

## **PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES - II**

### **“General Principles and Channels of Prophecies”**

- I. PROPHECY ONE OF GOD'S MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.
- A. *Prophets and prophecies heaven's main channel for broadcasting the thoughts of God to mankind.*
  - B. *Open heavens--release of prophetic flow.*
  - C. *Prophecy brings illumination, revelation, and life.*
  - D. *Designed to prepare way and people for coming of the Lord.*
- II. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES.
- A. *Despise not prophesyings.* (1 Th 5:20 KJV) Despise not prophesyings.
  - B. *Covet to prophesy.* (1 Cor 14:39 KJV) Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.
  - C. *Believe God's prophets and prosper.* (2 Chr 20:20 KJV) And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
- III. DIFFERENT PROPHETIC REALMS.
- A. *Unconditional/general prophecies.*
    - 1. Logos scriptures which reveal the nature, character, and purposes of God.
    - 2. Decrees which will come to pass at some time, and place with some people.
  - B. *Conditional/personal prophecies.*
    - 1. Prophecies God has spoken to people in the Bible and even in our present day.
    - 2. Prophetic rhema words which can fail because of man's improper response.
- IV. LOGOS VS. RHEMA.
- A. *Logos.* Complete, infallible, eternal standard of God.
  - B. *Rhema.*
    - 1. Individual scripture, timely, inspired Word that brings life, power, and faith.
    - 2. Personal word from God.

#### CHANNELS OF PROPHECY.

- A. *Office of a prophet.*
  - 1. Scriptures.
    - a. (Eph 2:20 KJV) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
    - b. (Eph 4:11 KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
    - c. (1 Cor 12:28 KJV) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles,

- d. then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (Acts 13:1 KJV) Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2. The work of the prophet.
    - a. Investment of Christ himself.
    - b. Has administrative authority; governmental.
    - c. Flows in area of guidance, instruction, rebuke, judgment, and revelation.
    - d. More than minister operating in gift of prophecy.
  3. Anointed to perceive what is next on God's agenda for restoration.
  4. Eyes of body, trumpeters in army of the Lord.
- B. *Prophetic preaching.***
1. Prophetic preaching the oracles of God. (1 Pet 4:11 KJV) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
  2. Preaching is speaking Biblical truths which have been researched, studied, arranged for presentation.
  3. Prophetic preaching is extemporaneous, inspired; direct voice of God.
  4. Preaching proclaims logos, prophecy the rhema of the logos.
- C. *Prophetic Presbytery.***
1. Scriptures.
    - a. (1 Tim 4:14 KJV) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
    - b. (Acts 13:1 KJV) Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (Acts 13:2 KJV) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. (Acts 13:3 KJV) And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
  2. Work of Prophetic Presbytery.
    - a. Prophetic presbytery for confirmation of those called to leadership ministry in the church.
    - b. Ordination of the five-fold ministry.
    - c. Confirmation and activation of ministries (Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery).
  3. Prophet reveals call; ordination by presbytery.

D. ***Gift of Prophecy.***

## 1. Scriptures.

- a. (1 Cor 12:8 KJV) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (1 Cor 12:9 KJV) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (1 Cor 12:10 KJV) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- b. (1 Cor 14:1 KJV) Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. (1 Cor 14:2 KJV) For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. (1 Cor 14:3 KJV) But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (1 Cor 14:4 KJV) He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. (1 Cor 14:5 KJV) I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

## 2. The ministry of the gift of prophecy.

- a. Received and administered by grace and faith for edifying of Body of Christ.
- b. Primary purpose is for exhortation, edification, comfort.
- c. Prophecy according to proportion of faith. (Rom 12:6 KJV) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- d. Extension of the Holy Spirit; Body ministry.

E. ***Spirit of prophecy.***

1. Testimony of Jesus. (Rev 19:10 KJV) And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
2. Anointing arising from Christ within believer.
3. Happens under one of two conditions.  
Mighty prophetic presence of Lord. (Amos 3:8 KJV) The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?  
When come under anointing of company of prophets.  
(1 Sam 10:5 KJV) After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high

place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: (1 Sam 10:6 KJV) And the spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. (1 Sam 10:10 KJV) And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. (1 Sam 10:11 KJV) And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

(1 Sam 19:20 KJV) And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. (1 Sam 19:21 KJV) And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. (1 Sam 19:22 KJV) Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. (1 Sam 19:23 KJV) And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. (1 Sam 19:24 KJV) And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

***Song of the Lord.***

Spontaneous, inspired, anointed singing unto the Lord.

Any may participate, but mightier when song comes through a prophet, prophetess, or one with gift of prophecy.

Spiritual songs same as prophetic song “teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs.”