

Subject: A Moment of Divine Reflection

Pastors,

Check out this news article.

Do you remember the video I sent, showcasing so many of God’s creations? It captured the still waters, a vast cloud stretching across the sky, four birds appearing out of nowhere and finally, a lightning bolt striking at the end—emphasizing what appeared to be a hand reaching out.

Interestingly, NASA scientists have now discovered a nebula 1,300 light years away, which they are calling “God’s Hand.” Described as an eternal glow with an impressive reach, the images they’ve released are stunning, yet I couldn’t help but compare them to what I witnessed in my own backyard. In truth, the photos from NASA left me longing for more—while the moment I captured felt complete and profoundly moving.

How incredible that I didn’t need to travel 1,300 light years or peer through a telescope to witness God reaching out. With my own eyes, I was able to record that moment right here on Earth and share it with others.

I can’t help but feel there’s a deeper message in this. What is God trying to reveal to me? That divine connection—the right time, the right place, and the right mindset—allowed me to turn on the camera and witness His presence in action.

Could this be a reminder that prophecy still lives among us? Will more prophets rise when the time comes? Is prophecy a gift to be rediscovered?

I continue to reflect on this and wanted to share these thoughts with you.

In faith and reflection,

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The gift of prophecy is a spiritual gift mentioned in the Bible, often described as the ability to receive and communicate divine messages from God. This gift is not necessarily about predicting the future, but rather about conveying God’s truth, guidance, encouragement and correction to others.

Biblical Foundation

- **1 Corinthians 12:10** – Paul lists prophecy among the spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 14:3** – Paul explains that prophecy is for “edification, exhortation, and comfort” to the church.
- **Romans 12:6** – Paul encourages believers to use their gifts according to the grace given to them, including the gift of prophecy.
- **Joel 2:28** (fulfilled in Acts 2) – God promises, “Your sons and daughters will prophesy,” highlighting prophecy as part of God’s outpouring of His Spirit.

Purpose of Prophecy

Edification – Strengthens and builds up the faith of individuals and the church.

Encouragement – Brings hope and reassurance.

Correction – Calls for repentance and alignment with God’s will.

Direction – Provides insight or revelation for decisions or future steps.

Confirmation – Confirms what God is already speaking to someone’s heart.

Characteristics of Prophecy

- **Inspired by the Holy Spirit** – Prophecy is not based on human intuition or opinion but is prompted by the Spirit of God.
- **In Line with Scripture** – True prophecy will align with the teachings and character of God as revealed in the Bible.
- **Glorifies Christ** – Prophecy ultimately points people to Jesus and glorifies God.
- **Tested and Discerned** – Paul instructs believers to “test everything; hold fast to what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21). Prophecy should be evaluated and confirmed by the community of believers.

Modern Understanding

Many Christian traditions believe the gift of prophecy is still active today, manifesting

in sermons, words of knowledge, visions, or direct impressions from the Holy Spirit. Others interpret it more symbolically or believe it was specific to the early church.

Is Prophecy a Gift for Everyone?

Paul encourages believers to “earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy” (1 Corinthians 14:1). This suggests that prophecy is available to anyone open to receiving and stewarding it, though the Holy Spirit distributes gifts according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Practical Application

Pray for discernment, humility and alignment with God’s will. Prophecy should always reflect love, grace, and truth.