

Where Are You From?

[This was said in response to a guest, who had just moved in the night before and proclaimed himself to be a prophet at our gathering.]

According to the prophecy of our Master in Mk 9:12 the church has to be restored in the last days as Isa 49:6, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. This is only possible as we are one as our Father and His Son are one. There has to be an observable unity in every locality. This is what will bring our Master back.

We want to have communities in every locality. There are twelve tribal areas. That's prophecy. Jude 1:4,21 is not just an individual spirituality, a solo-type individual faith. Faith builds up the Body by causing the one who has faith to do the works he's been saved to do in the Body. This kind of faith is not outside the Twelve Tribes, which is the Body of Messiah. In Rev 21:9,12 we see that the Body has twelve gates. You can't be saved unless you come in through one of those gates. These gates have to be raised up. In the first century, Paul described the church as the twelve tribes that serve night and day. He was not speaking of old Israel. At that time, it had already been 700 years since Israel had ceased to exist as a twelve-tribed nation.

The nation of Mt 21:43 is the restoration that Isa 49:6 speaks of. A person has to be a part of these tribes in order to be saved. Paul wasn't independent. He was connected to the communities he established, and he was connected to the other apostles. Anyone who is independent is not saved. There are no independent prophets. All the prophets are in the Body of Messiah. They are subject to and judged by the other prophets. There is a framework we speak in. This is the Body and we speak to build it up. Prophecy is for edification (building up) and encouragement. You have to have someone that you can encourage. True prophets may not be accepted in their own township, but they are accepted in the Body of Messiah.

Apostasy is departing from the apostles' teaching. A prophet is a false prophet if he is not producing love, joy, peace, etc. — the fruit of the Spirit in his own life and through what he speaks. The word that comes forth from a prophet's mouth creates a home. Many will come in His name in the last days and say that Jesus is the Messiah, but it is a false Jesus.

(Speaking to our guest...) What is your ministry as a prophet? Are you just trying to reveal that you are true through the things you predict, or are you trying to establish a community? Ps 68:6 — God makes a home for the lonely. You have to live in a community if you are saved. Messiah is expressed as a community. Lk 13:24-27 — What locality are you from? You have to have an address. What body of believers were you sent out from? 1 Jn 4:1 — Where are you from? Are you from a place where our Master is incarnate? Were you sent from a place where He has come in the flesh? If not, you are false (1 Jn 4:2). Jn 12:26 — You have to be from a place where He is.