



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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You Must Prophecy

Since the dawn of humanity, God has looked for partners. He made us in His image for the purpose of work and fellowship. When people enjoy working together they have the best fellowship; but fellowship without work, soon becomes self-absorbed and empty. Prayer and prophecy are two types of work that bring us into the fellowship of the Spirit. In the Old Testament, we do not see the evangelist, pastor, teacher, or apostle, but the office of prophet and priest are there. The priest prayed and the prophet released the word of God to the world. From those days until now, God has done nothing on the earth unless someone prayed or prophesied. As we race toward the end of time, the Church will rise to new levels of prophecy. You must be included; you must prophesy.

The book of Revelation is the most extensive and detailed prophecy in the Bible. John was chosen to receive it and to give it to the world. He was the only disciple to die a natural death and he is known as the one whom Jesus loved. Even though Revelation is dedicated to God's people, chapter 10 is directed to John himself. In the chapter, John is called to prophesy. This is different than seeing a vision and passing it on. Here he is given a scroll to eat. It is both bitter and sweet. This is much more difficult. **John says:**

"I was told, "You must prophesy again, about many peoples, nations, languages and kings." Rev. 10:11

John is called to engage the prophetic gift. He must hear the Almighty and speak as the oracle of God. This was not a mushy sentimental word, but a word of judgment and direction for nations and kings.

The end of the age is about revival in the nations; it is about the Lord receiving the harvest of the earth. You, along with the rest of the Church, are being called to come into agreement with heaven, by prophesying to nations and kings. No wonder we are

witnessing more and more Christians stepping out of the box, to exercise the gift of prophecy. It will come; the air will soon vibrate with the sound of prophecy.

This baptism or immersion in prophecy has been a long time in the making. The first mention of the prophetic gift in the Bible is when Miriam was called a prophetess (Ex. 15:20). How interesting that a woman is the first noted prophet in the scriptures.

The second mention of the gift is when Moses meets with God, and the Spirit of the Lord that is on Moses, is imparted to his elders and all 70 of them begin to prophesy (Nu. 11:25-29).

Then Saul, the first king of Israel, is brought into the prophetic gift. Samuel instructs him and he obeys. Notice, the prophets have music; and that when Saul prophesies, he is changed into a different man.

[Saul], *"As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps ... they will be prophesying. The Spirit of the Lord will come on you in power, and you will prophesy with them and be changed into a different man." 1Sa. 10:5*

When Saul prophesied he was changed, spiritually. That will happen to you if the Holy Spirit moves and you begin to prophesy. It is a catalyst for spiritual growth.

Besides telling the story of history, the OT gives us the books of the prophets. Prophecy is God's way.

In the NT, Jesus prophesied, the apostles prophesied, in fact, the entire church began to prophesy. Peter stood up on the day of Pentecost and announced the following:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even ... your servants, both men and women ... they will prophesy." Acts 2: 17-18

Whenever revival comes, as it did with the early church, there is an abundance of prophecy. Revival will soon come to Israel and also to the nations of the world and that is why you must begin to prophesy.

The book of Revelation is about the last days and the coming of Christ. It is full of prophecies. Even the two witnesses must complete their prophesying before their task will be complete (Re. 11:3,6,7).

Do not despise prophecy (1Thes. 5:19) but judge it (1Co.14:29) and encourage it (1Co. 14: 1-3).

The Seven Blessings of Prophecy

1. Prophecy tells us that Jesus is with us and that He is speaking to us. Re. 19:10
2. Prophecy confirms that those who Prophesy, and also those who receive it, are servants of the Lord.
3. A prophetic word gives you grace to endure hardship. 1Ti. 1:18
4. It is a weapon of warfare. Re. 11:3
5. It gives guidance and direction. Acts 13:1-3
6. Since God releases vital prophetic words through others, we learn that we should not be lone rangers.
7. Prophecy brings encouragement, comfort and instruction. 1Co. 14: 3

Seven Ways A Prophecy May Come

1. Through visions and dreams. It is best not to share the dream but give the interpretation. For example, don't say, "I saw a dog ripping your children apart," but say, "An attack is coming against our children so let's break the threat and pray for their protection."
2. When you walk in the Spirit. As you walk and talk with the Lord He will show you prophetic signs in nature and in the world around you.
3. When you worship Him. A Spirit of prophecy is released whenever true worship is lifted up to God.

4. When you lay hands on, and pray for people. A Spirit of prophecy will be released when you pray for people. You will often begin with prayer, but find yourself shifting into prophecy.
5. When exercising the spiritual gift of encouragement. As you make an effort to affirm another person, God will often give you a prophetic word for them.
6. When you study the Bible. As you meditate on the scriptures and ask the Lord for revelation, He will show you prophetic words that apply today.
7. When danger approaches. As you exercise the prophetic gift, your spiritual hearing will improve and warnings will come to you when danger approaches.

To those who prophesy, rise up and be prepared to prophesy more.

To those who do not prophesy, press in and earnestly desire the gift (1Co. 14:1). Prophesying requires a step of faith, but take the plunge. Ask the Lord for prophecy, but go slow and be sure to confirm His words. Soon, you will be changed into a different person and your discipleship training will soar to new heights. More importantly, you will learn to partner with the Lord for His purpose on the earth. Now here is a prophetic word for all of you:

"You must prophesy ... about many peoples, nations, languages and kings." Rev. 10:11 AΩ



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