

Psychics

People are often fascinated with the supernatural. They want to know things about their future. But we have to be cautious about where we go to obtain information. Choosing the wrong source means we are stepping on very dangerous territory, and Jesus told us this in the Bible.

Since the word psychic was not invented until more recent times, the Bible calls them *sorcerers, spiritists, wizards and witches, astrologers, mediums* and other such titles. God gives stern warnings against their practices, calling what they do abominations:

Leviticus 19:31

Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

There shall not be found among you anyone who ... practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or none who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

Does the Bible say that psychics can give comfort?

Zechariah 10:2

The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain.

NOTE: Yes, but God says they do so in vain because their comforting words are lies. They insert some truth for the purpose of enticing and gaining trust. They will site familiar names, places and events, but they mix these truths with lies to deceive us.

How do we know?

Micah 3:7

The seers will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced. They will all cover their faces because there is no answer from God.

NOTE: Their answers do not come from God.

Whom does the Bible say we should consult?

Isaiah 8:19

When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people

inquire of their God?

NOTE: We should be inquiring of God through faith, prayers, and Bible study.

If you consult psychics, what kind of people does God say you are putting your faith in?

Revelation 8:21

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and **sorcerers**, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Can we know the difference between a true and false prophet? Let's look at the criteria for a true prophet:

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Amos 7:15

And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

NOTE: A true prophet is called to service by God for a specific work. God leaves the chosen prophet no room to doubt that He is calling them:

Numbers 12:6

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

The next test of a true prophet is very important:

Isaiah 8:20

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

NOTE: The true prophet MUST adhere strictly to the Bible. The words of a true prophet come directly from the Holy Spirit. Therefore everything they prophesy WILL be in harmony with Scripture. This is one of the easiest tests, yet so many are fooled by false prophets because they do not know the Scriptures.

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

NOTE: Jesus says you will know if a prophet is true or false by how he lives. The Bible is God's standard. A true prophet of God will live by the teachings of the Bible, keeping the Ten Commandments. This, by default and association, MUST include the seventh day (Saturday) Sabbath. The Bible is clear, God does not send a prophet to a church that disregards His holy law:

Lamentations 2:9

The law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Another sign of a true prophet is that ALL predictions will come true:

Jeremiah 28:9

The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

²⁰ But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

²¹ And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?

²² When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

NOTE: Every claimed psychic makes predictions. Some do come true, but if even one does not, this is the clear sign from the Lord that this is a false prophet.

If the psychic is not getting their words from God, then where do they get their power?

1 Kings 22:22, Satan declares...

I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.

Revelation 16:14

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

NOTE: Supernatural power is NOT a sign that a prophet is from God. This is serious! To consult with a false prophet, or psychic, is literally gambling with your eternal destiny.

Who is the only one that can see the future?

Isaiah 46:9-10

For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.

NOTE: The psychics power comes from fallen angels, demons who long ago were cast out of heaven for their rebellion against God.

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

God has His true prophets.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

When Jesus came to Bethlehem the first time, he sent the prophet John the Baptist in the spirit of Elijah:

Malachi 4:5

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

This prophecy has a dual meaning, as Jesus came the first time, and He sent John before Him to prepare the way. Jesus is coming again soon, and He would not do so without sending the world another prophet in the spirit of Elijah the second time to prepare the way.