



*Spiritual Ministry
Et Prophecy*

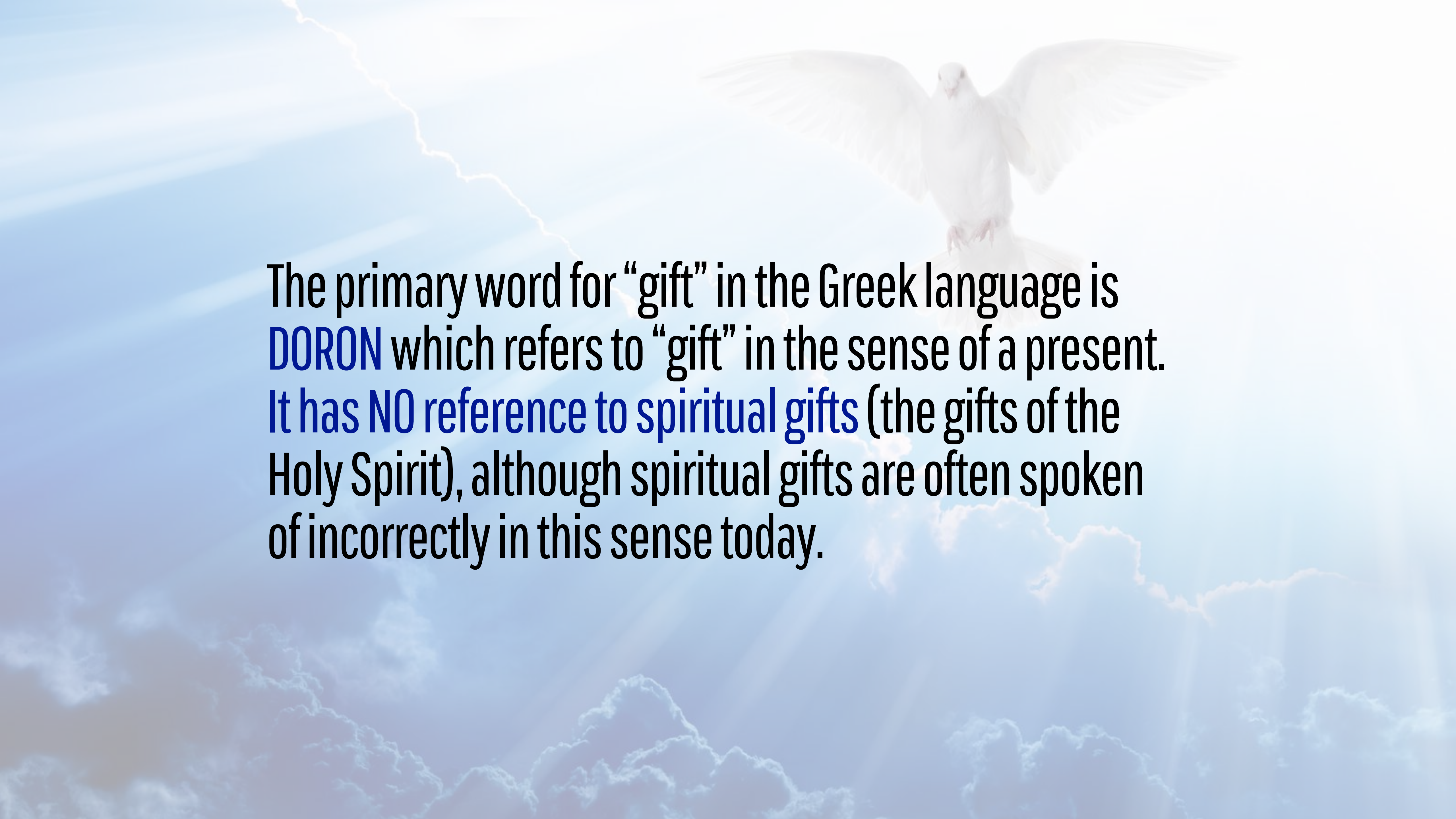
Mark 16:15-18

15. And Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
16. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
17. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
18. they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

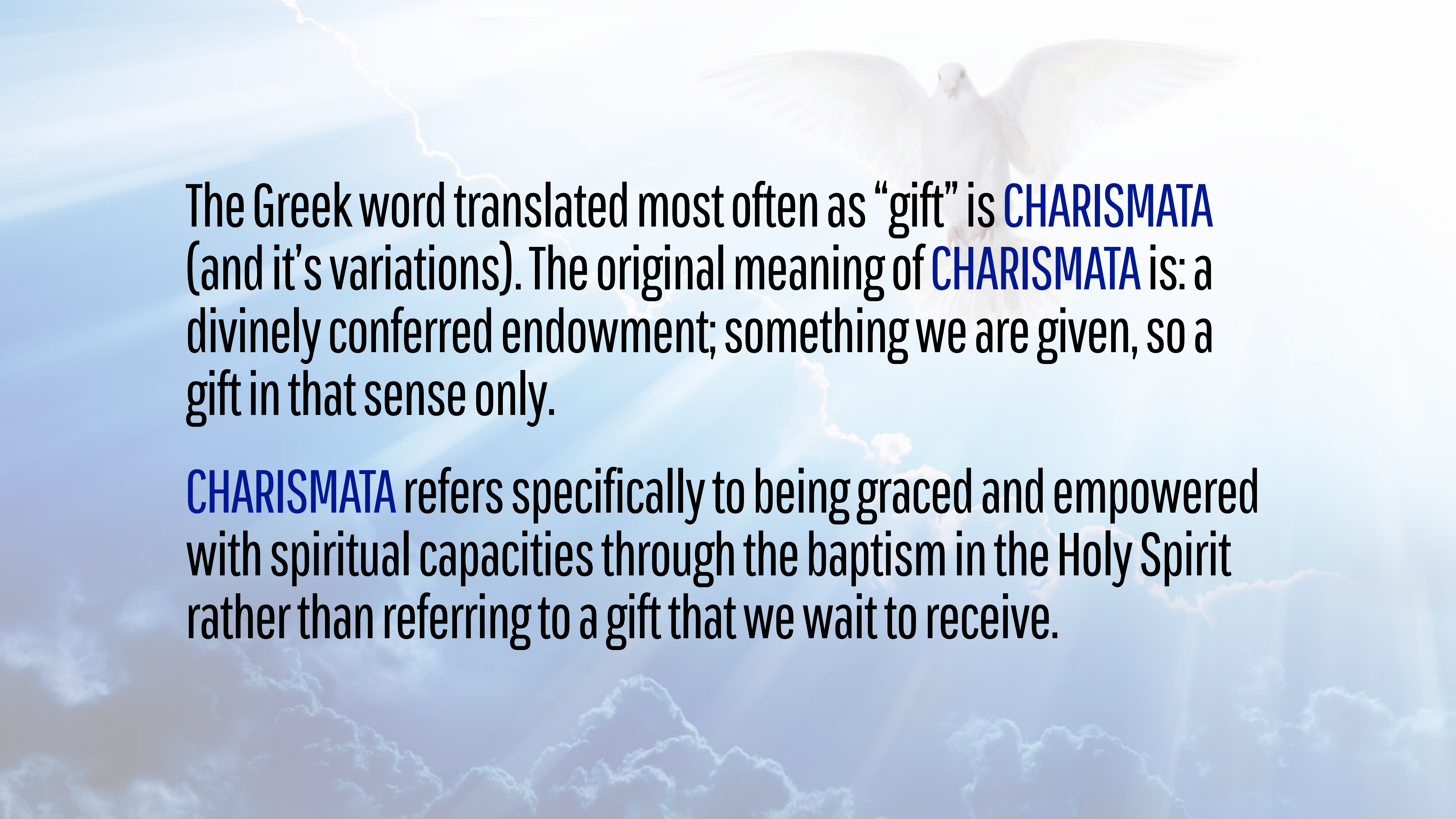


Mark 16:19-20

19. So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
20. And they went out and preached everywhere, **while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.**

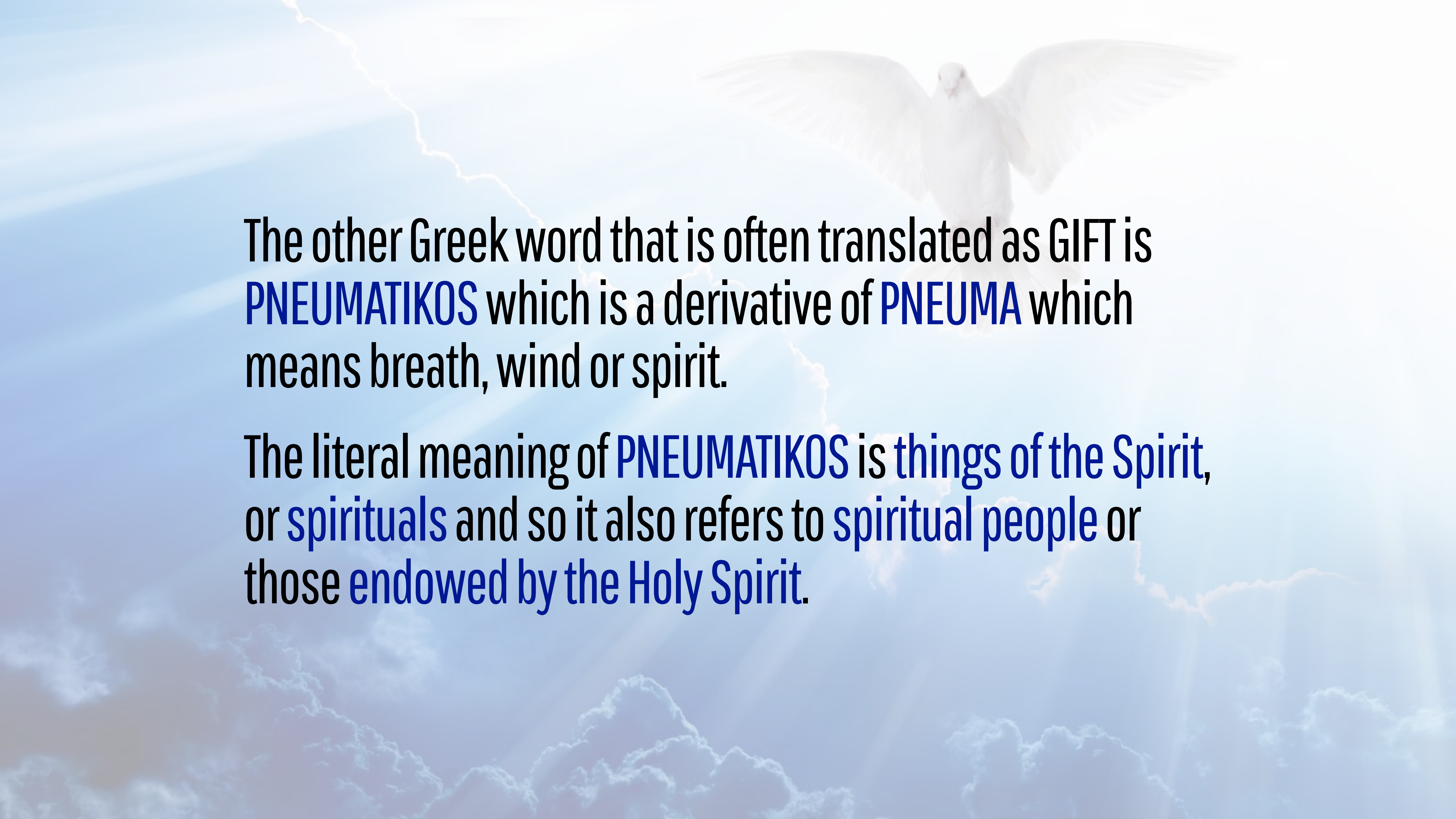


The primary word for “gift” in the Greek language is **DORON** which refers to “gift” in the sense of a present. It has **NO** reference to **spiritual gifts** (the gifts of the Holy Spirit), although spiritual gifts are often spoken of incorrectly in this sense today.



The Greek word translated most often as “gift” is **CHARISMATA** (and its variations). The original meaning of **CHARISMATA** is: a divinely conferred endowment; something we are given, so a gift in that sense only.

CHARISMATA refers specifically to being graced and empowered with spiritual capacities through the baptism in the Holy Spirit rather than referring to a gift that we wait to receive.



The other Greek word that is often translated as GIFT is **PNEUMATIKOS** which is a derivative of **PNEUMA** which means breath, wind or spirit.

The literal meaning of **PNEUMATIKOS** is things of the Spirit, or **spirituals** and so it also refers to **spiritual people** or those **endowed by the Holy Spirit**.



1 Corinthians 2:12-13

12. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit (**Pneuma**) who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
13. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit (**Pneuma**), interpreting spiritual truths (**pneumatikos**) to those who are spiritual. (**pneumatikos**)



1 Corinthians 2:14-15

14. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit (**Pneuma**) of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually (**pneumatikos**) discerned.
15. The spiritual person (**pneumatikos**) appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

1 Corinthians 12:1

Now concerning spiritual **gifts**, brothers,
I do not want you to be uninformed.

Three Greek words translated GIFT or GIFTS


- **DORON** = present
- **CHARISMATA** = a divinely given endowment or spiritual capacity
- **PNEUMATIKOS** = spirituals, things of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

Brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant
about **the things of the Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 12:1 & 4

1. Brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about **the things of the Spirit. (PNEUMATIKOS)**
 4. Now there are varieties of gifts **(CHARISMATA)**, but the same Spirit; **(PNEUMA)**
- **CHARISMATA** = a divinely given endowment or spiritual capacity
 - **PNEUMATIKOS** = spirituals, things of the Spirit



1 Corinthians 12:4 (Amplified Bible)

Now there are distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments (gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the [Holy] Spirit remains the same.



Hebrews 5:14

Solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment **trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**



1 Corinthians 12:5-7

5. And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
6. and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God **who empowers them all in everyone.**
7. To each is given **the manifestation of the Spirit** for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

8. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
9. to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
10. to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (Amplified Bible)

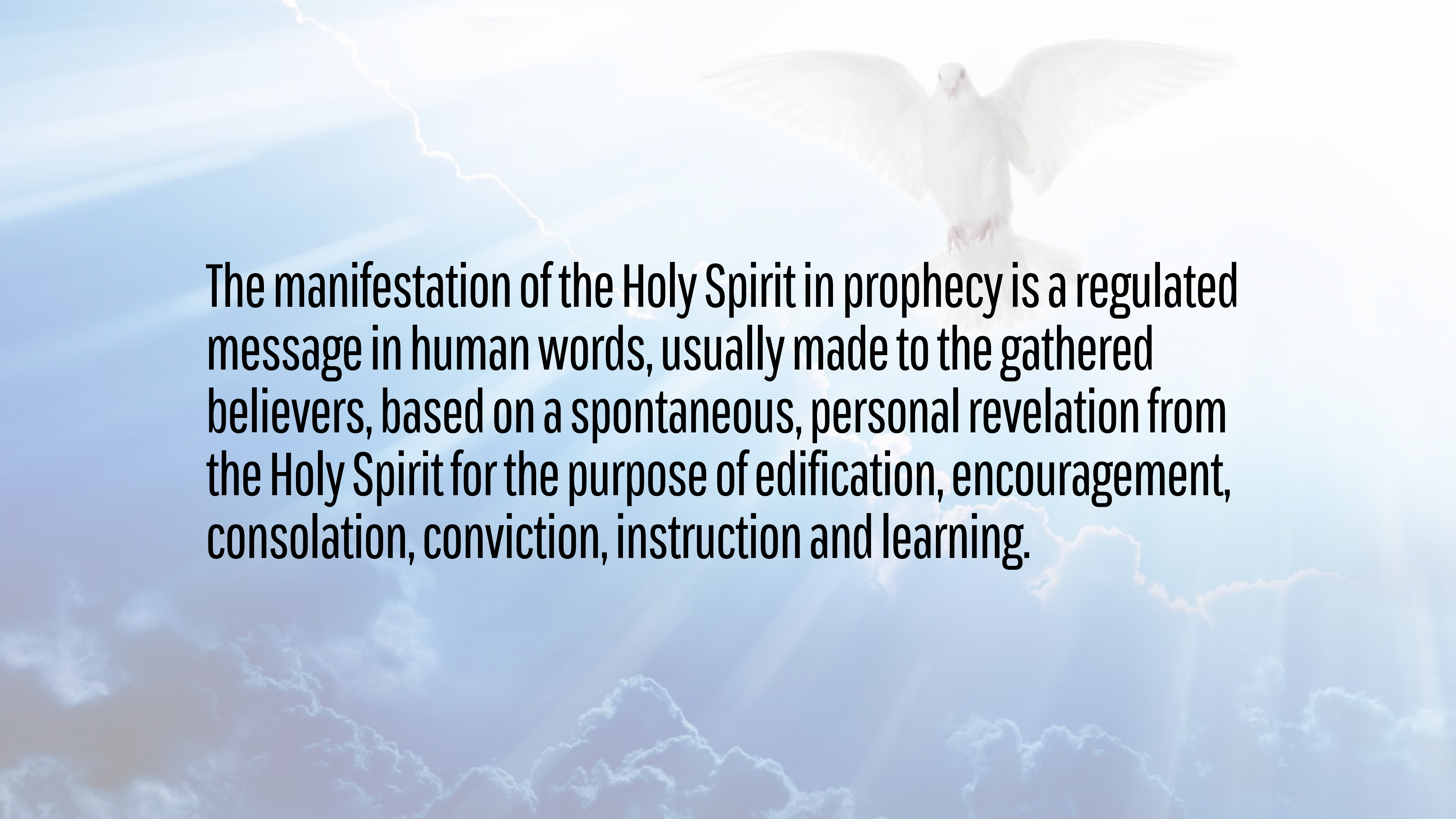
Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly desire and **cultivate the spiritual endowments**, especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

Pursue love! However, keep on eagerly seeking **the things of the Spirit**; and especially seek **to be able to prophesy**.

1 Corinthians 14:31

For you can all prophesy one by one



The manifestation of the Holy Spirit in prophecy is a regulated message in human words, usually made to the gathered believers, based on a spontaneous, personal revelation from the Holy Spirit for the purpose of edification, encouragement, consolation, conviction, instruction and learning.



1 Corinthians 14:29

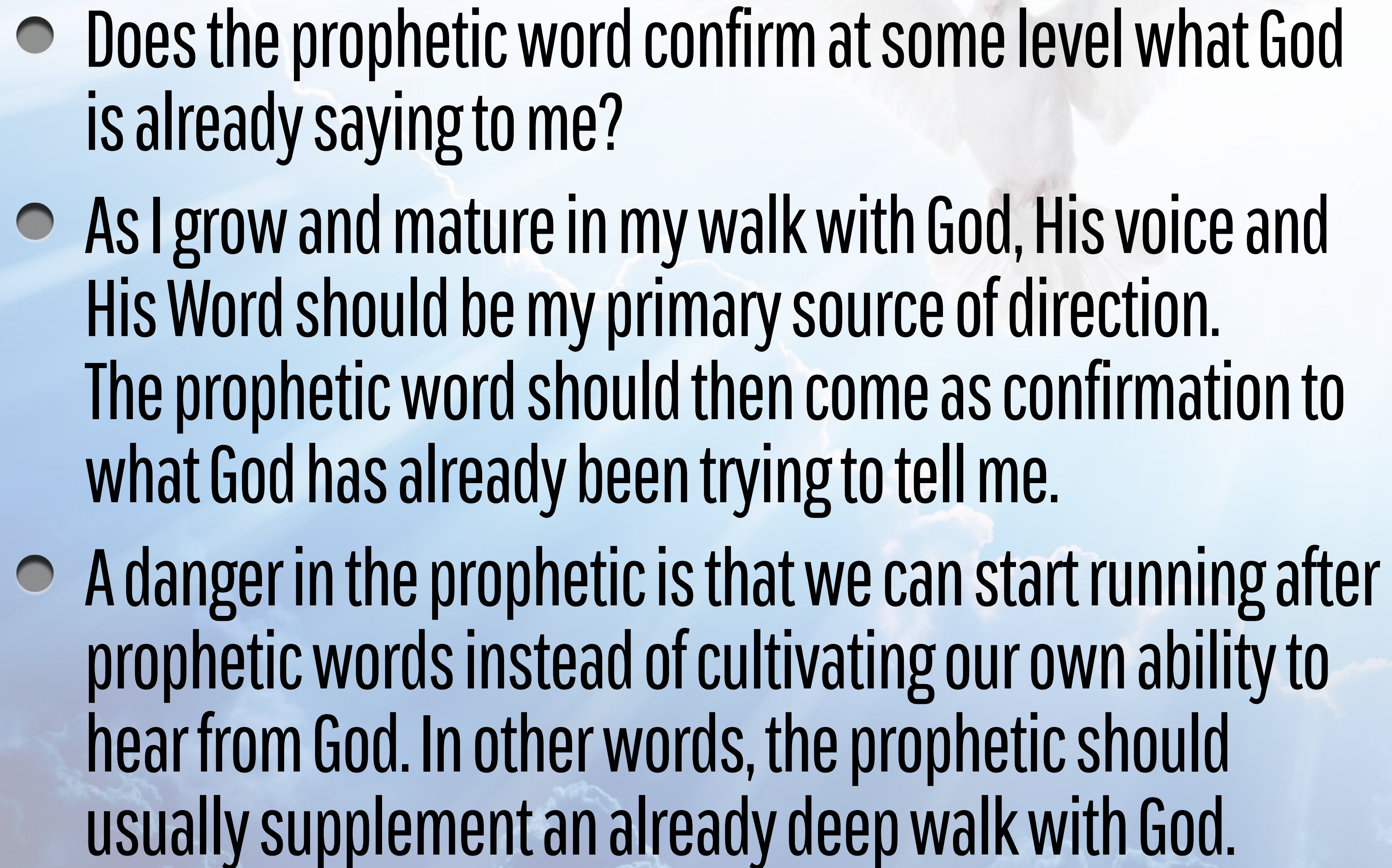
Let two or three prophets speak,
and let the others weigh what is said.

Let two or three people prophesy,
and let the others evaluate what is said.



Biblically, the purpose of prophecy is ...

- **Edification:** building up the Body of Christ
- **Encouragement:** encouraging God's people in their journey
- **Consolation:** bringing comfort & reassurance
- **Conviction:** a call to get right with God & to be walking faithfully
- **Instruction & learning:** interpreting the divine will and purpose of God so that all may be instructed & so that all may be stimulated & encouraged **(1 Corinthians 14:31)**

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- Does the prophetic word confirm at some level what God is already saying to me?
 - As I grow and mature in my walk with God, His voice and His Word should be my primary source of direction. The prophetic word should then come as confirmation to what God has already been trying to tell me.
 - A danger in the prophetic is that we can start running after prophetic words instead of cultivating our own ability to hear from God. In other words, the prophetic should usually supplement an already deep walk with God.

- Don't go chasing a prophetic word from someone. Chase God instead. Going to someone inferior to God for a word from God with that word filtered through that person's experience is almost like settling for second best.

1 Corinthians 13:9 tells us that a prophetic word is not the complete picture from God..

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

GOD IS ALL-KNOWING

GOD HAS PERFECT KNOWLEDGE

GOD HAS PERFECT WISDOM