

# GOD'S TRUE PROPHET

Deuteronomy 18:14-22

## Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- Have you ever asked a question like: “Why did God let my loved one get cancer?” or “What job does God want me to choose?” or “Which church does God want me to attend?” Or, have you ever said something like: “I just wish I knew what God wanted me to do.”? In these moments, what were you feeling? What was your situation? Did you hear God’s voice or did he send you someone to speak his words?
- What is a prophet, what does a prophet do, and who qualifies as a prophet?

It’s human nature to desire to know the mind of God and his will. When we’re trying to live our lives for God, we often wish he would reveal to us exactly what he wants us to do or where we’re going. There are plenty of people willing to step in and tell us what to believe or what will give our lives meaning. Some even claim authority from God. How can we be sure? As he says farewell to Israel, Moses provides guidelines for identify the people God has chosen to be his mouthpiece in our world, his true prophets.

## Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Have you ever questioned whether a pastor or Christian leader was truly a teacher of the Lord? What happened or what was said that led you to question his or her authority? What did you do about it?
- How would you begin a conversation with someone who thought dabbling with divination or practices to see the future were just fun and had no effect on their faith?
- Based on the qualifications Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discussed from Deuteronomy 18, is there anyone in your life you would consider a prophet? Why?
- Where have you encountered a modern-day prophet? What criteria did you use to determine whether or not the prophet and his/her message was real? What might you do differently now after studying Deuteronomy 18?

## Related Passages

- **John 14:15-27**
- **1 John 4:1-6**

## Conclusion

For a Christian, Jesus is the answer and Jesus is the metric. Keep the stories and teachings of Jesus fresh on your mind and heart. The Holy Spirit will use this familiarity to help you recognize what teachings, practices, and messages truly resonate with Jesus, the ultimate prophet. The triune God will lead you through proper discernment to recognize those he has ordained as his mouthpieces to the world today.

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