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# 1. The Gift of Miraculous Powers

**‘Miracle’**

**‘paradoxa’** – *something beyond the norm*

**‘dunameis’** – *a display of power or authority*

**‘semeia’** – *a sign*

***Miracle: Something that has happened which is utterly unanticipated by us, and which provides a sign to us of the presence of a powerful authority at work in our midst.***

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*The church sees very few miracles, at least in the Western world, because generally it trusts in its materialism, exercises very little faith and so is engaged in very little risk.*

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*'The history of the church has never been altogether without the spontaneous gifts of the Holy Spirit. From the first century to the 20th, from Antioch to Asuza Street, the accounts have been gathered and preserved to challenge the scepticism of unbelievers and to build the faith of believers....*

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*...In the light of such overwhelming evidence, the Church today can look to the past with gratitude for what God has done, to the present with faith in his still-awesome power, and to the future with hope for the great miracles he will yet accomplish.'*

**Jaroslav Pelikan**

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## 2. The Gift of Prophecy **'Prophecy'**

*'When a person speaks for God under the immediate inspiration of the Holy Spirit.'*

*'Prophecy is God shouting at us: 'the Kingdom of God has come! The Kingdom has broken in!'*

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***‘No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.’***

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## 3. The Testing of Prophecy

### a) The Test of CONSISTENCY

i) Is it consistent with **Scripture**?

ii) Is it consistent with the **Spirit of Jesus**?

iii) Is there **Consistent Following** of Jesus?

### 3. The Testing of Prophecy

a) The Test of CONSISTENCY

b) The Test of PURPOSE

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***‘But those who prophesy speak to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.’***

**1 Corinthians 14:3**

***‘Prophecy is designed to build up, stir up, and to cheer up.’***

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a) The Test of CONSISTENCY

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i) Is it **CONSTRUCTIVE?**

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***‘Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But that is not what God desires; rather, he devises ways so that a banished person does not remain banished from him.’***

**2 Samuel 14:14**

### 3. The Testing of Prophecy

a) The Test of CONSISTENCY

b) The Test of PURPOSE

i) Is it **CONSTRUCTIVE**?

ii) Does it grow **COURAGE**?

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***'Then Haggai, the LORD'S messenger,  
gave this message of the LORD to the  
people: 'I am with you,' declares the  
LORD.'***

**Haggai 1:13**

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iv) Does it **CONFRONT** us with God's Reality?

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***‘But if an unbeliever or an enquirer comes in while everybody is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgement by all...’***

**1 Corinthians 14:24**

***‘..as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”’***

**1 Corinthians 14:25**

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v) Does it **CONFIRM** God's will?

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