



# Links Players

## Knowing God | The Lord as Prophet

*The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.... (Deuteronomy 18:15, ESV)*

It's hard to imagine golf without its 'voices.' Think about how dull the game would be without the commentary of Peter Alliss, Jim Nantz, or Verne Lundquist—to name just a few.

It simply wouldn't have been the same without Vern Lundquist's lively description of Jack's putt on the 17th green in the 1986 Masters, with his famous "Yes, Sir!"

Listening to Peter Alliss agonize over Jean Van De Velde's meltdown on the 72nd hole of the 1999 Open is the stuff of legends.

Having these analysts share their perspectives on these unforgettable moments in golf adds a new layer of enjoyment to the game. In televised golf, we always see two things: the player's shot(s) and the reporter's interpretation of those shots.

When discussing the history of redemption recorded in Scripture, we notice two realities: the supernatural event itself, and how a prophet interprets its meaning—that is, what it signifies.

For example, we might ask, "Would you prefer being on site when Moses led Israel through the Red Sea or reading about that event in Exodus?" If we answer, "being on site," then we have failed to understand how prophets and prophecies work.

Whenever a supernatural event occurred, it was explained by a prophet inspired by the Holy Spirit. When we read the book of Exodus, we see God's interpretation of what that event signified through Moses' written record—the rescue of Israel is a prophetic picture pointing to an even greater redemption in Christ (Luke 24:25-27).

If time travel were possible, and we could have been present at Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, though we would have been awe-struck by seeing a man conquer death, we would still need a God-authorized interpretation of what it meant.

This is, among many other important reasons, why the apostles, empowered by the Holy Spirit's illumination, are writing the New Testament — they are explaining the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

If someone believes that supernatural events don't occur, then reading the Old or New Testaments will be nothing more than a collection of fanciful stories crafted by the wild imaginations of men suffering from heat stroke in the desert.

However, if the Holy Spirit has opened your eyes to the wonder of God's providential control over historical events, then you will recognize that all the events and their prophetically interpreted significance point forward to the person of Christ Jesus and his kingdom.

While there is much more to say, the point of the devotional is that these prophets point forward to the Son of God, the final spokesman for God, who came to tell us the "true story of the whole world."

Which is to say, Jesus is God's final and trustworthy prophetic narrator, revealing who God is, what he has done for us through Jesus Christ, who we are, how we should live, the origin of the world, and where it is heading.

Listen to him!

**Prayer: Jesus! Give us ears to hear your voice!**

**READING:** Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Hebrews 1:1-4; Hebrews 2:1-4; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:12-17.

1. What is your favorite moment in televised golf narrated by a color commentator? Have some fun around the table reminiscing.

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2. The role of a prophet involves many aspects. Based on today's reading, create a short list and discuss it with your fellow Links players.

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3. Application: Ask the Lord to help you to listen to Scripture with ever-increasing sobriety.

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