

Ezekiel 2-3 • When God Calls a True Prophet

1. (2:1-7) True biblical prophets act like **evangelists**, only to God's people. They are reaching out to those steeped in **sin**, calling them back to the Lord. Just like **evangelists**, they have to keep their spiritual **integrity** intact, resisting against becoming like those around them and reaching out to everyone whether or not God's **message** through them is **accepted**.
2. (2:8-3:3) Whereas false prophets try to **pervert** God's Word or **add** to it in some manner, true prophets always live according to it and their message can be **corroborated** according to God's Word.
3. (3:4-11) God's prophets exhibit the ultimate commitment to the **Truth** because they are sent to a people whose number one problem is willful and conscious rejection of the **Truth**. It's only when they finally return to the **Truth** that everything else will follow spiritually.
4. (3:12-15) True prophets speak, appear, and work only when and where God **designates**. There is no biblical precedent for them holding **rallies** or **assemblies** or weekly **television** shows. If not directed by God to speak, they will **wait** for **HIS** time and place.
5. (3:16-21) Prophets aren't allowed to just make predictions and **leave**; they are called to be a living **example** among those to whom they're called, providing direction how to **live** properly at the time those predictions come about. A true prophet is not strictly a **messenger**, but a living example of the **message**.
6. (3:22-27) **A summary of a true prophet's calling & ministry:**
 - a. (v.22-23) **Humbled** in the presence of God.
 - b. (v.24) Established and empowered by the **Spirit**.
 - c. (v.24) Will meet **resistance** to his ministry by those he is sent to.
 - d. (v.26-27) **Speaks** only when directed by God, sticking strictly to God's **Word**.
 - e. (v.27) The results of his ministry are a **mirror** of the spiritual condition of those to whom he is sent.
 - f. (Rev. 22:11)