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Ezekiel 13:1 – 3

“And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say to them that prophesy out of their own hearts, “Hear the Word of the LORD, thus says the LORD God, “Woe to the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!” Ezekiel 13:1 – 3

It is a most serious, even onus error, to speak out of your own heart and then to say it is the Word of the LORD. Such presumption is spiritually dangerous for both the hearers and for the “prophet” who is speaking.

The Lord is a jealous God, watching over His Word to perform it. (Jeremiah 1:12). His honour and His Word are one. (John 15:7).

Such errors are made when there is a pressure placed upon spiritual leaders to produce. When you feel you are being pressured to have a “word from the Lord” beware. When others begin to look to you to give them answers – especially answers they should be seeking for themselves – there may develop an ever so subtle pride that begins its deadly influence causing the man or woman of God to speak out of their own spirit.

To impugn the Lord by assuming you speak for Him when He has not spoken is a serious breach of trust.

“My Father, may I never presume to speak for You. Give me ears to hear Your voice as well as a pure and discerning heart. Please guard me from the temptations to please other men at the expense of my own integrity. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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