

The Desire to Prophecy

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THE ORAL GIFTS

GOD SPEAKING THROUGH US:

PROPHECY

- divinely inspired
- supernatural proclamation
- It is the forth telling of the will of God

THE REVELATION GIFTS

GOD INFORMING US

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

- It is a revelation of what is now
- It reveals a part of God's knowledge
- It is information pertaining to a person, event or circumstances, current or past

THE REVELATION GIFTS

GOD INFORMING US

WORD OF WISDOM

- Disclosing the mind, purpose and way of God as applied to a specific situation.
- His intelligent plan to employ His design and purpose in any given situation
- It is a sense of Divine direction
- It is also knowledge rightly applied

1 Cor 14: 1

EAGERLY PURSUE and seek to acquire [*this*] love [*make it your aim, your great quest*]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).

Authenticity

Rev 19: 10

Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [*restrained me*] and said, Refrain! [*You must not do that!*] I am [*only*] another servant with you and your brethren who have [*accepted and hold*] the testimony borne by Jesus. ⁽¹⁾ Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by ⁽²⁾ Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy

Authenticity

Rev 19: 10

[the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].

Authenticity

2 Pet 1: 21

For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [*to do so--it never came by human impulse*], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the **Holy Spirit**.

The Specific Purpose of Prophecy

1. During dark days
2. Mega shifts needed
3. Power of prophetic

Dark Days

Ez 1: 1

Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

70 year Babylonian captivity

Dark Days

Ez 3: 1-4

1 Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, **and go, speak to the house of Israel.**" 2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. 4 Then He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and **speak with My words to them.**

Role of Prophet

Amos 3: 7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.

Mat 13: 35

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the mouth of the prophet...".

Role of Prophet

Jer 23: 28

"The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? says the Lord."

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were very many* on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were very dry*. 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'"

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the *breath came into them*, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.' 12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel."

Speak to dry bones

Ez 37

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. 14 "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

Strength from God

Ez 3: 8, 9

8 "Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. 9 "Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house."

How to Start

- Worship God (origin of revelation)
- Revelation of Jesus
- Bring scripture – at right time has prophetic relevance
- Pray for people – God's heart is to bless people, if we pray for them, God will speak to us about them
- Simple steps of obedience
- Practice in Small groups