Title: Destiny unlocked III – Unleashing the Prophetic

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The prophetic reality doesn't deny the current reality. Yet it embraces <u>a higher reality</u> called the Kingdom of God that overshadows the earthly reality.

**Prophecy:** A word that captivates the imagination and <u>unlocks</u> the treasures of our hearts.

## What is a king to do?

2 Chronicles 20:1–4 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. <sup>2</sup> Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi). <sup>3</sup> And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. <sup>4</sup> So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

**Self-pity** – it is a scheme of the enemy to cause God's people to stumble. \*Self-pity is to allow negative circumstances to define us. **To be self-centred and not Christ centred.** 

\*How do you respond when you face a crisis?

# **Praise** – living in the victory of Christ

2 Chronicles 20:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not **God in heaven**, and do You not **rule over all the kingdoms** of the nations, and **in Your hand is there not power and might**, so that <u>no one</u> is able to withstand You?

2 Chronicles 20:9 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—**we will stand before this temple and in Your presence** (for Your name *is* in this temple), and <u>cry out to You</u> in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

\*\*We praise God because we have an unshakeable confidence that His goodness will manifest in our lives.

This confidence is based on Christ's final and irreversible victory on the cross. This causes us to have joy.

<u>Joy is to live in the reality of Christ's victory.</u> He has won, and therefore I am joyful. Living in another reality.

2 Chronicles 20:12–13 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." <sup>13</sup> Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

## The Prophetic Word – God speaks.

2 Chronicles 20:14–15 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Then **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah.... in the midst of the assembly. <sup>15</sup> And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! **Thus says the LORD to you**: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, **for the battle is not yours, but God's**.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> You will not need to fight in this battle. <u>Position yourselves</u>, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."

### **Unleashing the Prophetic Word** – position yourselves

2 Chronicles 20:18–19 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. <sup>19</sup> Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

### Nothing has changed!!

- How we receive a prophetic word, will determine its impact on our lives.
- Prophetic praise is the **faith filled response** to God's word.
- Praise unleashes the Prophetic Word Praise God as if the battle has ALREADY been won!
- **Prophetic praise** is to praise God <u>BEFORE</u> the victory manifests.
- **Praise** is to praise God for who He is and for what He has done. **Prophetic praise** is to praise God for what He is about to do.

2 Chronicles 20:20 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Believe in the LORD your God**, and you shall be established; **believe His prophets**, and <u>you shall prosper</u>."

- Believe in God and you will be established, anchored, firm. Believe His prophets, or the prophetic word, and you shall prosper (overflow, abundance.) The Prophetic Word takes us next level!
- **Believe** Aman (ah-mahn) Firm, stable, established. Firmly persuaded. To believe solidly. The most famous derivative is "amen", which conveys the idea: "It is solidly, firmly, surely true and verified and established."

### **Praising into battle**

2 Chronicles 20:21–22 (NKJV) <sup>21</sup> And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD (FOR HE IS GOOD), For His mercy endures forever." <sup>22</sup> Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (Found all the dead bodies and huge bounty)

- Know that God is good!
- The Word has been spoken, now through praise we release the fulfilment of His Word.

#### Celebrate. A culture of celebration.

#### Conclusion

- 1. Praise God for He is good. Live in the reality of Christ's victory. Joy!
- 2. Seek His Word.
- 3. When the Word comes, step into prophetic praise. Faith filled response to the Word!