



## **Sunday February 14, 2010 Becoming A Prophetic Church**

Last Sunday we mentioned 7 major moves of God in the Body of Christ today, which we must not miss:

1. The release of prophetic – prophetic ministry affecting prayer, intercession, worship, art, business and touching almost every sphere
2. The rising of true apostles, apostolic ministries and apostolic churches – causing the expansion of the Kingdom of God geographically and into several spheres of society that otherwise was untouched
3. The supernatural being released through every believer
4. 24/7 Prayer and Worship
5. Seven Mountain Assignment and the Equipping of Marketplace believers
6. Believers responding to the problems of society
7. Introduction of forms of ministry and worship that are relevant

This morning we will delve a little deeper into what the prophetic is all about and what it means to be a prophetic church.

### **What is the prophetic?**

Prophecy is simply God speaking to man through man.

To be prophetic is simply being able to hear what God is saying and follow through with what He wants done here on earth.

Amos 3:7,8

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

Psalm 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

The God we serve is a God who reveals secrets. He speaks to us things we do not know.

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

There is the written word of God and then there is what God is saying in the present moment to an individual or a group of people.

To be prophetic is to be able to hear what God is saying and do what He wants done.

### **Is the Prophetic for Every Believer?**

The Bible talks about different gifts and functions relating to the prophetic.



**All believers** can be trained and activated to flow in the simple gift of prophecy (**1 Corinthians 12:7-10,31; 1 Corinthians 14:1,31**).

The gift of prophecy is simply speaking under inspiration to bring edification, exhortation and comfort to people (**1 Corinthians 14:3**).

**Romans 12:4-8** lists believers functions in the Body of Christ. This obviously is only a representation and not a complete list of all believers functions in the Body. Each believer has a specific function depending on the gift and grace given. Prophecy is listed as one of the believers functions. These are believers who perform their function in the Body with prophecy playing a major role in their function. There can be different degrees to which prophecy is manifested, as these believers are encouraged to prophesy in proportion to their faith (vs 6). **All believers** who have learnt to flow in the simple gift of prophecy can further exercise this gift as part of their function or ministry in the Body. For example, a musician can incorporate the prophetic in their singing or music. So also a teacher, an evangelist, a leader, a social worker, an administrator, an intercessor or any other function in the Body of Christ, can learn to integrate the prophetic into their ministry or function. These are prophesying believers who flow in prophecy as part of their ministry function in the Body.

As believes are further trained in the prophetic and begin to flow consistently in this, they begin to manifest and develop a prophetic ministry. This is where almost everything they say and do in ministry function is graced with a word from God or a directive from God. They begin to flow in more of the prophetic manifestations which we will study later on. **All believers**, if they choose to press in to the prophetic, can develop and manifest strong prophetic ministry as part of whatever role or function they have in the Body of Christ.

The prophetic office as mentioned in **Ephesians 4:11,12** and once again in **1 Corinthians 12:28** is not available to everyone but is **assigned to some**, by the Lord Jesus Christ. The prophetic office in addition to manifesting prophetic ministry also carries with it **governmental responsibility and authority** in the Body of Christ. These ministries will emphasize laying strong doctrinal foundations (Ephesians 2:20), hearing from God and announcing new moves and directives of the Spirit (Acts 13:1,2), announcing the mind of God to the larger Body of Christ, to cities and nations (Acts 11:27-30); bring prophetic insight to solve problems in local church government or in the wider Body of Christ (Acts 15:2,6,26,32 ), etc.

As believers progress from exercising the simple gift of prophecy to flowing in prophetic ministry, we can expect increased accuracy and an increased measure of the pure message from God and less mixture of human words and ideas. While we recognize that at all stages, including those in the prophetic office, are merely human and therefore open to mistakes, greater accuracy in hearing from God is expected as we progress into consistent prophetic ministry and from those in the prophetic office.

Just as we can train people in evangelism, or in teaching the word, or pastoral ministry, every believer can be trained in the prophetic.



Our weekend school of prophetic ministry will cover prophetic ministry in depth, and bring a solid equipping, impartation and activation in prophetic ministry.

## **The Prophetic in life and ministry**

### ***Prophetic word***

This could be a simple word of encouragement that inspires some one to keep going.

The prophetic in the workplace  
Joseph in Pharaoh's palace  
Daniel interpreting dreams  
Example: Faith like potatoes

### ***Prophetic intercession***

There is nothing wrong in using prayer lists and reminders to pray.  
But we need to also listen to the Spirit and pray as He directs.

Jesus' prayer for Peter  
Luke 22:31,32

"And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

### ***Prophetic worship***

There is a strong interconnection between music, worship and the prophetic.

1 Samuel 10:5

After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying.

Psalm 149:6-9

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,  
7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;  
8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;  
9 To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Prophetic worship is singing songs that are spontaneously inspired by the Holy Spirit. They bring forth a release of the purposes of God at that moment.

## **Becoming A Prophetic Church**

### ***Purpose***

Why do we need to be a prophetic church?

- So that we can hear what the Spirit is saying to the church in the now and act accordingly.
- So that our ministry toward one another and toward the world will truly be directed by the Holy Spirit.



### ***Process***

How do we become such a church?

- The process will not be easy.
- We will need to be trained in the prophetic.
- We will have to stretch ourselves to go where we have not gone before
- We will have to have increased prayer and seeking God, so that we can tune our hearts and ears to hear clearly
- We have to be willing to let go of our reputation, because many of the things that God will speak and tell us to do will go against the grain of normal human understanding.
- We will make mistakes - but we must be teachable and willing to be corrected so that we can learn from our mistakes and move ahead.

### ***Pitfalls***

Some dangers we must avoid:

- Our goal is always intimacy with God and fulfilling His purposes. The goal is not just to hear and speak nice things.
- Never give the prophetic word greater authority than the written Scriptures.
- Don't blindly follow a prophetic word without testing it.
- Your identity must never be derived from your gift, anointing or ministry position. Your identity is always who you are as a child of God and as a person who is in Christ.

### ***Results***

When we become a prophetic church,

- There will be a freshness in all areas of our life and ministry because we are in step with God
- There will be success – because success comes from doing what God wants us to do
- There will be much growth and advancement directed purely by the Spirit of God.
- We will have a powerful impact on our world – when we hear and speak what God is saying.

Please register, approx 60 participants only

### **Weekend School of Prophetic Ministry Mar 20,21 (Sat,Sun)**

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PROPHETIC MINISTRY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT  
PROPHETIC MINISTRY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT  
THE PROPHETIC WORD  
PROPHETIC INTERCESSION  
PROPHETIC POWER  
PROPHETIC SONG  
ACTIVATING THE GIFT OF PROPHECY  
HEARING FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT  
TESTING AND INTERPRETING PERSONAL PROPHECIES  
INTERPRETING DREAMS  
MINISTERING PROPHETICALLY  
POWER OF PROPHETIC TEAMS  
THE PROPHETIC CHURCH  
WOMEN AS PROPHETIC MINISTERS



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THE MAKING OF A PROPHET



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