



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 9, 2026 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

How to Tell a True Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

1. Why are prophets necessary? (Deuteronomy 18:15-17)

2. Is there a Prophet that is greater than other prophets?
(Deuteronomy 18:18-19)



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3. How to tell a false prophet from a true prophet (Deuteronomy 18:20-22)

Table Talk

- 1) Why are prophets necessary? How does the holiness of God make clear the need for prophets? (vv. 15-17)
- 2) What is this prophet in Deuteronomy 18 going to be like? (vv. 18-19) How does this match up with the language of the Gospel of John? (see John 5:19, 8:28, 12:49, and 14:10) What happens if people do not listen to this coming prophet? (v. 19) How does that match up with Jesus as the fulfillment of these words? (see John 5:43 and Acts 7:51-53)
- 3) What kind of temptations arose in Israel to pretend to be a prophet? Why might someone falsely represent God in that way? (vv. 20-22) Why would the punishment for the false prophet be the death penalty? How were people to detect a false prophet?