



# THE SURE WORD

## Lesson 29: THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

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**1. What did Jesus give to his church when He ascended to heaven?  
Ephesians 4:8.**

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

**2. What are some of the gifts that He gave? Ephesians 4:11.**

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"

*The word apostle is a transliteration of a Greek word meaning "one sent forth," or in other words, a missionary.*

**3. Why did Jesus give these spiritual gifts to members of His church?  
Ephesians 4:12.**

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

*Unlike natural talents which anyone might possess, spiritual gifts are given to God's people so that each believer will have some specific ministry he may perform in the service of God.*

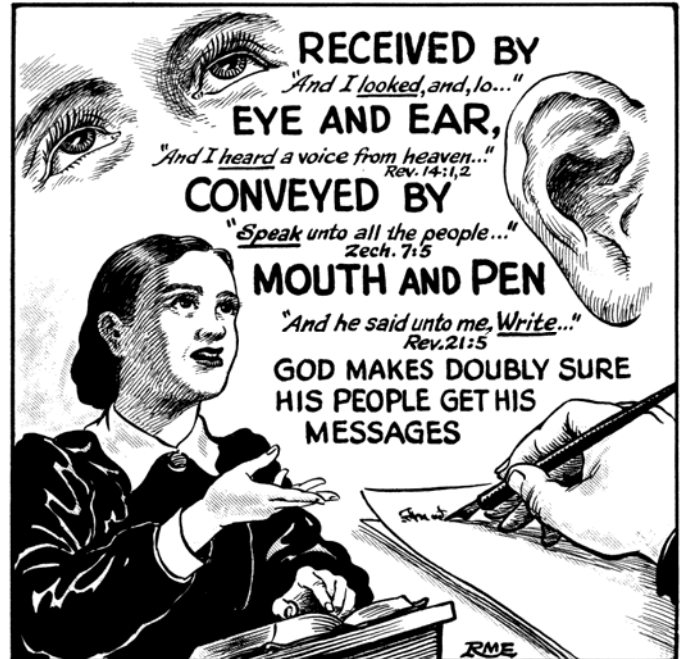
**4. How long will each of these gifts be needed? Ephesians 4:13.**

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"

*Until the church reaches the perfection which measures with the fullness of Christ's stature she will have missionaries, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. All the gifts were to continue operating until the end of time.*

**5. What is one of the reasons for giving these gifts to the church?  
Ephesians 4:14.**

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"



**6. Which two gifts were noted at Antioch? Acts 13:1.**

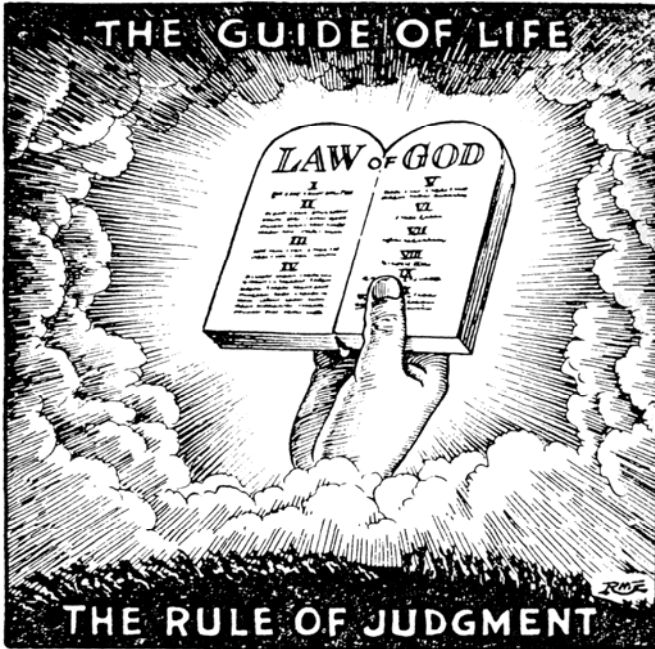
"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul."

**7. What was Philip's gift? Acts 21:8.**

"And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him."

**8. Philip had four daughters and they had what gift? Acts 21:9.**

"And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy."



God often endowed women with the spirit of prophecy: Miriam (Exodus 15:20),

Deborah (Judges 4:4), Hulda (2 Chronicles 34:22), Anna (Luke 2:36).

**9. What has God set before us, for us to walk in? Jeremiah 26:4.**

“And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, “

**10. What second source of instruction are we also to hearken to? Jeremiah 26:5.**

“To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;”

**11. Since the law and the prophets go together, what happens when the law is upheld no more? Lamentations 2:9.**

“Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.”

**12. How did God reply to some who inquired of Him? Ezekiel 20:3.**

“Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus

saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.”

**13. Why did the Lord refuse to give them any new counsel at that time? Ezekiel 20:11-13.**

11 “And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.”

*If people forsake God’s law and break His Sabbath, they cannot expect to receive the gift of prophecy. But restore the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus appears again also (see Revelation 12:17).*

**14. When would the spirit of prophecy be manifested again? Acts 2:17.**

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

**15. How does God give messages to His prophets? Numbers 12:6.**

“And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.”

*The natural possession of keen insight or the gaining of knowledge by study do not constitute the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is when God speaks directly to His chosen messenger through a vision or dream, giving specific information which the prophet had no other way of obtaining. The prophet is not the source of the information he reveals, but simply the channel through which God speaks.*

**16. What was another name for a prophet in the Old Testament? 1 Samuel 9:9.**

“(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)”

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### 17. What prophet and what seer wrote books which are not in our Bible? 1 Chronicles 29:29.

"Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,"

*From the above text it is clear that a prophet's writings do not have to be in the Bible in order for that prophet to be inspired. When Ahab disregarded the counsel of the prophet Micaiah (who never wrote a single word of the Bible) he suffered the consequences for disobedience just as if it had been Isaiah or Jeremiah who had given the warning (1 Kings 22).*

*When the Lord inspires a prophet, whether the message serves only to meet a specific need at a specific time, or whether it is canonized in the Scriptures for people in all ages, the degree of inspiration is the same. And the messages of all true prophets of God, whether they are Bible writers or not, will be in perfect harmony with the written Scriptures, by which all things must be tested (see 1 Corinthians 14:32).*

### 18. What two vital roles did the gift of prophecy play in the experience of ancient Israel? Hosea 12:13.

"And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved."

*"Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7.*

### 19. Has God sent a prophet to His end-time remnant church?

*Yes! The prophetic gift has been manifested in the remnant church through the ministry of Ellen G. White. Every one of the Biblical tests of a prophet she has passed (see Lesson 30). E. G. White is one of the world's most prolific woman writers. Her books, read worldwide, give inspired counsel on health, education, temperance, the Christian home, parenting, publishing and writing, assisting the needy, stewardship, evangelism, Christian living, and more.*

*Her book Education is considered an authority in its field. It has been used by a secular university as a textbook. It is so perceptive and relevant that it was once plagiarized by the minister of education of a certain nation, who published it under his own name. Dr. Florence Stratemeyer, a former professor of education at Columbia University, said the book contained "advanced educational concepts" and "was more than fifty years ahead of its time."*

*Dr. Clive McCay, former professor of nutrition at Cornell University, said of her writings on health: "In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White were written long before the advent of modern scientific nutrition, no better overall guide is available today."*

*Newscaster Paul Harvey said she "wrote with such profound understanding on the subject of nutrition that all but two of the many principles she espoused have been scientifically established."*

*Her book The Desire of Ages, on the life of Christ, has been labeled an "English masterpiece" by Stationers Hall in London. It is heartwarming and uplifting beyond description.*

*She said on the subject of intelligence that a person's IQ could be increased, long before experts agreed.*

*She said in 1905 that cancer is a germ (or virus), which medical science began to endorse only in the 1950s. Ellen G. White is said to be the fourth-most-translated writer of all time.*

### 20. How important is it to believe God's prophets? 2 Chronicles 20:20.

"And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

#### Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you understand that the spirit of prophecy and other spiritual endowments are Christ's special gifts to His church, and that God planned for these gifts to be present in His church until the end of time?

Do you understand that the gift of prophecy has indeed been manifested in the church in these last days in the ministry of Ellen G. White?

## BEAUTIFUL STATEMENTS FROM "MINISTRY OF HEALING"

He was the Majesty of heaven, but He humbled Himself to take our nature, that He might meet men where they were. {MH 22.1}

He presented the truth in such a way that ever after it was to His hearers intertwined with their most hallowed recollections and sympathies. He taught in a way that made them feel the completeness of His identification with their interests and happiness. {MH 23.1}

He passed by no human being as worthless, but sought to apply the healing remedy to every soul. In whatever company He found Himself He presented a lesson appropriate to the time and the circumstances. {MH 25.5}

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He sought to inspire with hope the roughest and most unpromising, setting before them the assurance that they might become blameless and harmless, attaining such a character as would make them manifest as the children of God. {MH 25.5}

Wherever hearts are open to receive the truth, Christ is ready to instruct them. He reveals to them the Father, and the service acceptable to Him who reads the heart. For such He uses no parables. {MH 28.2}

Christ was hid in God, and God was revealed in the character of His Son. To this revelation Jesus desired the minds of the people to be directed. {MH 32.2}

By every word of God we are to live. Nothing that God has spoken is to be lost. Not one word that concerns our eternal salvation are we to neglect. Not one word is to fall useless to the ground. {MH 48.1}

All day He ministered to the throngs that came to Him, and at eventide, or in the early morning, He went away to the sanctuary of the mountains for communion with His Father. {MH 55.1}

All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God. In them is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practices; and they need to have a personal experience in obtaining a knowledge of the will of God. We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. {MH 58.3}

Many hold faith as an opinion. Saving faith is a transaction, by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust, by which, through the grace of Christ, the soul becomes a conquering power. {MH 62.2}

We have nothing to recommend us to God; the plea that we may urge now and ever is our utterly helpless condition, which makes His redeeming power a necessity. Renouncing all self-dependence, we may look to the cross of Calvary and say: In my hand no price I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling. {MH 65.1}

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23. It is faith that connects us with heaven and brings us strength for coping with the powers of darkness. In Christ, God has provided means for subduing every evil trait and resisting every temptation, however strong. {MH 65.2}

Grasp His promises as leaves from the tree of life: 'Him that cometh to Me I will in nowise cast out.' John 6:37. As you come to Him, believe that He accepts you, because He has promised. You can never perish while you do this—never. {MH 65.3}

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this world as the unwearied servant of man's necessity. ... The burden of disease and wretchedness and sin He came to remove. It was His mission to bring to men complete restoration; He came to give them health and peace and perfection of

character. {MH 17.1}

Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be open for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength. The heavier your burdens, the more blessed the rest in casting them upon your Burden Bearer. {MH 72.1}

Circumstances may separate friends; the restless waters of the wide sea may roll between us and them. But no circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the Saviour. Wherever we may be, He is at our right hand, to support, maintain, uphold, and cheer. Greater than the love of a mother for her child is Christ's love for His redeemed. It is our privilege to rest in His love, to say, I will trust Him; for He gave His life for me. {MH 72.2}

Human love may change; but Christ's love knows no change. When we cry to Him for help, His hand is stretched out to save. {MH 72.3}

By sin we have been severed from the life of God. Our souls are palsied. Of ourselves we are no more capable of living a holy life than was the impotent man capable of walking. Many realize their helplessness; they are longing for that spiritual life which will bring them into harmony with God, and are striving to obtain it. But in vain. In despair they cry, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from this body of death? Romans 7:24, margin. Let these desponding, struggling ones look up. The Saviour is bending over the purchase of His blood, saying with inexpressible tenderness and pity, Wilt thou be made whole? He bids you arise in health and peace. Do not wait to feel that you are made whole. Believe the Saviour's word. Put your will on the side of Christ. Will to serve Him, and in acting upon His word you will receive strength. {MH 84.4}

Look to Jesus, and the darkness that encompasses you will be dispelled by the bright shining of His presence. When sin struggles for the mastery in your soul, and burdens the conscience, look to the Saviour. His grace is sufficient to subdue sin. Let your grateful heart, trembling with uncertainty, turn to Him. Lay hold on the hope set before you. Christ waits to adopt you into His family. His strength will help your weakness; He will lead you step by step. Place your hand in His, and let Him guide you. Never feel that Christ is far away. He is always near. His loving presence surrounds you. {MH 85.1}

God does not control our minds without our consent; but every man is free to choose what power he will have to rule over him. None have fallen so low, none are so vile, but that they may find deliverance in Christ. {MH 93.1}

Henceforth, Christ's followers are to look upon Satan as a conquered foe. Upon the cross, Jesus was to gain the victory for them; that victory He desired them to accept as their own. {MH 94.2}

The rainbow of promise encircling the throne on high . . . testifies to the universe that God will never forsake His children in the struggle with evil. It is an assurance to us of strength and protection as long as the throne itself shall endure. {MH 94.4}