

## **PROPHECY**

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**The first message in this series, we talked about how the heart of God is transformation.**

- In the beginning His purpose in creating mankind was to establish a family dynasty to rule the natural world that He would create.
- We saw in Genesis chapter 1 how He did just that.
- It was through FAITH...and we saw how faith works.
- God said; God saw; and it was so; and God formed...
- Faith speaks; then it sees; and then the thing spoken is in the earth—visible or invisible—it is in the earth once words have been spoken.
- And then action is put with faith and the things which be not become the things that were.
- Chapter 2 ends with a picture of mankind in their original state of totally God-conscious.
- Naked and unashamed. The single eye; God conscious.
- The true Gospel message is about redemption and restoration through the finished work of Jesus at the second tree incident...
- It's about repentance—turning away from the double vision that came with the first tree incident and returning to the single eye that is available once again through the second tree incident.

**Once you are restored to the good position with God and are living with the single eye, unconditional authority belongs to you once again.**

- You are back in Eden!
- **Faith MOVES through unconditional authority.**
- **The degree or level of understanding that you have of your unconditional authority will be the degree or level of faith that you operate in.**

**You enter the Kingdom realm through repentance that is granted at the cross of Jesus and then, a commitment to Yehovah through a blood covenant made with Jesus.**

- This restores you to the original position mankind had in Eden.
- Now that you are restored, you qualify for all the gifts that Father has prepared for His children.

- These gifts are the tools He has given us to use to establish His Kingdom in the earth.
- What are these gifts?

### **1 Corinthians 12:1-10**

- Do not be misinformed about the gifts that Holy Spirit gives us.
- Notice verse 4.
- There are distinctive varieties and distributions of the gifts...
- The extra-ordinary powers distinguish certain believers.
- Why?
- **Because of the power of divine grace operating in their SOULS by Holy Spirit.**
- And these extra-ordinary powers that distinguish certain Christians vary, but it is the same Holy Spirit that is flowing through them.
- Think about Kathryn Kulman; Benny Hinn; Smyth Wigglesworth; John G. Lake, etc...
- They all flowed and moved in the astonishing miraculous.
- But they all had a different style.
- We are saved by FAITH through GRACE....
- It is this GRACE that transforms us into the image bearer of GOD.
- **It is the degree that our minds, our wills, and our emotions (soul) are transformed by grace, that will determine the degree a person flows in the gifts.**

### **Verse 5-7**

- Verse 5 speaks of the gifts that Jesus gave the Church—
- Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.
- These are the service and ministry gifts.
- Verse 6 speaks of powers that are used in each individual's calling.

### **Verses 8-10:**

- The nine gifts that Holy Spirit brings to your life are:
- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Prophecy
- Special faith
- Gifts of healing

- Working of miracles
- Discerning of spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

**These gifts will confirm the Word of God and expand the Kingdom of God.**

- Spiritual gifts can be neglected and misused, but they remain the divine power source for Christ's body on the earth.
- Through teaching, evangelizing, prophesying, and demonstrating the miraculous, God uses His people to expand His Kingdom and to establish righteousness on the earth through the proper use of the gifts He has given.
- There is no place in Scripture or church history where these gifts were taken away or removed from the body of Christ.
- Spiritual gifts do not replace the Word of God,
- But the Word of God will spread and flourish as the fully equipped body of Christ operates in the wise use of God's enabling power.

**We want to focus on the revelation gifts:**

- A word or message of wisdom
- **Wisdom is translated from the Greek word 'sophia' and means 'the ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding.'**
- This is a revelation gift that is used to impart an understanding of strategy and insight that only God can give.
- It usually speaks of future...
- Most of the time a word of wisdom will confirm in your heart a course of action that the Lord has already been talking with you about.
- But if it doesn't, don't dismiss it.

**Pray about it; but never act on a word of wisdom right away if it does not bear witness with you at the time that the gift was given.**

- Example of Micki and praise and worship leader...

**A word of knowledge is an impartation through an impression, a vision, or His voice that gives understanding of a person or situation that cannot be known through the natural mind of man.**

- It may be exercised in the prayer for healing.
- It may also include knowing names, dates or events to come that are unknown to the speaker.
- The word translated 'knowledge' comes from the Greek word 'gnosis' which means 'a knowing' or 'knowledge'.
- Strong's breaks it down further by saying that it is a functional, working knowledge gleaned from first hand experience; gained in or by a direct relationship.
- God knows each individual.
- It is Holy Spirit's knowledge of that individual that He is sharing with you when you flow in the word of knowledge.
- It will always be accurate—if it's not, then the person was presumptuous.

### **Example**

- You are at the bank making a deposit; chit-chatting with the teller, when you hear a word—knee—that's all you get-knee. So, you ask the teller, "Are you having problems with your knee?"
- She's startled that you knew about it.
- She tells you what's going on with her knee.
- You ask her if you can pray for her and she agrees.
- You speak to the knee issues and release the Kingdom into her body.
- She begins to move her knee—astounded that it is restored to its original condition.
- Many times, the gift of the word of knowledge will open the way for the power gifts of special faith, healings, and miracles.
- Notice that you don't 'work this up'; you can't make it up; it is knowledge that Holy Spirit has that He is sharing with you because He wants to do something in someone's life.

### **YOU MUST BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!!**

- Don't flow in presumption—flow with Holy Spirit.
- Then you will always be accurate.
- Holy Spirit is a gentleman, He will never invade someone's space.
- It's not about how many people you speak with or pray with, but it's about how obedient you are to the promptings of Holy Spirit.

**Notice verse 10 where it speaks of prophecy.**

- Prophecy is the supernatural ability to speak the Word of God in proclamation and at times in predicting the future.
- We are told to desire this gift the most.
- **Proclamation is translated from the Greek word 'kerugma' and means a proclamation or preaching—the heralding of the Gospel.**
- We are ALL called to the ministry.
- The ministry of reconciliation.
- We are ALL commanded to go and make disciples.
- How do we do this?
- Preaching.
- We all need to cultivate this gift of prophecy, so we can fulfill the great commission.

### **Example:**

You work with a group of 10 folks. You live a life that is different from them. You show up to work early; you go the extra mile in completing your work assignments; you always have a kind word for everyone—no one ever hears you griping or complaining, but on the contrary, you always point out the best in the situation or the person. Then one day a co-worker confides in you a problem and you begin to—preach—it just flows out of you because the Gospel has the answer for every problem. You are operating in the gift of prophecy, which opens the way for a message of wisdom about their situation. Encouragement comes to the co-worker and they begin to come to you to hear more. They want what you have. You are making a disciple. The Kingdom is expanded!

**The most important point you must understand about prophecy is that divine prophecy is ALWAYS 100% ACCURATE. ALWAYS.**

- **Deuteronomy 18:21-22:** And if you say in your mind and hearts, “How shall we know which words the Lord has not spoken?” When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or prove true, that is a word which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
- Do not listen to anyone who tries to tell you that accuracy is not the objective of prophecy.
- Truth says the opposite.
- If Holy Spirit is telling you something about a person, or some

- future event—then it is true, and it will be accurate.
- If it's not true, then it's presumption.

**This is Kingdom living.**

- Living a life of integrity.
- Being led by Holy Spirit in everything you do.
- Always obedient to His promptings.

**We live in the Kingdom by faith through grace—and we are supernaturally transformed into the image of God.**

- How?
- By progressively knowing Christ more and more intimately.
- And because He is the express image of God, we can know what we are to look like when we look to Jesus.
- When we miss the mark of His standard of behavior, we recognize it and begin to release our faith back to Father God through repentance and thanksgiving and praise.
- That's not who we are—the old man is dead.
- We have a new nature—God's nature.
- When we believe this and speak it out—we become it.
- This is how Christ is formed in us.

**That is our goal—Christ becoming fully formed in us so that we are able to utilize the gifts to their fullest potential.**

**The more Jesus is in us the more powerful the demonstration of the gifts will be in our lives.**