RELEASING THE PROPHETIC!
OPERATING IN PROPER PROPHETIC PROTOCOL FOR THE CHURCH’S EDIFICATION!
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• WE’RE AN APOSTOLIC/PROPHETIC CENTER.

• THE APOSTOLIC – VISION FOR THE REGION; EQUIP SAINTS FOR MINISTRY; SEND BELIEVERS FOR HARVEST.

• THE PROPHETIC – HEARING FROM GOD INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY.
HI...I’M HECTOR.

• WHO AM I?
  • I’M A FOLLOWER OF JESUS!
  • HAVE A PASSION FOR THE PROPHETIC.
  • RECEIVED A CALL TO MINISTRY IN THE PROPHETIC.
  • STARTED HECTOR SANTOS MINISTRIES IN 2007
  • TEACH THE PROPHETIC ALL OVER.
  • SERVE AS THE PROPHETIC OVERSEER AT LAN, BETHEL AND OTHER MINISTRIES.
WARNING…INSTRUCTION NEEDED!

• THE PROPHETIC NEEDS INSTRUCTION FOR PROPER USE.
  • IT’S A WEAPON THAT CAN CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE.
  • IT CAN EASILY BE MISUSED AND ABUSED.
  • THE PROPHETIC COMES WITH GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR RIGHT ORDER.
  • IT CAN BE COPIED BY THE OCCULT – IF YOU’RE NOT CAREFUL YOU COULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DEMONIC SPIRITS.
  • BUT DON’T FEAR…LET’S GET EQUIPPED!!!!!
WHAT IS THE PROPHETIC?

Prophecy

– a prediction

-- the faculty, function, or practice of prophesying. “the gift of prophecy”
TAKE A LOOK AT THESE SYNONYMS...YIKES!

• SYNONYMS OF PROPHECY...
  • DIVINATION & SOOTHSAYING
  • FORTUNE-TELLING
  • CRYSTAL-GAZING
  • PREDICTION
  • SECOND SIGHT
  • PROGNOSTICATION
WE’RE GOING TO COVER

HOW TO OPERATE IN THE PROPHETIC...

• IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIFE...

• IN THE CONGREGATION...
THE VOICE OF GOD!!!

PSALM 29

“The voice of the Lord is over the waters.” (vs. 3)

“...is POWERFUL and is full of majesty.” (vs. 4)

“...breaks the cedars of Lebanon.” (vs. 5)

“...divides the flames of fire.” (vs. 7)

“...shakes the wilderness.” (vs. 8)

“...makes the deer give birth.” (vs. 9)
GOD COMMUNICATES…

- ADAM & EYE – “WHERE ARE YOU?”
- NOAH – “MAKE AN ARK OF GOPHER WOOD..”
- ABRAHAM – “I WILL MAKE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS!”
- JACOB – “ISRAEL SHALL BE YOUR NAME.”
- JOSEPH – USING PICTORAL LANGUAGE GOD SPOKE OF JOSEPH’S UPCOMING PROMOTION.
- MOSES – “YOU WILL FREE MY PEOPLE.”
- ….AND SO ON…
JESUS LISTENED TO GOD

• “I CAN OF MYSELF DO NOTHING. AS I HEAR I JUDGE; AND MY JUDGEMENT IS RIGHTEOUS, BECAUSE I DO NOT SEEK MY OWN WILL BUT THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHO SENT ME.” (JOHN 5:30)

• “FOR I HAVE NOT SPOKEN ON MY OWN AUTHORITY; BUT THE FATHER WHO SENT ME GAVE ME A COMMAND, WHAT I SHOULD SAY AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK. THEREFORE, I SPEAK, JUST AS THE FATHER HAS TOLD ME, SO I SPEAK.” (JOHN 12:49-50)
DEAR GOD, HOW COME I CAN NEVER HEAR YOUR VOICE?
JESUS SAID…

“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME!”

(JOHN 10:27)
HOW GOD SPEAKS USING VERBALS

1 – THE SCRIPTURES

2 -- AUDIBLE VOICE (AT JESUS’ BAPTISM)

3 – INTERNAL VOICE

4 – GOD THOUGHTS – (IS. 55:8)

5 – PEOPLE – (PROV. 15:22) MULT. COUNSELORS

6 – CIRCUMSTANCES

7 – OTHER WAYS (GOD USED A DONKEY) NUM 22
HOW GOD SPEAKS USING NON-VERBALS

VISIONS – WHAT YOU SEE WHILE YOU’RE CONSCIOUS (AWAKE).

- CLOSED VISIONS -- OPEN VISIONS -- INTERNAL VISIONS -- TRANCES, ETC.

DREAMS – WHAT YOU SEE WHILE YOU’RE IN THE R.E.M. PHASE OF SLEEP.

NIGHT VISIONS – WHAT YOU SEE WHEN YOU’RE IN BETWEEN BEING FULLY AWAKE AND ASLEEP.
HEARING GOD IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

“I WILL POUR MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS, AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS, AND THEY SHALL PROPHESY.” (ACTS 2:17-18)
BARRIERS TO HEARING FROM GOD…

- SIN
- FEAR
- UNBELIEF
- FAMILIARITY
- OCCULT SPIRITS
- UNFORGIVENESS
BELIEVERS SHOULD...

• MAKE IT THEIR PRIORITY TO HEAR FROM GOD ON A DAILY BASIS!

• SEEK GOD’S INPUT WITH MAJOR DECISIONS. (MARRIAGE, EMPLOYMENT, GEOGRAPHICAL MOVES, SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS…ETC…)

• KNOW HOW TO DISCERN GOD’S VOICE CORRECTLY.

• KNOW HOW TO COMMUNICATE GOD’S VOICE TO OTHERS.
"BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY (DISCERN) THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD FOR MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD. EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESESSES THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF GOD! AND EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESESSES NOT THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF GOD; AND THIS IS THAT SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST." (1 JOHN 4:1-3)
GOD’S VOICE…

• WILL **NEVER** CONTRADICT THE SCRIPTURES.
• WILL **NEVER** LEAD YOU TO SIN.
• WILL **NEVER** GO AGAINST HIS CHARACTER.
• WILL **ALWAYS** LEAD YOU TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.
• WILL **ALWAYS** DRAW YOU CLOSER TO HIM.
• WILL **ALWAYS** LEAD YOU TO SHOW LOVE.
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THE PROPHETIC…IN THE CONGREGATION

• GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER

• HE WANTS ALL THINGS DONE TO **EDIFY** THE CHURCH.

• THERE IS A PROTOCOL LAID OUT FOR US ON HOW THE PROPHETIC IS TO BE MINISTERED IN A PUBLIC GATHERING.

• PROPHETIC PROTOCOL IS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS DONE ORDERLY!
GOD GAVE US GIFTS

• THE MORE YOU HEAR FROM GOD, THE FASTER YOU’LL BEGIN TO GET GOD’S HEART FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

• AS YOU BEGIN TO FEEL GOD’S HEART, YOU’LL HEAR THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE, OR WHAT TO TELL THEM.

• HEARING FROM GOD TURNS INTO MINISTERING WHAT WE HEAR TO OTHERS…THIS IS CALLED “THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT”
“I THANK MY GOD ALWAYS CONCERNING YOU FOR THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY CHRIST JESUS, THAT YOU WERE ENRICHED IN EVERYTHING BY HIM IN ALL UTTERANCE AND KNOWLEDGE, EVEN AS THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIS WAS CONFIRMED IN YOU, SO THAT YOU COME SHORT IN NO GIFT, EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE REVELATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST…” (1 COR. 1:4)
THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

- THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WERE OPERATING IN THEIR SERVICES BUT...THEY LACKED TEACHING.

- PAUL LISTED THE GIFTS FOR THEM (CH 12)

- PAUL EXPLAINED THE MOTIVATION (CH 13)

- PAUL GAVE THEM PROPHETIC PROTOCOL (CHAPTER 14)
VERBAL GIFTS

• DIVERSE KINDS OF TONGUES – A SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE GIVEN TO YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD ON A DEEPER LEVEL; AND TO BRING A MESSAGE FROM GOD.

• INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES – A TRANSLATION OF WHAT WAS SPOKEN IN TONGUES.

• PROPHECY – SPEAKING A MESSAGE FORTH FROM GOD TO EDIFY, EXHORT OR COMFORT.
REVELATORY GIFTS

- WORD OF KNOWLEDGE – GOD REVEALS PAST OR PRESENT REVELATION. (NO DIRECTION)

- WORD OF WISDOM --- GOD REVEALS SOLUTION TO PROBLEM AND HIS WILL FOR THE FUTURE. (DIRECTION)

- DISCERNING OF SPIRITS – USE ALL FIVE SPIRITUAL SENSES TO DISTINGUISH WHICH SPIRIT IS IN OPERATION.
POWER GIFTS

• FAITH – MOUNTAIN MOVING FAITH

• GIFTS OF HEALING – TO HEAL A SICKNESS

• THE WORKING OF MIRACLES – A PHYSICAL, FINANCIAL, ECOLOGICAL MIRACLES…
THE LEADERSHIP’S RESPONSIBILITY

• TO EQUIP IN THE PROPHETIC.

• TO PREVENT ANY DAMAGE FROM MISUSE OF THE PROPHETIC.

• TO CORRECT MISUSES OF THE GIFT.

• TO INTENTIONALLY HEAL ANY AREAS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED FROM THE MISUSE OF THE GIFTS.

• THAT’S WHY EVERY CHURCH NEEDS A PROTOCOL THAT WILL WORK FOR THEM!!!
PROPHECY / PROPHET

• NOT EVERYONE WHO PROPHESIES IS A PROPHET!!

• PROPHET IS A MINISTRY GIVEN BY GOD TO AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS A LEADER IN THE PROPHETIC.
  • EQUIP IN THE PROPHETIC
  • ACTIVATE IN THE GIFTS
  • SPEAK DIRECTION, CORRECTION, ESTABLISH
  • SERVE AS PROPHETIC OVERSEERS
  • CHURCH LEADERS WILL AGREE WITH A PROPHET’S CALL!
RIGHT ORDER…

- THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH’S WORSHIP SERVICE WAS A MESS:
  - SOME SPOKE TONGUES AT WRONG TIMES AND THOUGHT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROPHESYING.
  - THEY WOULD PROPHESY SPEAKING OVER EACH OTHER.
  - TONGUES WEREN’T INTERPRETED.
  - THERE WAS A COMPETITION TO BE SEEN AS SPIRITUAL AND BE MORE IMPORTANT.
ORDER FOR TONGUES DURING SERVICE

• THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE SPEAKERS (VS. 27)

• THEY SHOULD SPEAK ONE AT A TIME (VS. 27)

• THERE NEEDS TO BE AN INTERPRETATION! (VS. 27)
ORDER FOR PROPHESYING

• ONLY TWO OR THREE SHOULD SPEAK (V. 29)

• THEY SHOULD SPEAK ONE AT A TIME. (V. 31)

• THE CONGREGATION SHOULD “WEIGH” CAREFULLY WHAT IS SAID. (V. 29)

• THEY WERE TO EXERCISE CONTROL & DISCIPLINE WHILE USING THE GIFTS (VS. 32) “THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPHETS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROPHETS.”

• PEACE…NOT CONFUSION!!!!!!!!
AS AN APOSTOLIC / PROPHETIC CENTER, WE DESIRE TO SEE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVATED IN EACH BELIEVER AND GIVEN A PLACE TO BE RELEASED AND EXPRESSED – BUT ALWAYS IN RIGHT ORDER.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EQUIPPING, ACTIVATING AND OVERSEEING OF THE PROPHETIC GIFTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION.

THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR PROPHETIC SHARING IS DURING WORSHIP.
IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE A PROPHETIC WORD…

• SUBMIT IT TO THE PROPHETIC TEAM. (ME, JOANNE BITTLE, JENNIFER ANDERSON, CHERYL DOWLING, MARISOL MARTINEZ, ANNIE DUKES)

• WE WILL JUDGE THE WORD…

• YOU’LL GET A NO, NOT YET, OR A YES…

• IF NO, DON’T BE ASHAMED!

• IF YES…SHARE THE MAIN POINT QUICKLY!

• SUBMIT IT HUMBLY!

• IF YOU’RE NOT SURE, WRITE THE WORD AND SEND IT TO BETHEL TO MY ATTENTION.
NO-NO’S…

• NO **DEMANDING** TO SPEAK.

• NO FOR ALL NON-MEMBERS.

• IT’S NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FORCE YOUR WORD TO BE THE MAIN MESSAGE.

• NO PROPHESYING WITHOUT APPROVAL (SPEAKING OUT LOUD, INTERRUPTING…ETC)

• NO MINISTERING AT THE ALTAR WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

• ANY WORD THAT DOESN’T BRING EDIFICATION. (CORRECTION, DIRECTION)
IN RIGHT ORDER…

• THE PROPHETIC BRINGS LIFE…

“BUT IF YOU PROPHESY IN ORDER AND AN UNBELIEVER COMES IN…THE SECRETS OF HIS HEART ARE REVEALED; AND FALLING ON HIS FACE, HE WILL WORSHIP GOD AND REPORT THAT GOD IS TRULY AMONG YOU!” (1 COR. 24-25)

“THEREFORE, BRETHREN, DESIRE EARNESTLY TO PROPHESY, AND DO NOT FORBID TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES. LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER!” (1ST COR. 14:39-40)