? Or does the prophecy degrade you, cause you to lose hope or speak of tragedies that will occur in your life? These are likely not from God. Do not allow for them to have a hold on you or your life.

Once you identify God's blessings, take hold of it and do not let it go. Obey Him. Speak His truths over your life. This is how you can walk in His blessings instead of the enemy's curses.

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