

Yield Pt134

Five Church Offices

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

11. *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;* 12. **For the perfecting of the saints**, *for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

JEHOVAH JIREH [56-0429]

He set **five church offices**. Missionaries, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors **for the perfecting of the church**.

A PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES [59-1120]

Now, in these offices and places, in the offices you hear from the apostle, his ministry. You hear from the prophet, his ministry, from the evangelists, from the teacher, from the pastor. **Each has a separate ministry. And their ministries is of God**. God has set them in the church for this purpose.

BALM IN GILEAD [59-0707]

Apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, these offices God sets in the Church. **They're all in operation, or should be. We cannot bypass one** and say there's teachers without saying evangelists. We cannot say there's evangelists without saying there is apostles. We cannot say there's apostles without admitting there's prophets. **All of them are for the perfecting of the Body of Christ**.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT2 [64-0823E]

There is five offices elected of God. *"For God has set in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists."* God did that. Man has deacons and so forth, and everything else, but you see, but God set in the church **for the perfecting of the church-can't divide it**.

BEHOLD A GREATER THAN ALL OF THEM IS HERE [62-0715]

I never want to belittle a pastor before his people, because after all, he's set as shepherd. Your pastors here might not be able to discern spirit and foretell things that's coming to pass. They might not be able to do that, but they have a position. Neither am I a teacher. Nor, I'm not--I'm not a apostle. See? These five offices... And each one of them men has an office, and he's holding his office. **And that office is just as great in the sight of God as any other office**.

SPEAK TO THIS MOUNTAIN [57-1215]

The Bible said there's five offices in the Church that is ordained of God and put in the Church--office holders. First is apostles, prophet, teachers, evangelists, pastors. They're God's foreordination. **By predestination, by foreknowledge He saw it, placed it in the Church for every age.**

EPHESIANS 4:13-16

13. *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

14. *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

16. *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD [62-0607]

Now, God fortified His army. What with? **Himself, in the form of prophets, apostles, teachers, pastors.** What did He do? What was God doing? Listen, did you ever think what that offices of the church is? It's God's dress, inside dress, an apostle, a prophet, a seer. Foresee, before Satan ever gets to it, done told it. What is it? God dressed up in His church. **These offices is God's dress-wear.** When you see those offices, pastors, teachers, evangelists, what is that? **That's God's dress-wear, God's Presence, God's Spirit** (And if...) **working through man.**

TO TAKE ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD [62-0701]

In His army... **He presents His army in the form of five offices,** first, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. **That's His army;** that's His soldiers; that's His commanding officers, all with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, waiting out there to meet the enemy on any grounds he comes upon; to meet the enemy with the Word of God (Amen.), **each one backing one another up, with Him the Chief Captain,** not out there in front, up here, above, back behind; but **in them. That's the army.** Vindicating, vindicating what? His resurrection, by the proof of His works.

John 14:12, Jesus said, *"He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also."* What is it? It's God in the church in these five predestinated offices, backing up every Word that He said with the Holy Spirit Himself in there, which is the Word made manifest, proving His resurrection, proving that He lives.

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY FOR THIS DAY [64-0206E]

A gift is just "*get yourself out of the way and let the Holy Spirit use you.*" See? That's the gift. **That's what a minister is. He don't preach what he wants to preach. He just gets hisself out of the way.** it's a gift, and inspiration comes, and he--he speaks through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Any other gift is the same way. Now, ministerial gifts, and so forth, has been. There is, first, of God-given gifts, is, "*first apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists.*" That's the offices. That's our gifts.

PERSEVERANCE [62-0218]

Now, if you couldn't take my word, you'd just have to go, or your... I couldn't take your word, it'd have to go. But God's not that way, He sends gifts into the church, apostles. What is an apostle? A missionary. A missionary, is a word missionary means "*one that's sent.*" An apostle means "*one that's sent.*" A prophet, that's "*a seer.*" A pastor, a teacher, evangelist, all those things, they rightly divide the Word of God, bring It down, and then the--the gifts of the Spirit to work in the church, to confirm the Word, to show that Jesus Christ lives in the church.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT1 [64-0823M]

Q270. Now, Brother Branham, are we missing out on something? These people claim to believe every word that you say to be true. **(But they don't. They don't believe it. Their own actions prove that they don't.)**

I CORINTHIANS 1:18

18. *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

I CORINTHIANS 1:21

21. *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

DIVINE LOVE [57-0305]

Preaching is the work of the Lord Jesus, evangelist, pastors all the work of the Lord Jesus. We have a lot of impersonators, but there's really a real one too.

MY NEW MINISTRY [59-1115]

That's God... part of God's program. **Preaching is His program.**