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# *Prophetic Understanding*

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*"For we know in part and we prophesy in part."  
1 Corinthians 13:9*

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## **Introduction to the Prophetic**

When we discuss the “prophetic” we are discussing **matters pertaining to, or the characteristics of prophets or prophecy**. Prophecy has always been a rich part of the heritage of God’s people throughout the ages. In fact, in God’s Word there are books written by Prophets and within other books of the Bible there are numerous accounts between people and prophets. Even today many people walk in the Office of Prophet, but there is one, Jesus, who stands supreme not only as Prophet but collectively as Prophet, Priest, and King.

In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel was led by three distinct kinds of people. These were known as prophets, priests, and kings. Each of these roles were separate from one another. One person did not wear more than one title. There is only one who can be all three and is, and because of this we can understand why Jesus has the title of “the Messiah,” “the Christ,” “the Anointed One” because these titles encompass all three. We are familiar with Jesus as Savior, but what does it mean for him to wear the titles of Prophet, Priest, and King? The role of a prophet in the Old Testament was to speak the word of God. Some would foretell events, perform healings, and/or do miracles. Well, Jesus did all these things. Multiple times Jesus told his disciples about his death and resurrection which was going to happen. Jesus spoke of Judas’s betrayal and Peter’s denial before it took place. Jesus revealed to his disciples what the owner of the donkey that he rode into Jerusalem would say to them. These are just a few examples of Jesus prophesying not to mention the many healings and miracles He performed. In the Old Testament, Moses was a prophet who foretold of a prophet to come (Deuteronomy 18:15). The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2). Jesus is not just a prophet of old, He is the Prophet we are told to listen to and follow. Hence, though we focus a lot on Jesus the Priest, and Jesus the King, we should also focus on Jesus the Prophet and follow Him by allowing the Holy Spirit to anoint and equip us to flow in the prophetic.

I already gave you the meaning of the prophetic. Now let us review some other meanings of these two words within the prophetic realm.

Prophecy – A discourse proceeding from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events. Further, the prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining thereto.

Prophecy – Prophecy or prophesying is **the action associated with prophecy**. To prophesy is to 1) predict, 2) reveal by divine inspiration, and 3) speak as a prophet. Though all three aspects of prophesying are not necessary to flow in the prophetic, at least one of these actions must be carried out to prophesy. One does not have to be a Prophet to prophesy but if one is a Prophet then he or she must be able to prophesy.

In summary, the prophetic brings us, by direct verbal communication, into contact with God's real perspective on our lives and current situations with a goal to open our eyes to God's love and care, and to snatch us from any snare which the enemy has tried to entrap us.

### **Your Prophetic Purpose and Flow**

For every Born-Again Believer in Christ there is a depth of **prophetic purpose** inside of you because you have received God in the person of the Holy Spirit into your heart. The power of the Holy Spirit is the means in which **prophetic purpose** is able to manifest in you. This **prophetic purpose** on the inside of you is always willing to increase. But it must be your desire to yield yourself and develop yourself for God's **prophetic purpose** in you to increase. God wants you to increase your **prophetic purpose** because God wants to speak to you and to others through you.

One vital aspect in increasing in the knowledge and understanding of your **prophetic purpose** is to develop your **spiritual ear** to hear the voice of God. Every believer has access to God's voice but the desire and discipline to know and hear is up to the individual. All Born-Again Believers in Christ have a **spiritual ear** because we all responded to the calling of God to us to come to Him. It is our responsibility to now develop our **spiritual ear** by exercising our spiritual rights as Christians to pray, speak in our heavenly language, read the Word of God, and listen to the Word of God as it is preached and taught to us. There is no other way to develop your spiritual ear.

Let us get to know some specific prophetic purposes to discover the prophetic place where the voice of God is leading you to. Below are five specific prophetic purposes:

1. The prophetic *builds up (edifies), encourages, and consoles* (1 Corinthians 14:3).
2. The prophetic is given to disclose the secrets of the hearts of the unbelieving, leading them to repentance and faith in Christ, and has a great purpose for evangelistic breakthroughs. (1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
3. The prophetic is to provide specific guidance on when to go, where to go, and with whom to go. It opens us up for the teaching of the Word of God and confirms what is preached. (Acts 13:1-3).
4. The prophetic is to provide us with the resources to wage war against Satan and the flesh and to encourage us to be victorious in our Christian life. Consider what Paul said in 1 Tim 1:18-19.
5. The prophetic is given also as a warning with an intent to lead to conviction and/or rebuke which leads to correction/change through humiliation and submission to God.

There are different levels of **prophetic flow** and each of us can find a flow to identify with based upon our **prophetic purpose**. Therefore, knowing your **prophetic purpose** is spiritually important so you can identify with a **prophetic flow** that corresponds with your **prophetic purpose**. Certain prophetic flows and purposes work together

and trying to combine a flow with a purpose that is not compatible will cause prophetic chaos and embarrassment to a prophetic ministry. Know your **prophetic purpose** and get into your **prophetic flow** and allow the Holy Spirit to manifest through you.

The basic three levels of prophetic flow are as follows:

1. The Spirit of Prophecy – Revelation 19:10 states, “*The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*”, there are a couple of common understandings of this statement:
  - i. Jesus is the substance of all prophecy, or, put another way, Jesus is the common theme among all prophecy.
  - ii. All true prophecy bears witness about Jesus. Therefore, all prophecy should cause us to worship Jesus alone.

The **spirit of prophecy** is the most basic level of prophecy. As we worship God in spirit and in truth, the spirit of prophecy will manifest in our midst, and any believer can yield to the **spirit of prophecy**, speaking the word of the Lord. Those who find themselves flowing in prophecy when the **spirit of prophecy** comes are often hearing God while they are in a church service, during worship, or prayer times and then they speak by way of the Holy Spirit what God has to say.

2. The Gift of Prophecy – Those who have **the gift of prophecy** can prophesy at any given point and not necessarily do so during a worship service. Their gift will have a stronger flow because the person is operating in their specific flow. There are levels of strength of the gift, depending upon the measure of grace received by the person who has the gift. The greater the grace the greater the gift. This gift is mainly manifested in either a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8):
  - i. A word of Knowledge – The purpose of the word of knowledge is for the Holy Spirit to reveal something that is going on in a person’s life so that they will believe God is there. Jesus said in John 4:48, “*Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by*

*no means believe.*” This is so true because when you know God sees your situation, it brings faith to believe for more. Some may say that a word of knowledge is not prophetic because it does not tell of a future event but rather what has already happened. But it is prophetic because it comforts that person and comforting is a characteristic of prophesying.

- ii. A word of Wisdom – A word of wisdom is the application of knowledge that God gives a person. This type of wisdom is a gift which cannot be gained through study or experience and should by no means try to replace them. A word of wisdom is seeing life from God’s perspective. A word of wisdom is also the revealing of prophetic future. It is speaking hidden truths of what is not known. It is a supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for accomplishing God’s will in any given situation, and is a divinely given power to appropriate spiritual intuition in problem solving. Furthermore, this gift involves having a sense of divine direction, being led by the Holy Spirit to act appropriately in any given set of circumstances, and rightly applying knowledge. A word of wisdom works interactively with a word of knowledge and the spiritual gift of discernment.

To flow in the gift of prophecy you must prepare to do so. The first step is to be one who constantly prays and studies the Word of God. The next step is to meditate on the Word of God as it stresses to us in Joshua 1:8. You should also speak in tongues as a part of your devotional life. Then you must be able to be practice patience waiting on God to speak to you and to direct you when and how to speak. Lastly and most importantly you must have a desire to do so with a spirit of expectation that the Holy Spirit will operate through you with accuracy and divine purpose.

- 3. The Office of The Prophet – Is a person called by God to be a prophet and exercises authority and influence in the prophetic. Prophets not only hear but they see too. The **Office of the Prophet** is the highest level in the prophetic. Prophets will have the strongest utterances because they speak by the spirit of

prophecy, the gift of prophecy, and out of the strength of the prophet's office. They have the grace to speak messages that go beyond words of edification, exhortation, and comfort.

Prophets are called to protect. Prophets are called to watch. Prophets are called to release miracles, healing, and deliverance. Prophets are called to confirm and impart spiritual gifts. Prophets are called to engage culture. Prophets, most importantly, are called to direct all people to God.

Inside of each of these three levels there are different measures that God grants to us. Not every believer will be a prophet. But every believer can flow in the prophetic. If you are trying to identify which level you are to flow in **you can always measure it through your experiences and the strength of how you flow.**

### **Seers, Dreamers & Symbolism (1 Samuel 9:9) (Numbers 12:6)**

#### **Seers**

Seers are those who God allows to see what we or others will do, where we or others will go, and what we or others will say. Thus, having an ability to see as a Seer is supernatural because we see what the Spirit wants to push us into, go where our purpose or needs are, or say what will be a blessing and the glory of God for our lives. A Seer perceives the meaning of something that will be hidden from others. This God given ability to see supernaturally can be through visions, pictures, words, and actions of people and things through a high level of discernment. Seers can see early warning signals, demonic activity at work, and a blessing from an action or thing.

Though Seers are not named in the New Testament there are mentions of people like Paul, Stephen, Peter and eventually John having the ability to see via a vision. Today, believers can spiritually see what others cannot by developing what is referred to as the "Seer's Anointing," which is a gift from God to see spiritually what God's will is for a specific time and season. For those who are wishing to flow with the seer's anointing here are some practical guidelines for growth and maturity into that specific anointing:

- i. Remember the purpose of a prophetic word is to edify, encourage and build up. Words of a corrective nature should generally be spoken by someone who walks in the office of a prophet versus the gift of prophecy.
- ii. Be wary of releasing negative words. Ask yourself, “Does what I am about to speak release the Father’s heart and love for that person/group; is the word redemptive in nature?”
- iii. Seek wisdom. Just because you see something does not mean it is supposed to be released. And the timing of releasing a word is key. A word spoken out of season has limited, if any, anointing and can hinder what the Holy Spirit is doing.
- iv. For shortcomings you see in another you should just pray seeking a deliverance for that person unless you are a Prophet and even then, ask God to give you the time to release it to that person/group.

### Dreamers

The word **dream** is mentioned 30 times in the book of Genesis. **Dream** in Hebrew – means to “bind strongly or firmly”. A dream from God will become bound up in the heart of the person receiving the dream.

The word **dreams** occur most times in the book of Genesis (33 total occurrences) followed by the book of Daniel (27 times) in the King James Version of the Bible. The words occur only eight times in the entire New Testament. Interestingly, the only two people scripture states were blessed with the ability to correctly interpret dreams were Joseph and Daniel. So, being able to interpret dreams is in a class all by itself. Wow, but it is not impossible to be one who does.

If you feel like God might be communicating to you through your dreams, here are four ways of discovering God’s message to you, 1) the first action step is to pray about the dream, 2) determine if it lines up with the Word of God, 3) write it down immediately after you awaken from the dream whether it is in the middle of the night or in the morning, and 4) ask questions relating any symbolism used by God in the dream. There are books written to help us interpret symbolism in dreams. Just



be sure they are written by Christians and not psychologists, soot sayers, spiritualist, etc. These four approaches to dream interpretation will guide you in the right direction of understanding the purpose of your dream.

Also, most of the time spiritual dreams are personal. God may choose to use a dream, or a series of dreams, to reveal certain things to us and God may choose to use dreams to cause us to honestly assess the intent of our own heart. If we choose to listen to God through our dreams, I do believe many of us may be spared many heartaches. Dreams bypass the mind and our own agendas because our spirits never sleep just as God never sleeps. Hence, it is a good time for God to communicate to us because our flesh is sleep and out of the way.

Here are my seven top purposes of personal dreams:

- 1) A message of that something is about to happen in our lives.
- 2) A message to break down our walls of defense.
- 3) A message to reveal something we could not see before.
- 4) A message to adjust our listening.
- 5) A message of caution.
- 6) A message of instruction.
- 7) A message to bypass our pride.

## **Discerning of Spirits, Times & Seasons**

### **Discernment**

Discernment is the ability to judge well. Whether it's choices we make or the people we interact with, discernment is the gift of recognizing the moral and practical consequences of our decisions. Discernment is praised as a valuable characteristic of a believer, allowing those who possess it to avoid costly mistakes or misfortune. Moreover, discernment is having the ability by way of the Holy Spirit to recognize whether or not something is truly from God or in accordance with righteousness, and serves as a means for us to see behind the motives of the heart of a person. This prophetic ability is vital and the foundational ground for a believer to build upon. It is important for any believer to develop the ability to discern for their own good. It's our responsibility

to develop this ability because without it we can easily be partnering with the demonic, or not even know the enemy is right in our midst.

Developing discernment starts with prayer. Just like Solomon requested wisdom, the believer should ask the Spirit for guidance and discernment. It is also a willingness to learn from those who are older and wiser. Consulting God in prayer, asking wise believers for their input, and reading the scriptures helps cultivate a spirit of discernment. The more wisdom and discernment a Christian exercises, the stronger his or her faith will be, and the better that person will be able determine what is right, good, and God's will.

Discernment is also needed in every church to protect the church from false prophets, false teachings, and those sent by the Devil to divide the church and/or make a church be out of the will of God. Scriptures relating to the importance of discerning in the spirit are 1 John 4:1, Romans 12:2, Hebrews 5:14, Philippians 1:9-10, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Kings 3:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

### Times and Seasons

As it relates to discerning the times and seasons we live in, take note that Jesus consistently criticized the Pharisees and other religious leaders for failing to discern the times, and for not recognizing him as the Messiah (Matthew 16:3). Failing to discern the times can be disastrous. Yet correctly discerning the times can lead to influence and freedom for our lives and the life of the church. Discerning the times is a skill that is developed like any other. It takes time and commitment. Yet those who take the time to develop it, put themselves in the best position to make a significant contribution in the time in which God has appointed them to live (Acts 17:26).

There is biblical precedent for the importance of discerning the times. Some of King David's men were trained and skilled in understanding the times (1 Chronicles 12:32). Mordecai correctly spoke these words to his cousin, queen Esther, in her efforts to save the Jewish people. Take note that there will always be changing in times and seasons. Just as the bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, *"To everything there*

*is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.*” Your spiritual discernment is key because if you do not have the ability to sense the change in a season of your life, you can easily become lost or unaware of your next season in life. Failure to adapt to and acknowledge a new season in your life can result in defeat. A new season has conditions that must be met for us to make a success of it. But when we do not discern the change, we try to live like we did in the old season, and we get nowhere. Pray and ask the Lord to increase your level of the discernment of times and seasons and watch how you overcome and succeed in life.

### **Knowing The Timing of A Word**

It’s important to know when to release a prophetic word, when to hold on to the word, or when to act on the word. When a prophetic word is received it’s important to know what to do with it. I have often seen people who made decisions ahead of time which made a blessing a curse, or made a good opportunity go to waste because they acted on a word at the wrong time or tried to create the timing of God. The timing of a prophetic word, or the acting upon a prophetic word works along with discerning of times and seasons. Discerning times and seasons allow us to understand what the prophetic word means at the time we receive it or speak it and when to act upon it by faith.

We must be careful when making decisions after a prophetic word was given because that word can bring such a drastic change to your life, or to the life of another. Acting prematurely or too late can make the prophetic word void. One idea from God can open up a new realm of possibilities and opportunities to the believer, their family, ministry and church, as well as bring increase so doing it right and right on time will prove that prophetic word as truth.

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