

## Prophets of God

### Scripture Reading — Numbers 11:24-30

*“I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” — Numbers 11:29*

It was clear to Israel that Moses spoke for God. God would meet with Moses in the tent of meeting and give him words to say to the people.

So when Joshua heard about two men who had prophesied in the camp, it made sense that he would want to protect Moses’ unique role as God’s prophet. But Moses responded, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” Moses was not threatened; instead, he saw what a *blessing* it would be if all God’s people would speak for and from God.

Moses’ desire was fulfilled centuries later when the Spirit of God came to God’s people on Pentecost (Acts 2). The prophet Joel had proclaimed that a day was coming when God’s Spirit would be poured out on *all* people. And on Pentecost the crowds of visitors from all nations heard the followers of Jesus declaring the wonders of God in their own languages. The age of the Spirit had come because our chief prophet, Jesus, had provided us salvation and given his followers new life in the Spirit.

If you are a Christian, the Spirit of God is living in you. You have been anointed by the Spirit to declare the praises of God. The world needs bold prophets who speak God’s truth, hope, love, and grace. With whom will you share the truth of Jesus today?

### Prayer

*Lord, as your prophets, may we share your message of grace and truth with the people around us. May others hear and see Christ in us. Amen.*

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