

## Ahab's false prophets

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He called himself a prophet. He pastors Evidence of the Gospel Church in Igarra in Edo State. He called and he chatted on WhatsApp with her. She did not know him and did not know how this "man of God" got her name and contact. Some of the things he said are true. But he was pushing in the direction to convince her to go against counsel and marry a man who was obviously deceitful, from who she broke up at the last moment. The man lied about many things, but he knows the scriptures! This prophet was saying that she should go and marry this man and that no other was her husband. He prophesied doom, if his counsel was not heeded.

I called this man and asked who gave him authority to curse an innocent person, my daughter. He admitted that someone visited him and told him and therefore he decided to prophesy. I happen to know the "president and founder" of this church. It came out that he was underpaid and prophesying for money and doing the bidding of the devil! He promised to release the name of the person who visited him. He did not pick up later calls to him and neither did he respond to the messages sent to him on WhatsApp. Prophesying for his belly.

Can I prophesy? Yes! roared the congregation. He went on to describe the home of the woman and minute details about her family. The woman broke down and cried. The prophecies were exact. Probably would help resolve some of the challenges face by the woman. Such exact words that x-rays the past and in the light of the present are "good". It makes the "church" to grow. We all have itchy ears and desire way out of the overwhelming challenges we face in Nigeria. In the light of the oppression and repression by men in high places, you do not expect less. Physical challenges are ascribed to the spiritual and many a time, consequences of laziness or ignorance are ascribed to spiritual attacks. Who would not like to be delivered by the prophet? I hear of a church in Abuja, where you pay N10,000 to see the man of God, a prophet. It is the wife of the pastor who does the collection. If you have the spirit of God and his word, you can judge!

Ahab wanted to reclaim Ramoth Gilead, so he invited Jehoshaphat to go to war with him to fight Syria. He had spared Ben Hadad, the king of Syria earlier, out of disobedience to the counsel of God. Jehoshaphat wanted to hear from the Lord before embarking on the war. Ahab gather his 400 prophets and they told him to go and prosper. Jehoshaphat was not satisfied with the unison with which they answered. He asked if there was no other prophet. Ahab said there was another, who would not prophesy good about him. Does the prophet manufacture his prophecy? If so, will that be God speaking?

They brought in Micaiah. Micaiah had been warned by the man who brought him from prison to prophesy in line with the other four hundred. He did, but Ahab sensed it and asked him to speak what the Lord had told him. He told him that he will lose the battle. The soldier will scatter, like people without a leader. Means clearly that if he went, he would die in battle and not return. This angered the Zedekiah, the chief among the false prophets who asked how could the spirit of GOD pass him to go to Micaiah? He smote him on his face. Micaiah did not retaliate.

Probed further, he said he witnessed in the spirit, when the Lord allowed a lying spirit to enter into the prophets gathered by Ahab to prophesy the lie. The king asked that he should be returned to prison and fed with the bread of affliction till he returned. Of course he did not return. The bible does not tell us what happened to Micaiah after that.

The Lord had warned us about these men, the false prophets:

*<sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (KJV Strong's) Matthew 7:15-16*

*<sup>16</sup> Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. <sup>17</sup> They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. <sup>18</sup> For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? <sup>19</sup> Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup> The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. <sup>21</sup> I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. (KJV Strong's) Jeremiah 23:16-22*

*<sup>24</sup> For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (KJV Strong's) Matthew 24:24.*

The Lord has asked us to try every spirit! He recognizes that there are false prophets out there who for their belly, would do anything. Sometimes controversies surround these “men of god” and yet thrive on their deceit and falsehood because men have itchy ears. The easy life propagated by these prophets are attractive to the general populace from among whom there is little desire for the sanctified life that is required of righteous standing with God.

*<sup>1</sup> Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (KJV Strong's) 1 John 4:1*

*<sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (KJV Strong's) Revelation 16:13-15<sup>29</sup>*

*For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (KJV Strong's) Acts 20:29*

The devil is releasing more of the spirit of false prophesies into the air. Hardship in the land has driven men to the extreme. People are looking for green pastures and easy life, so do not consider where and what the prophesies is asking of them.

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The Lord summarized the anthology of the false prophets in II Pet 2, which I quote below, in full:

<sup>1</sup> *But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them —bringing swift destruction on themselves.* <sup>2</sup> *Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.* <sup>3</sup> *In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.* <sup>4</sup> *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment;* <sup>5</sup> *if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;* <sup>6</sup> *if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;* <sup>7</sup> *and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless* <sup>8</sup> *(for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—* <sup>9</sup> *if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.* <sup>10</sup> *This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;* <sup>11</sup> *yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord.* <sup>12</sup> *But these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish.* <sup>13</sup> *They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.* <sup>14</sup> *With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed —an accursed brood!* <sup>15</sup> *They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness.* <sup>16</sup> *But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.* <sup>17</sup> *These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.* <sup>18</sup> *For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.* <sup>19</sup> *They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”* <sup>20</sup> *If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our*

*Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. <sup>21</sup> It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud." (NIV) 2 Peter 2*

It was better to suffer in prison than join the bandwagon. Micaiah was proven right. Oh Lord, rid the body of false prophets. They have misdirected your people and we are in travail in the land of the attack of the marauders, which have been invited to fulanise and islamise the land that you have given to us. We shall not bow to Baal. No. I will rather be sacrificed.