

SPOONS & FORKS

On **1/24/2021** the Lord gave me a vision of spoons and forks intermingled in the same slot in my utensil drawer. **End of vision.** At first I simply could not figure out what He was telling me. Then one day, it hit me. He wanted me to write about a time when I was deceived by someone who gave me a “personal prophesy”. The connection between the vision and this false prophet will become clear shortly.

On 9/1/2018 as I was googling, a screen popped up on my phone. It featured a prophetic website run by a woman who I will call Carla (not her real name), who claimed to be a new prophet of God. She said that God wanted her to seek out some people who would give her feedback on her prophecies, so she could hone her prophetic skills. Now what I should have done was to ask the Lord if He wanted me to receive a “prophetic word” from this person, but I didn’t. I fell into the exact same trap that Joshua did when the Gibeonites tried to deceive him. Namely, we both failed to seek counsel from the Lord. What I did do was to research some of her online prophecies. Since they seemed legitimate, I reached out to her and agreed to a prophetic word.

The first red flag was when Carla mentioned that God wanted her to take a class in prophesy. Now, that just does not jive with the Bible. In the Bible, the Lord would anoint his prophets and then the spirit of prophesy would come upon them and they would prophesy. They did not have to go to school to learn how to become prophets. The Holy Spirit that resides in each believer is fully capable of teaching that believer everything he needs to know. God really doesn’t need man to help him out in this area. By the same token, we do not need to go to school to learn how to interpret dreams either. Only God can give us the interpretation of His dreams, not man.

Then Carla told me that when she prayed for me, the name “Evan” kept coming up and did it mean anything to me. Now that got my attention bigtime, since Evan is my cousin’s name. (Note: I changed my cousin’s name here to protect his identity). So I believed at the time that she probably was the real deal. I did not realize then that false prophets often do receive very real information. But that Intel comes not from God, but from demons.

Then she sent me her “prophetic word”. It was a couple of paragraphs long and at first glance seemed accurate. However, one sentence in it bothered me. It was the one where she said that the Lord told her “*As I told Mary about her sister Martha, one thing is needful and that is to sit at My feet and bring your worries to me.*” Did you spot the deception?

The actual scripture in Luke 10:41-42 says “And Jesus answered and said to her “*MARTHA, MARTHA you are worried and troubled about many things but one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.*” (Emphasis is mine). So I asked myself, would Jesus tell her that he was talking to Mary when, in fact, he was speaking to Martha? Wouldn’t Jesus know since He was right there? At that point, I knew she was a false prophet. Notice how the supposed Words of Jesus were subtly twisted and do not conform to scripture. These false prophets are often very convincing and that’s why it’s important to know the scripture well. So I send her an email telling her that I did not believe her “prophetic word” and

that I did not receive her words in the name of Jesus. And I repented to God for believing her lies.

So now let's go back to the vision of intermingled spoons and forks. It says in Luke 10:40 "But Martha was cumbered about with much **servicing**, and came to him, and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to **serve** alone?" So Mary and Martha were the "servers" in the house. So in the vision the Lord was comparing them to utensils, which are also used to serve. Just like spoons and forks have different functions and cannot be interchanged, neither could Mary and Martha's names be interchanged. Notice how there was much truth in the "prophecy" but just a sprinkling of deception mixed in. That is how the enemy deceives – with a mixture of both truth and lies. But any amount of lies, no matter how small the percentage, contaminates. Doesn't it say that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? If what is said does not line up with the Word of God, it is deception. That's why it is critical to stay in the Word of God daily and to be a "Berean" by searching out the truth of all matters in the Bible. Hold up everything you see and hear against the Word of God to see if it passes muster.

SCRIPTURES

GENESIS 40:8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please."

GENESIS 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it." 16So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

1 JOHN 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

1 SAMUEL 16:12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

2 KINGS 9:1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. 2Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. 3Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay."

LUKE 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40But Martha was

cumbered about with much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things: 42But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

ACTS 17:10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

JOSHUA 9:3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors.

JOSHUA 9:14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord. 15So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

JOSHUA 9:22 Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you dwell near us? 23Now therefore, you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God.”