

1 Kings 13:18 (KJV)

He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

I hear a lot how someone will tell someone else what the Lord said to tell them. Sound confusing? Not as confusing as someone telling you the Lord said that this will happen, and it doesn't happen, and your wonder what is going on or even thinking, "Is God messing with me?"

Sometimes what this is, is a lying spirit meant to cause you to stumble. But before you go demon hunting, a lot of times it's just people's imaginations and them wanting the best for you, so much so that they think they are supposed to tell you something, when in reality, it's only their wishful thinking and not the Lord.

Don't get me wrong, the Lord can, and does speak through others, but if it doesn't happen, then throw it away and know it was not from the Lord.

Deut 18:21-22 And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'-- when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

I even have people telling me the Lord spoke to them (Not verbally but in their hearts), which so cool, but once again, if it does not come to pass, it's not from the Lord because that would make God a liar and we know:

† **Titus 1:2b God, who cannot lie.**

So what's the bottom line here? Watch that what you say is from the Lord or what you think the Lord may be telling others, because if you say that, and it doesn't come to pass, that makes you a false prophet in a sense. Make sure you truly pray and seek the Lord making sure it is from Him, before you go speaking in His name.

† **Jer 14:14 And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart."**