

Biotech CEO Dies for 30 Minutes, Says He Encountered Jesus in Stunning Near-Death Experience

The role of prophets in the church has long been a subject of discussion among Christians.

In a recent message, author and researcher Randy Kay suggested the church may need to reconsider how it understands prophetic voices.

Drawing from years of documenting near-death testimonies, Kay argued that those who have experienced heaven after clinical death may carry a type of testimony that aligns with the biblical pattern of those who stood in the presence of God and returned to speak.

Kay, who has spent more than a decade interviewing people who say they died and encountered heaven, said the modern church often misunderstands the nature of prophetic authority.

“These men and women are not just witnesses. They are prophets,” Kay said. “Not prophets in the way the modern church has diluted the term. Not purveyors of vague declarations and cryptic spiritual language. They are prophets in the deepest biblical sense.”

Kay referenced the apostle Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 13 as he explained the difference between partial revelation and direct encounter with God.

“For now we see in a mirror dimly but then face-to-face,” Kay said, quoting the passage.



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He explained that many spiritual gifts, including prophecy, operate within human limitations.

"These are real gifts of the Spirit," Kay said. "But they are partial. They are refracted. They come through the veil of flesh shaped by human limitation."

By contrast, Kay said individuals who experienced heaven describe a different kind of encounter.

"The one who has seen face-to-face. The one who is pulled out of their body ushered past the veil and stood in the very presence of the living God," Kay said. "Those who have survived clinical death and encountered Jesus Christ have crossed that line."

Kay also addressed what he described as problems within some areas of the modern prophetic movement. Without naming individuals, he said prophetic language can become so broad that it is difficult to measure or test.

"These statements may contain kernels of spiritual truth," Kay said. "But they are wrapped in so many layers of abstraction that they could mean almost anything to almost anyone."

Kay pointed to Scripture as the clear standard for prophetic authority. He cited the words recorded in Jeremiah as the defining question for anyone claiming to speak prophetically.

"But which of them has stood in the counsel of the Lord to see or to hear his words," Kay said, quoting Jeremiah. "If they had stood in my counsel they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways."

Throughout Scripture, prophets were shown heavenly realities before delivering messages to God's people. Isaiah saw the

Lord high and lifted up. Daniel witnessed the heavenly court seated before the Ancient of Days. The Apostle John saw events in heaven that revealed the unfolding of God's plans.

"In every case the prophet was not imagining. The prophet was there," Kay said. "And when they returned they spoke with the authority and specificity of someone who had stood in the counsel of the Lord."

Scripture establishes the pattern for how prophetic voices are recognized and tested. The standard remains whether the message aligns with the Word of God and reflects the character and authority of the Lord. Kay's message calls the church to examine prophetic claims carefully while remaining rooted in the biblical understanding of what it means to stand in the counsel of the Lord and declare His truth.

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