

## **PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES - IV**

“Responding Properly to Personal Prophecy”

1. THE PLACE OF PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES IN THE BODY FOR THIS PRESENT MOVE OF GOD.
2. RESPONDING PROPERLY TO PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES.
  1. True and false prophecies.
  2. True and false prophets.
  3. Charismatic witchcraft--prophetic manipulation.
  4. Spooky spirituals.
3. ATTITUDES OF PROPER RESPONSES TO PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES.
  1. Faith.
  2. Obedience.
  3. Patience.
    1. Time element.
      1. Whenever we jump ahead of God's timetable for prophetic fulfillment, we produce something in the flesh that opposes fruit of true prophetic promises.
      2. God will either be there in time to rescue the situation or He will resurrect it to live again.
      3. His timetable necessary for fulness, maturity, and bringing everything together in proper order.
      4. When fulness of time came God sent His son.
      5. In due time Chris died.
      6. Be not weary in well doing.
    2. Mightier the ministry, more time God takes to make man or woman.
      1. Those who suddenly become successful without going through the proper process will not usually not be able to maintain their personal purity or go on to maturity and the fullest possible ministry.
      2. May keep position but will lose God's presence, as well as their priorities and dedication to the divine purpose.
    3. Running ahead of God (Ahimaaz overruns Cush (2 Sam 18:19-32).
  4. Impatient because don't understand terminology. Need to understand terminology of prophecies in order to respond properly to personal prophecies.
    1. Patience. Tribulation is soil in which patience grows.
    2. Wisdom. God will allow problems and situations to arise beyond our capacity to solve.
    3. Love. Deal with unlovable people.
    4. Faith. In need of miracle.
    5. Great victory. Great battle.
    6. Restore. May require breaking down into parts in order to restore.
  5. Humility, meekness, and submission.

1. Rebuke wise man he will be wiser.
2. Receive with meekness engrafted word.

#### 4. HINDRANCES TO FULFILLED PROPHECIES.

1. Unbelief.
2. Mindset.
  1. Prophetic word does not line up with our established thought patterns.
  2. Established opinions and theology.
3. Negligence, procrastination, and slothfulness.
4. Misapplication and misinterpretation of prophecy.
5. Pride.
6. Discouragement.
7. Blame shifting and people pleasing.

#### 5. GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING PERSONAL PROPHECIES.

1. Record, read, meditate.
  1. Gives comparison and confirmation.
  2. For benefit of recipient and prophet.
2. First interpretation not always a true application.
3. Shouldn't draw conclusions while receiving prophecy; concentrate on receiving.
4. Witness to your prophecy.
  1. Prove prophecy by biblical principles.
  2. Witness to prophecy by spirit.
5. Do nothing differently unless definitely directed.

#### 6. HOW TO DO EVERYTHING IN HARMONY WITH HEAVEN.

1. Determine God's Word on a matter.
  1. Don't take isolated scriptures.
  2. Don't take a rhema for those in Bible and apply to self.
  3. Don't try to fit your desires and justify your will.
2. The will of God.
  1. God has a general will.
  2. God has a specific will which can be revealed in a variety of ways.
3. The way of the Lord.
  1. Timing, methods, necessary means to do it.
  2. Who. What, when, where, how.
  3. Continued guidance and control of circumstances by God.
  4. Patience to press on until His plan is accomplished.
  5. Receive personal prophecies which do not come to pass because we do not find the way.