

**One True Church Series
125 Prophecies Fulfilled
Bible Sermon Notes by Pastor Cary Rodgers, Jr.**

Let's continue our study where we left in our last sermon.

What message did John the Baptist give to the leaders of Israel who were leading God's people off the Mountain of Truth?

Matthew 3:7 - 10

- 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them,
O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bring forth therefore **fruits meet for repentance**: (actions that prove repentance)
9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

The message of **repentance is a message of love** to turn from sin and turn to Jesus. There is no automatic entry into the Heavenly kingdom based on heredity or profession. We are all accountable to the Jesus Christ, His everlasting covenant, testimonies, and His law. Leadership is accountable to lead others to the truth. If they are off the mountain of truth they will lead others astray from the truth. What is your responsibility? CRY aloud and spare NOT!

John was a humble forerunner for Jesus. He recognized his servant position.

What profound prophecy did John give concerning Jesus and baptism?

Matthew 3:11

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me **is mightier than I**, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

When was this literally fulfilled, in which Jesus baptized His people with the Holy Ghost and fire?

Acts 2:1 - 4

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Remember the "fire" represents the trial of faith and the purification of character. At the beginning of the New Testament church you see the testimony that John spoke of fulfilled. Remember the testimony of Jesus is the prophecy of His work revealed and fulfilled. This is also part of the testimonies of Jesus fulfilled. **Remember the Law reveals sin. The testimonies is the solution, Jesus.**

Now lets take a moment and see Jesus, the Head of His One True Church message revealed in the

Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament. In the NT Jesus confirmed both the Law (Ten Commandments) and the testimonies.

What did Jesus reveal about the Law of God (Ten Commandments) and testimonies during his ministry on this earth?

In one of the first recorded full sermons of Christ which is found in Matthew chapters 5 through 7 Jesus make it very clear near the beginning of that sermon that He did not come to destroy the law of God nor the testimonies (spirit of prophecy) but to confirm them. He came to make them well-known and clearly understood.

Matthew 5:17 - 18

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets (testimonies of Jesus): I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil (complete, ratify, or confirm).

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Not only did Jesus confirm the law of God (Ten Commandments) but He gives us a clearer understanding of it.

For example, Jesus reveals a deeper meaning of the law thou shalt not kill & thou shalt not commit adultery and the true spirit of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Thou Shalt Not Kill

Matthew 5:21 - 22

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

Matthew 5:27, 28

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy

Jesus also explained the true spirit of the seventh-day Sabbath, that it is not a day of man made regulations but a day to spend with God and ministering to others. A day of restoration both spiritually and physically.

Mark 2:27, 28

27 And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:**

28 **Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.**

Now, let's briefly look at more of the testimonies of Jesus, His ministry that was revealed in

the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament! Evidence that Jesus was the Messiah spoken of in the Old Testament.

Did you know that there were more than 125 prophecies in the Old Testament of different events that took place in the life of Jesus Christ that were accurately fulfilled in the New Testament? The Old Testament for example predicted where He would be born, how He would be born, how He would be killed, and when He would be resurrected. All these things plus more were accurately fulfilled in the New Testament of the Bible as a testimony, the evidence, that Jesus is Creator and Savior of the world. We can totally put our trust in His testimonies!

What did Jesus do for His disciples and followers for 40 days after His resurrection?

Acts 1:1 - 3

- 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by **many infallible (undeniable) proofs**, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Luke 24:44 - 45

- 44 And he (Jesus) said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**
- 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

So, here we see again that Jesus explained all the testimonies (spirit of prophecy) in the Bible concerning himself.

Now we are going to look at some of the same prophecies that Jesus explained to His disciples and followers after His resurrection. This is exciting. As we mentioned before, there are over 125 prophecies in the Old Testament that accurately point to the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today, we only have time to look at four of these prophecies.

In Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah, God with us, would be born of a virgin

Let's look at the Old Testament prophecy:

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].

Let's look at the fulfillment of that prophecy in the New Testament:

Luke 1:26, 27, 31, 32

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:"

Matthew 1:22, 23

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Did you know that the prophet Micah prophesied that the Messiah was going to be born in the small town of Bethlehem?

Let's look at the OT prophecy:

Micah 5:2

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw} *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting [eternal].

According to Genesis 35:19, Bethlehem was also known as Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw}.

Let's look at the fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Matthew 2:1

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Did you know that nearly one thousand years before the death of the Messiah, King David, prophesied that the Messiah, Our Saviour would die a violent death on the cross and that some would divide His garments and gamble or cast lots for a piece of His clothing?

Let's look at the OT prophecy:

Psalm 22:16,18

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture [clothing].

Let's look at the fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Mark 15:24

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take."

Did you know that Daniel 9:25 prophesied the actual year that Jesus, the Messiah would be anointed and begin His public ministry?

Daniel 9:25

25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. **(69 weeks x 7 = 483 years)**

Messiah (Anointed one), the Prince referring to Jesus. When was Jesus anointed? At his baptism. For the rebuilding of Jerusalem (457 BC) 483 years later Jesus was baptized in 27 AD. Right on time! Also in Daniel 9: 26 and 27 it was also prophesied that Jesus would be "cut off" killed 3 ½ years after his baptism. That happened as prophesied in 31 AD.

What did Jesus say to announce His fulfillment of prophecy at the beginning of His ministry?

Mark 1:15

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 4:16 - 21

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

This is truly the Spirit of Prophecy, the testimonies, that reveal the evidence of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ, past, present, and future.

Because of pride many Jewish leaders and Israelites rejected the testimony of Jesus and His law. What did Jesus tell them and all who reject the law and the testimonies?

Matthew 23:37, 38

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

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"Men cannot with impunity reject the warning which God in mercy sends them. A message was sent from heaven to the world in Noah's day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the Flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation: "Your house is left unto you desolate." Matthew 23:38. Looking down to the last days, the same Infinite Power declares, concerning those who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved": "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. As they reject the teachings of His word, God withdraws His Spirit and leaves them to the deceptions which they love." - Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 431