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Hearing From God in The Last Days

During a recent interview where famous talk show host, Oprah Winfrey, was asked if she will run for President, she answered that if she was going to run for President, then she would have to hear clearly from God. Just a week prior to this, when Vice President Mike Pence in an interview was asked about the impact his faith in God has had in his life, he made a similar statement about hearing from God when he prays. The View talk show host, Joy Behar, said that, because of this, Mike Pence must be showing signs of mental illness if he was claiming to hear God speaking to him. Many wonder why Behar has not made the same remark about Oprah. Could the answer be found in the fact that the god of Oprah Winfrey is a different god and actually a false god? The reality is, Oprah turned away from the Christian God years ago. She is now promoting New Age spirituality that teaches many beliefs of Eastern religions such as Hinduism. New Age spirituality teaches that god is in all people and all things. This belief about god is called pantheism. While Oprah says she is not a New Ager, she follows closely the beliefs of New Age teachers Deepak Chopra and Eckhart Tolle. While herself claiming to be a Christian, the spiritual teachings of Oprah Winfrey are not Christian.

Bible prophecy warns us against people in the latter days who will promote demonic doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1f). Satan, often through demons, does speak to the minds of the people who are in rebellion against God's truth (2 Corinthians 4:4). The source of all demonic teachings is the god of this world, Satan himself. Remember that the devil, even from the beginning in the garden of Eden, always cloaks himself in nice sounding questions and assertions. But make no mistake, his goal is always to deceive! And millions have been deceived by Oprah Winfrey's demonic teaching! She poses as a Christian, but does not teach Christian beliefs!

Some may be shocked that I would make these statements about Oprah Winfrey. There is much documentation simply from the shows that Oprah did, but also from her books (see "Is Oprah a Christian? - YouTube, <https://m.Youtube.com/watch?v=c4Eg>). The liberal left of our country have rejected God, but they want the evangelical vote for their next presidential candidate! Enter the great, rich and popular deceiver, Oprah Winfrey! She has openly denied for many years that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation through His death on the cross. Her belief in, and active promotion of the New Age doctrines, including: that god is in everybody and that EVERYBODY is a god, god can be found in you, and that god is whatever you feel; ARE NOT CHRISTIAN BELIEFS!! Again, the Bible prophecies of latter days false teachers that will arise and mislead many. Oprah is a false teacher and is misleading many! (Matthew 24:24; 1 Timothy 4:1).

I have no doubt that the devil, in an effort to counterfeit Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God, does speak to people that are yielded to the arch-deceiver and his teachings. New Age teaching is straight from Satan! Do

not be deceived by the false teaching that has come out of Oprah Winfrey's mouth for decades! She actively promotes unbiblical definitions of marriage, believes that "being gay is a gift from god," defends abortion, and pantheistic spirituality, which again, is the New Age teaching that god is in everyone and everything! Praise God for godly men like Vice President Mike Pence who take a firm stand to affirm that the Living God of the Bible still speaks through His Word and Holy Spirit to believing and yielded Christians today!

Dr. Billy Graham, a True Man of God, and a Long-time, Long-ago Friend

I had the privilege of pastoring the same church in Palatka, Florida where Billy Graham was baptized by Dr. Cecil Underwood in 1939, just as Dr. Graham was beginning his ministry. His little ministry team would come into the Palatka area to lead revivals. A little lady who was still a member of the church when I was there was



Billy's pianist in those days. Miss Irene McManus was a godly lady who had polio, but managed to play for that early evangelistic team. What a sweet testimony Miss Irene had about those days ministering with "Billy." He even talked her highly protective parents into allowing Irene to become a student at the Bible college where Billy was attending. Irene told us of a day that Billy came out into the courtyard so discouraged that she asked him what was the matter. Billy answered: "Irene, I'm so down I think that tomorrow I'm going to go back to Charlotte." Irene smiled and said, "Oh, Billy, you know that that tomorrow will never come." We believe to this day that this was possibly a turning point when God used a little humble young woman with polio to keep Billy Graham on track to become the world's best known and most effective evangelist. **You never know how God will use you, even in your time of weakness to encourage some else who is discouraged in their walk with the Lord in these latter days.**

"Billy," as Irene would call him, is now in heaven. Miss Irene, who no longer has polio, is there too, along with Billy's wife, Ruth, George Beverly Shea, and many tens of thousands of precious souls that were won to faith in Jesus Christ through the evangelistic ministry of Dr. Billy Graham.

Interestingly, Billy's full name is very meaningful: William Franklin Graham. William is of German origin and means **"determined protector."** Franklin, is English in origin and means: **"free man."** Graham, is from the Latin and means: **"Grain."** These names together form a very interesting attestation to God's purpose for this particular man of God: A **"determined protector,"** of the lost and helpless, himself, a **"free man,"** through Jesus Christ, who obeyed the Lord Who said to him, and to us all: **"Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest (of the "grain")" (John 4:35).** Indeed many millions of lost souls were saved and harvested by the Lord Jesus Christ through the faithful preaching of Billy Graham. **You can win souls too, by your personal witness of Jesus Christ to the lost in these last days.**

God has amazing plans and sometimes they sneak up on you. Several years ago, while I visited one of our church members at a Jacksonville hospital, the daughter of the man I was visiting stepped out for a break while I stayed with her dad. After 15 minutes, she came back into the room and said to me, "I saw Billy downstairs and he wants to meet you!" I didn't know who she meant, but I quickly found out that she was talking about Billy Graham! He was there on one of his visits to the Mayo Clinic in those days, receiving therapy. The lady whose father I came to visit had told him I was pastoring the church where he was baptized. When I met him and visited for a few minutes as he was walking laps around the room, He was amazingly humble and asked me about how Irene was doing. I told him she was well and I could actually call her if he would like to speak with her. He said he certainly would like to speak with her. I called Irene and when she answered I told her someone would like to speak with her, and I handed my phone to Dr. Graham. In a few minutes I overheard Dr. Graham repeating directions that Irene was giving him to her home in Palatka. Within six months, Dr. Graham came to visit Irene (see pictures above) and many others who met him in the old church chapel where he preached some 70 years before. Needless to say, Irene, still suffering the effects of her polio, was thrilled that she and "Billy" could reconnect after all those years! **Sometimes you might think that your usefulness to God is over, but you could not convince Irene that God ever gets through using a faithful saint, no matter how old they are. God is faithful!**

At the writing of this edition of *Prophecy in Perspective*, the world is watching the home going celebration of this humble and obedient man of God, Dr. Billy Graham. The great Methuselah of Genesis 5:22f, who lived longer than any man in history, has an important prophetic meaning to his name: "**when he dies judgment shall come.**" God gave the world 969 years, the length of Methuselah's life, to repent, but they did not! So, when Methuselah died, the judgment came, just as Enoch predicted through the name he gave to his son. So, today, it is as Jesus said, "**But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**" (**Matthew 24:37**). I believe we are now in the times Jesus described as the 'days of Noah.' These are days of apostasy, of growing wickedness, unbelief, violence and immorality. The passing of Billy Graham is said to be the passing of an era of preaching that will not be repeated. Is God trying to get our attention as to the lateness of the hour? I believe that the rapture of the church to heaven is very near. With the timing of Dr. Graham's passing on to heaven, I believe we should take serious notice of these days of growing unbelief, of the many prophecies of the Bible that warn of coming judgment of the Great Tribulation period. This is a day when Christians need to watch and witness faithfully, fervently, and expectantly to the lost in these troubled times ...

... "for the coming of the Lord is near" (James 5:5).

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