

# Midweek Bible Study

## Tongues and Prophecy for Today?

1 Cor. 14:37-40

### Introduction

#### V. Order and Authority in the Church (37-40)

- A. If anyone thinks he is a prophet or *pneumatikos*
  
- B. Let him know that what I write is the Lord's command
  - 1. Paul is pulling his apostolic card here.
  - 2. Those who were prophets, or the spiritual did not have the same authority  
1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:20
  
- C. If anyone ignores, let him be ignored  
A strong statement of judgment (Matt. 7:21-23)
  
- D. Exhortation to zeal in gifts
  
- E. Principle reiterated: Everything is to be done decently and according to order
  - 1) decently – appropriately, correctly
  - 2) *taxis* – good order, proper procedure, military: assigned position

Edification, peace, decency, order – not anarchy, confusion, and **inappropriate** ways of worshiping God.!

### Conclusion

- The reason we gather is for edification.
- To love the saints is to edify the saints.
- Edification depends on intelligibility.
- Our worship services should reflect the character and presence of God -
- 1 Cor. 14:12, 19, 26, 33, 40

### Prophecy and Tongues for Today?

#### I. The Nature of Prophecy

- A. 1 Cor. 11:3-16; 12:8-10, 28-29; 13:2, 9-10; 14:4-6, 24-25, 29-32, 39
  
- B. Other NT passages  
Acts 2:17-18; 11:27-28; 13:1-3; 21:8-14



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## C. Views on Prophecy

1. Prophecy is preaching  
William Perkins, *The Art of Prophesying*  
\*Preaching relies on a passage of Scripture, prophecy does not.
2. Prophecy is communicating a revelation from God  
The revelation is spontaneous. Supernatural.
3. Wayne Grudem's view of prophecy
  - a) The OT Prophet is equivalent to the NT Apostle, not the NT prophet (OT prophet does not equal NT prophet)
  - b) NT prophecy is not infallible
    - 1) It is to be judged (1 Cor. 14:29; 1 Thess. 5:20-21)
    - 2) Disobedience to NT prophecies is not sinful (Acts 21:4; 21:13-14)... NT prophecy was not authoritative
  - c) NT prophecy was not inerrant (Acts 21:11)
  - d) Eph. 2:20 is saying the NT Apostles are prophets
4. How this view "works" e.g., Sam Storms, *The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts*
5. An evaluation of Grudem's view
6. A proposal

## II. The Nature of Tongues

- A. In Acts
- B. In 1 Cor.
- C. Views on tongues

