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When it has life in it. When the spirit leaves it is just a corpse. It is not a human being. But as long as the spirit is using this body, it is a human being. And when it is no longer used, it is no longer a human being. I talked with a man not so long ago, and every body called him judge, and I asked him, where are you judge of? Oh, he said, president Roosevelt appointed me judge in one of the islands. I went there as a special judge to handle a special matter, that lasted three months. That was 18 years ago. He had never been a judge since, but they always called him judge. I heard of another case, of a man in Chicago, he came into power, and the story was told, the president is going to appoint him a federal judge. Well, everybody started calling him judge, but the president never appointed him judge, but still they all called him judge, through the end of his life. You may call a person judge, but he is only judge actually only when he w has been appointed, e and for the length of time only when he has been appointed, f and prophet is not a designation of a man, it is not a designation of a position, like a priest. A man is not annointed as a priest and he is a priest, and he remains a priest for the rest of unless

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he (14) from the priestly office. The prophet is never an act. Prophet is a function. God chooses a man to be his instrument in passing on His word, $\Theta =$ and He may use that man for five minutes, for one day, or for five days or for five years, or for 50 years. But he may use -P. 9. (0)

But actually in the sense of the word, he is only a prophet when God is using him. Let us say that one year David wrote the 23rd Psalm, and the 16th Psalm with its prediction of the resurrection of Christ And David was a wonderful true prophet in that year. That in the next year he committed adultery and murder and God did not use him as a prophet that year at all, for all we know. He wasn't was not really a prophet in the sense at all. He was a false prophet. But he wasn't a prophet. And then we'll say in the next year after he repented he wrote that wonderful 51st psalm which expresses God's thoughts for us. He was a true prophet then. He is a prophet when he gives God 's word and not otherwise. And so in this chapter we have one man who acted as a true prophet, and one man who acted as a true prophet a good deal of the time, but who acted as a false prophet on one occasion. So we have two kinds of prophets. One man was both kinds at different times. And it would be wrong to say this man is not a true prophet. He is a true prophet.