

THE PROPHETIC REALM

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1. SEVEN RIVERS OF PROPHECY

This morning I would like to touch on three key areas and three departments. The first is what I call the seven rivers of prophecy. Then we will coordinate it with the four degrees of the Spirit of prophecy. Then we will also see its comparison to the four levels of prophecy. By rivers we are talking about the flow, the channel and how the prophetic move of God would flow through our lives. And part of the channeling of prophecy involves the methodology. By degrees we are talking about the heights by which the Spirit of prophecy can move into. Then we are going to talk about levels. Levels talk about strength. When you are playing chess with a computer they can tell you there are thirty two levels. So levels talks about the degree of strength by which the Spirit of prophecy can come upon a person. And we are talking about the same Spirit whom we shall call the Spirit of prophecy.

Look at the book of Revelations 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me see that you do not do that. I am your fellow servant and of your brethren who has the testimony of Jesus. Worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. The word testimony comes from the Greek word *maturios* and that is the same word where we get the word witness. So here in reference to John the apostle as he receive the last days prophecy from his time right up to the closing age of human history, it says the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. The word testimony is used in a sense of proof or evidence. The testimony of Jesus is the evidence of Jesus Christ.

In Genesis there is a prophetic word about the seed of the woman who shall overcome the serpent. And we see the prophetic stream flows from Genesis right up to the book of Revelation. God's people are a prophetic people because the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. And that word prophecy has been used in many ways and developments. We understand that prophecy does not necessarily involve a prediction. Prophecy is the speaking forth of the word of God as God gave it. But when we begin to look into what we call levels and degrees, you understand that you can move into the ability to make prediction. Even the common word prophesy has been used commonly in the English language to talk about prediction. In the bible usage the word prophecy has also been used in its predictive sense. In the gospel of Luke 22 the guards blind folded Jesus as He was being tried. They slapped and beat Him. They asked Him this question, "Prophesy who hit you?" In other words they were asking Jesus to give a word of knowledge or revelation of who did that. See the word prophecy and prophesy has been used in terms of its predictive ability. And no doubt there is an element in that. That is why there are different degrees of that realm of prophecy.

The Spirit of prophecy in its normal form according to First Corinthians comforts, exhorts and edifies. These three things are what I call the foundation of the Spirit of prophecy. Built on that foundation the Spirit of prophecy can move into a high degree to go into the ability to predict. That doesn't mean that when you have the Spirit of prophecy you can open a shop and say, "Your Future Prophesied." It would be wrong to box up the Spirit of God and become a fortuneteller. You can't do that since the Spirit works as He wills. He doesn't reveal everything to any person. And He reveals only as He wants to. Even Elisha did not know all things, which is why his servant tried to deceive him in the case of Naaman. It tells you that the servant knew that

Elisha didn't know everything although he knows quite a lot of things. So we realize that it has its foundation and it has its height. That tells us that any predictive prophecy that someone claims to have- if it doesn't comfort, or exhort and edify is not of God because it was not from the same foundation.

The foundation is where you start off. Even Jeremiah and Isaiah who delivered the most difficult prophecies in the Old Testament because they spoke about the destruction of Israel delivered them with a comforting note. With a note telling the people to come back. Jeremiah who was one of the last prophets at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem was known as a weeping prophet. God chose a man who was a compassionate tenderhearted man to deliver a message of doom and destruction. He wrote in Lamentations that his head was waters and the rivers of tears were constantly flowing from his eyes. Because the foundation of the Spirit of prophecy is comfort, exhortation and edification.

Lets look at what I call the seven rivers of prophecy. I want to establish again the predictive element in the revelation nature of prophecy. In First Corinthians 13 as Paul talks about love, he also mentioned the development of what each gift in its fullness can bring forth. Though I speak with the tongues of man and of angels but have not love I become a sounding brass or clanging symbol. Then he says and though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountain but have not love I am nothing. It tells you that the foundation for the gift of prophecy and the gift of faith is love. And love always seeks to comfort, exhort and edify. It says prophecies unfold mysteries. See the gift of faith as it works in love is able to move mountain. The gift of prophecy is able to unfold the mysteries of God. That is why the Spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We will look first at what we would consider the seven rivers. Then we will compare it to the four degrees and the four levels. Seven rivers as we have mentioned talks about ways the Spirit of prophecy move. Rivers are available to every person. If you understand the rivers of prophecy you can move easily into the Spirit of prophecy. Because these are ways in which the Spirit of prophecy flows.

First River: Experience of Joy

So one of the first channels or river is what I will call a spiritual experience of joy. This is when people move into a great spiritual experience of joy and are touched in their inner core of their being. And because the Spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ they move into what I call a prophetic element.

Lets look at the book of First Samuel 2. We see here that Hannah had her prayers answered. She is filled with joy and thankfulness to the Lord after all her years of crying and weeping before God. God heard her cry and gave her a son Samuel. Now Hannah filled with the joy of the Lord in verse one she was praying to God. When she was praying to God she moved into what I call a prophetic element. In her very prayers that came forth an utterance that was prophetic. Verse one tells us her joy. She says my heart rejoices in the Lord. Now Hannah is not a prophet. She was just a good godly mother. You don't have to be a prophet to move into the Spirit of prophecy. But as a prophet you could move into the levels that are stronger. Being not a prophet she

can move into the lower levels of prophecy. She can tap into the channels of the rivers of prophecy.

Verse one says, “My heart rejoices in the Lord. I smile at my enemies.” This was not something she could do normally. If you read First Samuel 1 she was always crying. She was always mourning until her husband was so frustrated at her and said, “Am I not better to you than ten sons?” Smiling was not something she did naturally because she had a sorrowful life but now her heart overflows with joy. So here we have her smile. She says even at her enemies she can smile. That is something that even normal Christians find it hard to do. She was just doing a thanksgiving prayer.

In verse ten she moved into the height of prophecy where it says, “The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces. From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.” And here is the prophecy: He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed. How in the world was she to know that there was going to come a king? All they saw around them were judges. She moved into the river of prophecy in her experience of joy in God. And she tapped into the river of prophecy and out of her lips came out things that she herself possibly didn’t understand. And she prophesied of a coming king. This is a prophecy regarding Samuel himself: and exalt the horn of His anointed. Somehow Samuel’s ministry was going to establish a kingdom. Samuel stood as a last judge in Israel. Samuel stood at the time of transition of judges governing over Israel to kings. Here was a prophetic utterance that a common godly mother who had no spiritual office moved into because she loved God and she worshiped God.

Another example is found in the gospel of Luke 1:46. Here is Mary the mother of Jesus and she is filled with joy, filled with the Spirit. Now Mary was not a prophet yet she loved God. As she worshiped God with a song, she says, “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.” She prophesied something about herself in verse forty eight. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant. For behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed. It is true she can be called blessed. Now she has some prophecies regarding herself. She moved into what I call a prophetic element.

Zechariah is another example found in Luke 1. Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied. You must understand Zechariah had not spoken for nearly nine months. Now after his son was born after that nine months of silence he couldn’t stand it any more. He wanted to give it out to God in worship. During the nine months of silence the volcano was building up. Now after nine months it exploded in praise to God and when he did that there was an anointing that came. And he tapped into the river of prophecy. He prophesied of many things in that song. Blessed is the Lord God of Israel for He has visited and redeemed them. In verse 76 he began to prophesy, and you child shall be called the prophet of the highest for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His way. As he praised God the prophecies started coming out of his mouth. That is the first river of prophecy.

Second River: Established Leadership

The second river of prophecy flows through what I call established leadership. By virtue of a person’s position in the church of Jesus Christ, he is placed in a position that gives him a prophetic element in his words when he taps into it correctly and

sometimes unknowingly like the high priest in John 11. Here are words uttered by the high priest in regard to Jesus Christ. John 11:49 One of them named Caiaphas being high priest that year said to them... Now Caiaphas was not someone who was opened to Jesus ministry. You wouldn't classify him as a Holy Ghost filled man. He was one of those who did not understand Jesus' ministry. But Caiaphas had a position that was recognized by Jesus and God as far as that nation of Israel was concerned. You notice that even though the organized Jews did not accept Jesus Christ, He did not oppose them. And when the lepers were healed Jesus even said, "Go and show yourself to the priest." That tells you that He respected and bore witness to the established religious office of His time.

So here Caiaphas was the key religious leader of the Jews. And it says here, "being high priest" that is by virtue of his position he tapped into a river of prophecy and said to them, "You know nothing at all." He told all the rest of the people around him. Nor do you consider that is expedient for us that one man should die for the people and not that the whole nation should perish. John 11:51 Now he did not say on his own authority but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation. Now he didn't intend it the way God intended it. Caiaphas didn't see that when Jesus dies it was for the salvation for the entire nation and Jesus Himself would be resurrected from the dead. But from his perspective all he could see was that either Jesus go or the Jewish nation would go. But yet somehow John the apostle as he records this statement recognized that there was a prophetic flow that came forth by virtue of his position as a high priest. He prophesied about Jesus' death on the cross. Caiaphas' motivation, purpose and reason for uttering the prophecy was not what it was supposed to be. But nevertheless, there was still a true prophecy that came forth. That's tapping on the river of prophecy by virtue of your position.

That is why we always emphasize that if you are in any particular church and you have a prophecy regarding your church, no matter what you think your leaders are - whether you agree or disagree with them - you are obligated to flow along with them in your church. You can not say that you have got this prophecy and you are going against the leadership of the church which you are attending. It would not be correct because there is a river of prophecy that still flows through established leadership. That is why if you have a prophecy and you can not deliver it in public, write it down and just submit it to them and let them do what they want. Your duty is done. Your responsibility is not to take over the leadership and run the church. Your responsibility is to just deliver the prophecy and let them take the responsibility no matter what you think of them. Whichever way you still are obligated to flow within the structure. By virtue of their position they would have an element to tap into the Spirit of prophecy in regard to their own church's jurisdiction and function.

See a position is not established immediately. Some of those positions are established over period of years. Their positions there are not by accident. God is involved in all things. There is an element of the river of prophecy that flows to established leadership and position. Sometimes a small mediocre group on one side who pray and fast for eighty days move into perhaps the first river of prophecy where they have so much ecstasy that they always see visions and prophecy all the time about the entire nation. But whatever they see in here need to be compared to what the established leaders also see. Then you get a true prophetic picture. Otherwise yours is only what I call one-eyed Jack's prophecy.

Third River: Music

First Samuel 10. The third river of prophecy is what I classify to be music. Music is one of the rivers by which a prophetic flow takes place. Now prophecy can flow without the music because there are the other six rivers. But one of the rivers of the Spirit of prophecy is music. You could enhance and increase a prophetic flow by music. In the book of First Samuel 10 the Old Testament prophets are different from New Testament prophets. In the Old Testament not every one has the Holy Spirit but in the New Testament every believer has the Holy Spirit. So the role and the authority of the prophets have decreased in the New Testament. They don't have as much authority as they have in the old.

In the book of First Samuel 10 we see a group of prophets prophesying about Saul and his future kingship is a statement made about what he will experience. Verse 10, When they came back to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him. Then the Spirit of God came upon him and he prophesied among them. Now this group of prophets according to verse five shows what they were doing. Samuel said after that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistines' garrison is. Notice he call it the hill of God. Why the hill of God? That was the favorite meeting place for a coming prophet. It was a prophet's favorite meeting place. So they have their favorite place on a hill and it was so common if you pass by the hill you hear prophets playing the harp. And so after some time everyone began to call that the hill of God.

Here in verse five it says at the hill of God this was what the prophets did. It says, "Then you shall 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." So that was the place they always meet. It was a prophet's band. This musical band of prophets (which Samuel was a leader over them when Saul was pursuing David) seems to understand how to tap into the prophetic flow. The third river of prophecy is music. Music does something to the Spirit of prophecy that releases it in your life. You don't need to have it to prophesy but it is one of the rivers.

Elisha understood this third prophetic river of music. When he was asked for a word from the Lord, Elisha says, "And now bring me a musician." And it happened when the musician was playing that the hand of the Lord came upon him. (2 Kings 3:15) Here he was asked to prophesy. There was a fight going on and the king of Judah asks whether there is a prophet whom they can seek a word from the Lord. They said yes there is a man named Elisha. They called him and told Elisha that they were going out to battle but they need to hear from God. Elisha says, "No problem but get me the musicians first." Out there in the desert it was not easy to assemble a band. Somehow they managed to assemble a band and as they played Elisha tapped into the prophetic river and he prophesied. Thus says the Lord, and that was what they wanted. So here we have a move of God in prophecy as a result of music.

David was a king but a fantastic musician as well. He always sings. He sang when he was happy. He sang when he was sad. As a result of his ability to move into music, he tapped into the river of prophecy. In Acts 2 they called him a prophet. In other words he had a secondary call that was not his number one possibly his number two. In Acts 2 Peter quoted a prophecy from the Psalms. The book of Isaiah and the book of Psalms are the most quoted books in the New Testament because they are full of Messianic prophecies. In Acts 2:29-30 Peter said, "Men and women let me speak free

to you of the Patriarch David that he is both dead and buried and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore being a prophet..." **Notice what Peter calls David - a prophet.** We know him as a king, but he was also a prophet. How did he tap into the prophetic flow? Through his music. There were things he sang that he himself didn't fully understand.

There were a lot of prophecies that came forth like Psalms 22 My God, my God why has thou forsaken me. He didn't understand the utterances he spoke when he moved into ecstasy with God in the music but he tapped into the river of prophecy and prophesied the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. That is the third river of prophecy of music.

Fourth River: Association

Lets look at the book of Second Kings 2 to understand the fourth river of prophecy. Here Elijah was about to leave and Elisha who had been following him all these years was going to take over his position. And there was this group of people in Second Kings 2:3 And the sons of the prophets who are at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" He said, "Yes I know. Keep quiet." These were not prophets but were sons of prophets. Yet they also seem to know something that God was doing. Later on when you read about it, it looks like the old saying was true, like father like son. They became like their father. These were sons of prophets. And they grew up seeing their fathers take the harp and sing praises to Yahweh from morning till night. Even when their fathers were rocking them, their favorite song was not rock a bye baby on the tree top. No their favorite song was Yahweh, Yahweh. And they grew up under that kind of atmosphere. They saw these prophets all the time. And very soon the children caught on into that river. The fourth river is association and fellowship.

When you fellowship and associate with prophets, you will have the prophetic flow coming into your life. It comes by association and fellowship. I am sure you are familiar with that story about how when Saul came into the presence of these prophets on that hill in First Samuel 10, the Spirit of God came on his life and he prophesied even though he was not a prophet. He was not anointed as a prophet. He was anointed as a king. But because prophets were the ones when he drew near there was an element of prophetic inclination that came in his anointing. You see you can be prophetic without being a prophet. It is different being prophetic person and being a prophet. A prophet is definitely prophetic but not all prophetic persons are prophets. So here we have this association and fellowship and there was such strength of anointing.

Why do the prophets band together? It strengthens the flow of the Spirit of prophecy in one another's life. In the book of First Samuel 19:20 we see an interesting situation. As David was running away from Saul, Saul sent messengers to take David. When they saw a group of prophets prophesying and Samuel was standing as leader over them, it says here, "The Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul and they also prophesied." Now these were soldiers. These soldiers didn't come prepared. I mean they didn't come to prophesy. They didn't come to receive an anointing. They came with a different attitude. They came looking for David. Yet in spite of that, when they came near there was such an anointing that they ended up prophesying. So in verse 21 Saul sent another batch of soldiers. And when this group came near the other soldiers

they were turned off. From far they saw all these fellows lying down on the floor prophesying. And as they went near they also started prophesying.

Finally Saul went to check out for himself. In verse 22 He himself came near and saw these soldiers of his. When he came near the same Spirit came on him. And it tells you it was the Spirit of God. When the prophetic anointing came on his life his armor was out of place. Some people say that it was only his kingly robe that came out. But the Hebrew word gives you very strong evidence that he was completely stripped. What went wrong? If you try to tap into the prophetic flow without getting your life correct, there will be a lot of manifestations that are not of God. Your own flesh sticks out. The gifts of God may flow through you but they don't bypass you. You could deliver the word in different styles. It would be the same God where it flows through your personality. And that is why if you have sin and things of the flesh in your life and you try to tap into the things of God your nakedness will be revealed. So Saul's nakedness, which symbolizes his sinful flesh, was exposed when the anointing came.

It is just like sometimes you could have a preacher who is fantastically anointed but he has a few areas in his character that are very fleshly. Even though the anointing is there people still can detect the flesh. Like for example some people who merchandise their anointing. You could have fantastic anointed service but after the service, he takes out his coat and cut it into pieces and sells them at one thousand dollars per piece. He still has his carnal nature that was not dealt with fully. The gifts of God come without repentance. So here we have the flow that can come through association.

And that is why sometimes a man follows a man of God. And they don't differentiate between principles and methods. They take everything lock stock and barrel. So when they graduate from a school run by this man of God, they sound like the man of God and speak like the man of God. But when they began to behave the same way that turns people off. They become clones of the man of God. God doesn't make clones. God makes disciples. So there is an anointing and a prophetic flow that can come as a result of association and fellowship with the leaders.

Fifth River: Drama

The fifth river is the last and final river in which the Spirit of prophecy flows in the Old Testament. And of the seven rivers five flowed in the old but the next two are reserved for the new. So the fifth is what I call drama, acting out the prophecy. So the Spirit of prophecy can flow through acts as well as through words.

Ezekiel was a prophet who lived in Babylon during and after the destruction of Jerusalem. Ezekiel was in captivity while Jeremiah was in Jerusalem. In Ezekiel 4:1-9 the Lord spoke to Ezekiel and said, "You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and you shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel. Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days,

three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. When you have completed them, lie again on your right side; and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year. Therefore you shall set your face towards the siege of Jerusalem; your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. And surely I will restrain you so that you can not turn from one side to another till you have ended the days of your siege. Also take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt; put them into one vessel, make bread of them for yourself. During the number of days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat it.”

Now here was Ezekiel and he was a bona fide prophet. One day God told him go and build this siege. So he goes right into the middle of this Babylonian captivity among the captives there. And he starts building a city. He was having a prophecy and he was acting it out. And the command God gives was not easy. Three hundreds and ninety odd days he was supposed to lie on one side.

In Isaiah 20:2 at the same time the Lord spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet” And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. If you don’t have a word from the Lord don’t try to make it up. Don’t suddenly go to your church with something you have bought from the hardware shop and say, “Thus says the Lord, this hammer represent this and that.” No, there is a difference in the unction.

In the New Testament you also have a prophet who moved like that into that river of prophetic drama. In Acts 11:27 And in those days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine through out all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. If you read carefully the word show by the Spirit the word means to act it out. There may be a spoken prophecy but definitely there was a demonstration drama kind of prophecy came forth.

In the other time in the book of Acts 21:10 we are told how he dramatized the prophecy: And as we stayed many days a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. When he had come to us, he took Paul’s belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, “So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who own this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.” Some of us modern Christians might say to Agabus, “Agabus don’t be so serious. Why don’t you just say the Lord says when Paul goes to Jerusalem he will be imprisoned.” That is because we may not have understood this prophetic river of drama. So here is a person who prophesied through drama. Why is it so?

When you begin to move into the prophetic and give the word of God, you realize that some of the things you do are by faith. You speak forth the word even though you don’t understand it and you just know that it was from him. If you ever move into the prophetic anointing you realize that sometimes God shows you the person first and then give you the prophetic word. Sometimes He gives you the prophetic word then He shows you the person to give the prophecy to. So sometimes when you move into the river of prophecy, He may give you an action to do first and then give you the understanding of the action. Drama is one of the ways in which a prophet flows into.

Sixth River: Outpouring

In the New Testament you find that besides the five rivers of prophecy you have two additional rivers of prophecy. The first we see in the book of Acts 2 the sixth river of prophecy. It is not really considered a river because it is too powerful for a river. I would call it an outpouring because in the New Testament we have such a thing as baptism in the Spirit. Sometimes in the outpouring of the baptism in the Spirit there is a heavy flow in the anointing and people began to flow into the prophetic anointing too. That is why in Acts 2:17 it says, “And it shall come to pass in the last days says God that I will pour out of Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young man shall see visions and old man shall see dreams. And all my menservants and all my maidservants I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they shall prophesy.” Look how the word prophesy is spoken many times. We will study that word later on when we look at the difference in degrees of the Spirit of prophecy.

But here he is talking about an outpouring that comes. And every time there is an outpouring there is a significant move. You know a move of God can begin and then it can end and then it can flow into another move. It is not supposed to end; it is supposed to flow and prepare for the next move during what I call significant times. Do you have that in the bible? Yes. In the bible they also have significant flow. Like for example during the time that they came out from Egypt they have a manifestation of God in the form of a pillar of cloud in the day time and a pillar of fire in the night. That manifestation lasted until they reached the land of Canaan. But when they move into the tabernacle the manifestation of God changed. In Exodus 40 when Moses dedicated the tabernacle of Moses, we see the glory of God filling the place. This is what I call a special move. A special move to usher a new way when God begin to do a new thing. With each move there are new ways that God does something. Before the tabernacle of Moses was made God was there in the pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire. But when Moses made the tabernacle, which took them about a year to make, anyone who wants to meet God now goes to the tabernacle. It is the same God who has changed the way in which you can approach Him.

Even right now in the New Testament things have changed so different. Now we approach Him in the name of Jesus. We don't worship Him in Jerusalem or on the mountain. We worship Him in Spirit and in truth. See there is greater liberty to approach the throne of God through the redemption of Jesus Christ. Then when Solomon built the temple notice the first ushering of the different change and dispensation that they moved into. The new move of God is now no more in the old tabernacle but it was now in the temple. And in their dedication service God show forth the fire and the glory. That is what I call an outpouring.

During a particular out pouring that can be strong prophetic river that flows. For us there is baptism in the Spirit. And there is the baptism into the things of God that God fills you to go forth with new things that He wants you to do. You can expect a particular prophetic element to move. Notice in the book of Acts 19 the mere baptism in the Spirit of the Ephesians brought forth a prophetic element because any out pouring will bring forth a prophetic element. Acts 19:6 and when Paul had laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and they prophesied. It talks about the prophetic manifestation because God was ushering something new in Ephesus. If you study Paul's life, which I could easily divide into

five phases, you will notice that Ephesus was one special phase by itself. Because while there he stayed put for about three years and the whole of Asia Minor heard the word through his ministry. There was a change in his ministry. He didn't travel as much as before. He became stationed in a place to teach the word of God daily. And somehow God was ushering a new move in Ephesus there. So every time there is an outpouring there is a river of prophecy that flows forth at the same time.

Seventh River: Body of Christ

The seventh and last river in which the Spirit of prophecy flows is what I call the body of Christ, the church of Jesus Christ. Now in the church of Jesus Christ each believer has the Holy Spirit in them. And there is an element in which the body of Christ if it moves corporately will tap into that seventh powerful river of the river of prophecy. The last two were not available in the Old Testament. And this seventh is especially for the church of Jesus Christ.

In First Corinthians 14:24 we see here in Paul's exhortation to the Corinthian church: But if all prophesy and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is indeed truly among you. Now he is talking about the whole church moving into the river of prophecy. He is not talking so much as what I would classify to be the levels of prophecy. But he is talking about the rivers of prophecy is flowing as a church is corporately united together. All would be sensitive to God and to each other, with some flowing in Psalms and others in hymns. When each member is doing whatever God wants him or her to flow in the things of God, there can be such a strong prophetic element that when a person comes in his heart is revealed.

A small evidence of that is seen even today in what I call the presbytery meeting. In First Timothy 4:14 Paul tells Timothy, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hand of the presbytery." Apparently when the presbytery laid hands on young Timothy, the presbytery received prophetic words for Timothy. It was not a one person's ministry. It was a corporate ministry together. All the elders and leaders in the church laid hands on Timothy and each one brought forth a word for Timothy that combined together to impart a gift into Timothy's life and determined his future. And Paul was telling Timothy not to forget that prophecy.

Now you know why in the out pouring God always gives a prophetic element? Because the prophetic element keeps us on track if we hearken to God's voice. And so the church is a powerful instrument. God called the church to be a prophetic church.

As we learn the development of prophecy, you will learn that there are four levels of prophecy. Every believer is at the first level. Now he is talking about the first level which every believer can tap into. You don't have to be a prophet. That is why Paul urged the Corinthian church that as they pray in tongues they are to ask for an interpretation. Because with that interpretation you become like a prophecy and you can bless the church. And if every one flows into that there is going to come such a powerful revelation move in greater degree.

See the seven rivers flow with the degrees and the levels. The first level is what I call an increase in quantity - it becomes higher and more powerful in degree. There are four levels of prophecy. Levels talk about strength. Strength is like one volt, two volts, three volts. When we talk about the degrees we are talking about the current. So we are talking about the strength that is there in the Spirit of prophecy. The Spirit of prophecy has different strengths. A person can have a gift of prophecy. A gift of prophecy, a ministry of prophecy and an office of prophet are all different. Each of them is from the same Spirit but they are at different levels of strength.

And before the gift of prophesy is what I call the normal believers' development and growth in that Spirit of Prophecy. Paul tells us here in the book of Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonish one another in Psalms in hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. He is talking about Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs are not just for some Christians. He is not talking about the gifts that some Christians may have and some may not have. He is talking about an area where every Christians can have the word of God dwelling in them richly and moving into psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. If you compare that to Ephesians 5:18 it says here, "And do not be drunk with wine in which is dissipation but be filled with the Spirit." Here is a command for every believer. Be filled with the Spirit. Verse 19 shows us the results of being filled with the Spirit: speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. When you began to move into psalms there is as prophetic element involved.

These two talk about the balance in Christian life. In Ephesians 5:18-19, it talks about the Holy Spirit filling you to the extend that you move into the first river. When you move into ecstasy you are filled with psalms, hymns, spiritual songs unto the Lord. What else can come forth but the prophetic element coming out of your life? The opposite is also true when you are filled with the word as in Colossians 3:16. When the word of God fills you life, you are a student of the word you are a lover of the word, you devour the word from Genesis to Revelations. You constantly meditate on the word. As the word fills your life, the same effect also moves onto you and you will receive an ecstasy, psalms, hymns and spiritual songs too.

Notice here there are two types of ecstasy produced. There is an ecstasy that is produced by your experience in God. There is an ecstasy that is produced by the revelations from God. The ecstasy that is produced by your experience in God is when you are rich in things of God the manifestation that comes to you make you rejoice in the Lord. The other side is what I call the revelation side. Where God reveals the word, you move into ecstasy with God. See there are two forms of ecstasy in the bible. Some people move into the Spirit kind of ecstasy but they don't balance with the word. As a result of that they go off track. Their spiritual ecstasy begins to get into the flesh. And they are going to do things, which are not scriptural. That is when they begin to go off track. The other area is the ecstasy that is produced from the word, a study of the word. The word removes fear and the word removes doubts in your life. And when those things go away you are filled with a fervor for God. The word becomes like a burning fire in you. And it produces a stability in your life. So it is important to have the other flavor of ecstasy. When you have these two flavors working in your life, you will always be able to comfort, exalt and edify.

Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs always comfort, exhort and edify. We always get encouraged when we hear worship and praise in Christians songs. Now these are the basic elements that come and are a result of the gift of prophecy too. In the book of First Corinthians 14:

3 He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to man. Now these three things can be done at the other first level: the level of being filled with the Spirit and filled with the word. People who are filled with the word, even though it may not be a gift of prophecy operating, could just give the word in seasons out of the vast storehouse and knowledge of the word. When a person is troubled, when a person has a problem, they are able to just draw a scripture and give it in season. It sounds like a word of prophecy. Sometimes the word is so much in them they may not even use scripture. The way they say it is as if it is their own word but it is actually from God; it sounds like a prophecy.

The first level of the Spirit of prophecy helps you into that area. The first level comes as a result of your growth in God through the word and in the Spirit of God. The second level comes as a result of gifting. The gifting of the gift of prophecy. The gift of prophecy is what God gives you and you are able to speak forth in word of prophecy. Now the levels are different from the degrees. As you move into the levels sometimes you may not even touch the third or the second degree which is a predictive element. But yet it can be strong and powerful. And the word of prophecy or the gift of prophecy is the gift of the Holy Spirit given for a specific time and a specific purpose through a specific individual for a specific people or person. So it is specific, it's a gift of prophecy as we see here in the book of First Corinthians 12 is one of the gifts listed there. That may come as the Spirit will through any individual who opens him or herself will be able to move into that fairly regularly because it is a special gifting in their life. Some of these people may not move into a high degree of the river of prophecy but they can move into a strong level of the gift of prophecy.

1 Cor. 12:10 To another the working or miracle, to another prophecy. Here in fact he calls it a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Then in Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us let us use them. Notice now his emphasis is different. In First Corinthians 12 the Spirit works as He wills. Now in Romans 12 a person can do something about that gift. There is a human co-operation and effort involved. In Romans 12:6 it says, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them; if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith. I classify it as the ministry of prophecy. So the ministry of prophecy is the gift of prophecy that has become so much a part and parcel of a person that it constitutes a ministry.

Let me give an example, any believer can lay hands on the sick and pray for the sick. That again is what I call the first level of healing. Now the more you are filled with the Spirit and the more you are filled with the word, the more effective you are in praying for the sick. That is the first level.

Then the second level is the gift of healing. Where you could be visiting the sick and the gift of healing drops on your life. When you lay hands on the person and that person is instantly healed through the gift of healing. And then it never happens again in your life for a long time. And once in a while it happens. That is not your primary area that you manifest. That is what I call a specific gift of healing that operates

through your life. Another person could have the gift of healing so regularly manifested in their life so that people begin to recognize that gift. Then another person wants you to pray, and another person wants you to pray. And slowly people began to tap on that gift and that gift becomes a ministry. When it becomes a ministry means that the manifestation becomes very regular. It looks like you are having the gift although it belongs to God. So in the same way a ministry of prophecy is the development of the gift of prophecy. Perhaps it is a hundred of times more powerful than the gift of prophecy because now it is different. That person knows the gift so well and is so acquainted in that gift that the person at anytime when there is a demand or need of that gift to operate, he would one hundred percent be able to tap in the gift of ministry.

But then that is different from an office. An office is a position, which God ordains a person into. For example a person can be in the ministry of healing. But that person may not be an evangelist. But being an evangelist automatically God may manifest a fantastic ability to minister to the sick as a part of bringing the gospel to those who need to hear the gospel. So that is different. And so the ministry of prophecy may or may not lead into a prophetic office. There are a lot of people out there in the body of Christ who has a ministry of prophecy but they don't have the office of a prophet. Sadly some of them don't differentiate between these two and they think their ministry of prophecy is the office of a prophet. A prophetic office is ten thousand times as powerful. If the ministry of prophecy is ten thousand times more powerful than the gift of prophecy. And if the gift of prophecy is more powerful than the normal development because the specific gift is so powerful, then the office of a prophet is ten thousand times more powerful than the ministry of prophecy. And a prophetic message has a stronger unction and strength of the anointing. We have some examples in Acts 11 where Agabus tapped into the office of a prophet. Even in Acts 21 he differentiate between those who are in the ministry of prophecy and the office of a prophet. In Acts 21 you notice the Philip's four daughters have the ministry of prophecy. Acts 21:9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesy. Now that's different from the next verse in verse ten: A certain prophet.. You see the bible differentiates between those who prophesy and those who are prophets. So there are those who are in the ministry of prophecy. Philip's four daughters have a ministry of prophecy. They constantly prophesy. But then here comes a prophet who stands in one of the five-fold office. And his unction and anointing in the Spirit of prophecy is even stronger. And that is what we call the four levels of the Spirit of prophecy.

2. THREE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPHETIC OFFICE

Realm of Authority

Let us look at First Kings 17 to see the life of Elijah and understand realm of the Spirit by which he moved and walked in. Elijah was called to the office of a prophet. First Kings 17:1 Elijah the Tishbite of the inhabitants Gilead said to Ahab, as the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand there shall not be dew nor rain these years except at my word. Now he did not say except at God's word. But he said except at my word. Now that's very bold of him to say that. How did he reach that point of authority by which he moved in God?

There is something that I want to call a realm in God where you could move into where (take it with in the context) God began to hearken to the voice of His vessel. But there is realm that God permits human beings who walk with Him to live. That they could walk so close to God that God began to hearken onto their voice. God began to hearken onto their cry. That's the realm we want to talk about: the call of a prophet. Whether you are called to be a prophet or not the same message applies whatever ministry you move into.

Since this is as prophet seminar we want to talk about the call of a prophet and understand the responsibilities that are involved. A prophet deals a lot of what we call the rhema side. We know there is the logos the written established word and there is a rhema. A prophet deals a lot with the rhema. They want to hear God to deliver God's rhema or God's word in season to His people. And that makes demands upon his life that he has to live a life separate far above his peers.

Any man of God whatever office you are called there is a realm of authority. Look at Elijah - he came with authority. Elijah the Tishbite came all the way and said I want to see the king. He came right up and says the Lord says there will be no rain except according to my word. For the next few days they laughed. After about one month the king started to panic. And for six months there was no rain. He began to send emissaries all over the place to look for Elijah. They looked high and low all over the place for him. And nobody could find Elijah the Tishbite. For three years nobody could find him. Notice here Elijah had a certain realm of authority that he moved into with God. Now there are other men of God who from time to time have tapped into that realm of authority. We want to talk about that realm and how to get into that realm.

In the book of Joshua after they crossed the Jordan river, as the enemies of Israel were slain and Joshua and his people were chasing them, Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered the Amorites before the children of Israel and he said in the sight of Israel. Sun stand still over Gibeon and moon in the valley of the Aijalon. So the sun stood still and the moon stopped till the people had revenged their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar. So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day (Joshua 10:12-13). Look at verse fourteen it says and there had been no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man for the Lord fought for Israel.

Now that is a tremendous statement verse fourteen. As you study the incident you will be wondering whether this was initiated by God or initiated by man. It is very clear

from Joshua 10:14 that it was initiated by Joshua. I understand that there are some things that God commands and you go forth and you do it. But there are some things that God doesn't make us behave like robots. There is a realm I am talking about if you understand what we are talking about in the spirit. There is a realm you could walk with God, where God gives you a certain measure of authority to operate in.

A lot of people can not reach there because they are not right with God. And God will never give them that kind of authority to function in because if God gives them that kind of authority to function in they will misuse and abuse it. They use it to their own destruction. Remember that Jesus Christ had the authority and power to turn the stone into bread when He was tempted. But Jesus had reached a realm where He has submitted His authority to God. He didn't desire His own thing. He desired only God's perfect will. And there is realm you could move into as a man of God and we are talking about the kind of prophets God wants to raise up in these last days. We want to talk about the kind of prophets that will be able to carry that godly authority that will be able to rouse this planet earth. But we need to pay the price to reach that realm of authority.

It is very clear that here Joshua was doing God's will. And in the course of doing God's will he came to an understanding of his authority. And it is very clear here that he was the one who initiated it. As he fought he saw the sun was going down, the day was going to end and there was still a lot to do. And this was God's will. There was something in him that rose up and he began to command the sun and the moon. And God listened to his words. And it says there was never a day like that when God listened to a man.

Now Elijah was such a man. He came before them and said according to my word there will be no rain. He was a man of very few words. He doesn't play around. He had reached a point where he understood the realm of authority. Let me show you that he reached such an authority before he went to the throne of God. He reached such an authority that even his accidental words became powerful. Second Kings 1:8 after he delivered a word he went forth to a hilltop and they asked who was the one who delivered the word. And they say he was as hairy man swore a leather belt around his waist and he said it is Elijah the Tishbite. Lets look at Second Kings chapter one it says here then the king send to him a captain with his fifty men. And there he was sitting on the top of a hill and he spoke to him man of God the king has said come down. He looked down and said if I am a man of God let fire come down and consumed them. He didn't even pray. He didn't purposely do it. He just happened to have his devotional time interrupted. Again the king called another captain and told him to go and get Elijah the Tishbite. The captain proud as a peacock shouted to Elijah, "Man of God the king wants you now." So Elijah replied, "If I am a man of God let fire come down and consume you." And the captain with his group of fifty soldiers was consumed by fire. Then the king sent a third group of people. The captain looked up and sees the man of God having his devotional time. The captain was afraid and quietly went up to the hilltop and knelt down gently and said, "Man of God have mercy on me. The king asked you whether you would like to come" He used a different but humble approach.

The question is how did Elijah reach that point of authority. He was not even praying. He just said if I am a man of God let fire come down. Even the 'if' is powerful. So we realize there is a realm of authority that Elijah had moved into. And to understand that

realm we need to understand three little words. The first Greek word is the word 'agathos' which in the Greek means good. The second is the Greek word 'dikaios' and it means righteousness. The third is the word 'hagios' which means holiness.

A Good Heart

When God calls a prophet, He prepares him from agathos because a prophet will be judged according to his agathos. Let me point to Matthew 7:15 Jesus is talking about false prophets and true prophets. Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do man gather grapes from thorns bushes of figs from thistles? Even so every good (or agathos) tree bears good fruit. But a bad tree bears bad fruit. And a good tree (agathos tree) can not bear bad fruit. Nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruit you will know them.

The essence and the nature of the tree must be agathos or good. Now the word good in the bible in both the Hebrew and the Greek always point towards the heart. It is said a good and honest heart. In Luke 8 the parable of the Sower and the seed, as the sower sows the seed, the seeds fell on different types of ground. And those who have an honest good heart became the best ground. Luke 8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who have heard the word with a noble and a good heart and keep it and bear fruit with patience. Notice it is not just the word. The seed is the same given to every person. But the type of heart it comes upon makes the production different. The same seed that fell on different grounds produce different results. The produce of the seed is determined by a person's heart. So the heart's condition is important to God. You notice that some people have a good heart but some people don't have a good heart. God deals with the heart.

So there is an area that I call the heart. The heart of a prophet has to be dealt with. Before you move into the realm of authority God deals with your heart. If you don't have a good heart you will never move into the rest. That is why people who don't have their hearts dealt with and have malice and all kinds of unclean things in their heart get off tracked when they try to move into the other realm of authority. If your heart is dealt with you will not have the problems that many others will have. Why would a person use authority for his or her own selfish gain? Because their heart is not right. So when authority comes with a bad heart, it will be abused and misused. And so it starts with agathos. God deals with the heart; a good heart is necessary.

Righteousness

The other area is dikaios which in Greek means righteousness. Righteousness deals with the law of God and the works that God wants us to do. Our obedience and submission to the law of God is righteousness. If you study the word righteousness it always deals with the command of God. Before you can have righteousness you must have goodness. When a person says the word of God declares that Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous people. They were righteous in the sight of God. What does that mean? It means that as far as the Jewish commandments, ceremonial and moral laws were concerned they were blameless. They were upright; they obeyed God. When it says a person is righteous it naturally implies that the person had passed through agathos. See these are three steps, one, two, and three. By the time you are

step two dikaios it assumed that you have already have passed agathos. You are now in righteousness. You are righteous before God.

Joseph and Mary were righteous people. It says Joseph being a righteous man at first sought to put Mary away until the angel prevented him in the gospel of Matthew. He was righteous. He wanted to obey God's law. Righteousness is always linked to the laws of God. When a person moved through these stages, he or she will begin to gain authority. Lets look at Hebrews 1:

8 But to the Son he says your throne O God is forever and ever a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. Notice righteousness is called a scepter. A scepter is a symbol of authority with God and with man. So Jesus had a scepter of righteousness. When a person began to move from agathos into dikaios, or righteousness, that person will begin to function in a higher realm of God's spiritual authority. That is why if you walk in sin and in darkness and you compromise with God's law you loose your spiritual authority. Even though the spiritual authority is potentially yours but you are giving ground to the enemy. The only way to preserve your spiritual authority is to walk uprightly in your righteousness with God.

Notice how Elijah moved into that realm of authority. James 5:16-17 Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Now he is talking about prayer. He is talking about righteous man at the same time. And he says that the fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man is powerful. And he illustrates immediately in verse seventeen. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours. And he prayed earnestly that it would not rain. And it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. First Kings 17:1 is the first time you hear of Elijah in the bible. Suddenly this man Elijah the Tishbite showed up and walked into the king's palace and said there will be no rain except according to my word thus said the Lord. What James 5:16 is telling us when he said there will be no rain according to my word it was because he was the one who prayed that there will be no rain.

Here is the truth that I want you sink into your heart. When Elijah went to king Ahab and said there was no rain it was initiated by him. There are something that God initiate and there are some things that the righteous could initiate. Look at your bible in James 5:17. Who asked for no rain? Elijah. If you examine the bible carefully Elijah saw the wickedness that slowly came in when king Ahab reigned. He saw the idols coming out in the land. He saw iniquity, he saw trespasses, he saw sin abound. And he was a righteous man. And he cried and cried until one day he says God stop the rain and I will go and tell the king that unless they repent there will be no rain. The prayer of a righteous man I don't know how long he was praying but one day as he was praying to God, the Almighty God may have sent a angel and said Elijah I have heard your prayer. I will stop the rain because you ask. And the Lord also said if you want me to turn the tap on again you must ask me. Now you understand why when Elijah went to the king he told the king, God just made me his heavenly plumber. Because he said there will be no rain except according to my word. He was the one who turned on the tap.

He walked in righteousness and he moved into the realm of the scepter, the authority that comes with righteousness. With that righteousness he rule and reign in the spirit world. When it came time for rain he prayed again and God heard him. There is

authority in righteousness. If you study the word righteousness in the Old Testament you will understand that righteousness is our position with God. In the New Testament righteousness is a position the same like in the Old but righteousness in the New became also a substance. That is why the book of Romans calls righteousness a gift. And it talks about Jesus Christ is our righteousness because righteousness has now become a life force of Jesus Christ that is imparted into our lives.

The opposite of righteousness is sin and there are different words for sin in the bible. The word sin is a general word that covers everything that goes against God. The Hebrew and Greek words for sin talk about trespasses and iniquities. Trespasses have to do with a sin that violates the law and the commands of God. That is why sometimes you see a signboard on a fence that says No Trespassing. Another word for sin implies that there is a boundary drawn and if you cross the area you are trespassing. So when you break God's law you have to repent of trespasses.

If you look over to Second Peter 2 you will read about some people who broke God's law. In verse fifteen they have forsaken the right way and gone astray following the way of Balaam the son of Beor who love the wages of unrighteousness. Balaam was a prophet who did know God at one time. We don't fully understand how he could know God. By the time that God was raising up the Israelites Balaam had some communication with God. If read the Old Testament some of the most beautiful prophecies about the Israelites came out through Balaam's mouth. When he was supposed to curse the Israelites he ended up blessing them. And his blessings were some of the most beautiful prophecies ever. So Balaam had some contact with God but he had problems with his agathos and with his dikaios. You see the verse before that in Second Peter tells you in verse fourteen they have a heart trained in covetous practice. Balaam's heart was never right in the sight of God. He was only some sort of a spiritually inclined man who tapped into law of the spiritual realm that allowed him to communicate with God in the Old Testament method.

Not only that he was unrighteous. He began to teach the people of Balak how to make the Israelites sin. Get them to trespass and break the moral command. See he taught all these unrighteous things. If you don't have agathos you can never have dikaios. Do you notice how many times God connect righteous men with prophets? Almost in the same sentence He talks about them together as if there is a connection between being a prophet and being righteous. Even in James 5:

17 you see the connection. He talks about righteous man and then suddenly talks about Elijah who actually stood in the office of a prophet. Because a true prophet who wants to function with a scepter of authority that God calls him to needs to move into that realm of righteousness.

In Matthew 10 lets just quickly look at some sentences that Jesus made that lumped the words together. In verse forty-one Jesus talks about receiving Him and he says in the same breath he who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. Isn't it interesting that as He mentions prophet He quickly mention righteous man? And there are other scriptures where He talks about how the righteous has died and the blood of the righteous shall be demanded of the generation, which He was facing. And there are other scriptures He talked about the blood of the prophets shall be demanded of that generation. He connects righteous

people with the prophets. Mathew 13 talks about the revelations He gives to His disciples. And He says in verse seventeen, “For assuredly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see and did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did not hear it.” So he talks about righteousness and prophets and lumped them together. It interesting the number of times that they began to interchange, and you began to study the call, the separation that God calls His prophet to and God always calls them from among the righteous.

Think about Zechariah. He was already a righteous man and that prophetic anointing came on his life. Think about Simeon who waited for the coming of the Messiah and he had a tremendous prophecy and words from God. Think about Anna the prophetess who sought God with fasting and prayer. What was Elijah before he was a prophet? Let me tell you he was an intercessor and a prayer warrior. Let me tell you the apostle Paul before he was an apostle he was a man of prayer. You read every epistle he wrote. He tells the Romans I am praying for you. Constantly I remember you before God. He told the Colossians I am praying for you. He told the Ephesians I am praying for you. It looks like he is praying all the time. Its important for us to understand whatever office God calls you to, you are first a man or woman who is agathos, and dikaios - both good and righteous. And in your righteousness you began to move into the realm in God’s secret closet to be the scepter of righteousness in your prayer life. The reason why there is no revival is because there is not enough of righteousness in the life of people. You can be good without being righteous. There are a lot of good man, good Christians, good ministers who didn’t walk righteously in God. Why is there no revival because there is a shortage of the righteous.

There are a lot of people going by the covering of Christians and Christianity but they are not living righteously in God. They are not seeking God in righteousness. Why no revival? Satan laughs because he knows it is all play-acting. God demands righteousness. And if you don’t have righteousness your spiritual ministry is a farce. It’s a false thing; it is not real. It is empty and has no power. There is too much compromise going on. That is why you do not see mantles belonging to past saints like Elijah coming on the people although God would love to drop them on His people. Will you be that one who began to cry out like Elijah and seek God and say God I know this is happening in the body of Christ. I hear news from the west. I hear news from here. I know there is a shaking in the body. I know this man of God has fallen. They have compromised and they are taking the ministry as a professional career.

Holiness

But there is another realm. If you have reached righteousness you haven’t reach the realm that Elijah has reached; you have just touched it. Because there is another realm called hagios. And I know that in the mind of many Christians righteousness and holiness are similar. You ask a normal Christian what is righteousness. He will reply that it is holiness. Then you ask what is righteousness and holiness? Sanctification. The word sanctify is from the same Greek word hagios. Justification is from the same Greek word dikaios. So where is holiness? Holiness goes beyond the law. Remember we said that righteousness has to do with obedience fully to God’s laws. Holiness has to do with our inward most being in nature. Righteousness has to do with the commands of God. Holiness has to do with the nature of God. That is why if you have holiness you have agathos and dikaios. Of course if you have the nature of God you

keep the commands of God. But holiness is a different realm altogether, which is step three.

Let me point some scriptures that point to the difference between holiness and righteousness. In the book of First Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful for me but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me but I will not be brought under the power of any. Now he is not talking about the things that are lawful now. He is going further and he began to talk about things that are inexpedient. In other words he is saying there are some things that are lawful for me but I will not move into those either.

What are those things for example? We are not saying we are against those things. We are just using it as examples. For example you like to play tennis. There is no scripture in the bible that say thou shall not play tennis. Or thou shall not go swimming. Perhaps it is your hobby. Or perhaps you play tennis for about six hours a day. Then it is something wrong. You say playing tennis is not sin. We are not talking about things that are sinful. Listen very carefully God will deal with our agathos and our righteousness before He deals with our holiness. Some people can not move into holiness because they have not move into righteousness yet. Don't talk to me about holiness if you are breaking moral commandments. You can't even keep righteousness, how can you talk about holiness?

There are some situations where perhaps it is much better for them at least to spend one hour playing tennis than for them to spend that one hour in immorality elsewhere. God doesn't disturb them. God deals with our holiness according to our levels. The more you grow with God the more He makes demands of you. That is why as a young Christians you may play tennis six hours a day and not be disturbed. You say pastor I don't know why last time I play tennis for six hours I was not troubled but now I am troubled. Then the pastor says I know why because God now tells you to limit to two hours a day. Why because God says He now wants the other four hours. Before that God didn't disturb you. You know why God didn't disturb you? Before if you didn't play tennis six hours you would be committing adultery for four hours and two hours at tennis.

That is why I am talking about areas you can not impose on others. I don't impose my discipline on another person. I may spend time for about six to eight hours praying everyday. But I don't call another pastor and say you must do the same. It would be wrong for me to impose my standard. I don't read the papers regularly. But that is nothing wrong with reading the papers. See he is not talking about lawfulness. If you are out there in the business world you probably need to read and do your research everyday. As you grow in God, God begin to deal with your life and with the small, small things that you do that He has never dealt with before. As a young believer He puts up with you. But as you grow in God, God began to make demands on you. He makes demands on our time. He begins to demand and say cut this out cut that out. When God starts dealing in your life in that area you begin to enter the realm of holiness.

After you walked through righteousness there is a new realm of authority that begins to flood your life. You begin to carry the presence of God that is normally not there. See when you walk in righteousness you carry the scepter. When you walk in holiness you carry Him. Paul always relates holiness with His presence. Do you not know that

your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? I believe there is a realm that we can walk into where we can carry the tangible presence of God twenty-four hours a day. You want me to share a secret with you. It takes four to five hours prayer everyday to maintain it. One hour of prayer can not maintain the tangible presence of God. To maintain God's presence in your life twenty-four hours a day it takes four to five hours of praying in this world we live in. So that your mind is so disciplined and sanctified that there is nothing that can disturb your mind. When you began to walk in this realm that's when you contact the presence of God. That's what God calls a prophet to be, separated onto Him.

But that is not all; there is something else. You see you can walk in agathos without enjoying it. Matthew 7:17 says even so every good tree bears good fruit. In the Greek it says every agathos tree bears kalous fruit. There is another Greek word for good and that is the word kalous. The word kalous is not used only in a sense of goodness. Kalous means beautifully good or pleurably good. In other words you begin to enjoy being good. You began to enjoy doing the right things. So if you are good is not good enough you must enjoy goodness. So every agathos tree bears kalous fruit. In verse eighteen an agathos tree can not bear bad fruit nor can a bad tree bears kalous fruit. He is talking about kalous and that is the realm God wants you to move into.

In the book of Hebrews 1:9 it says about Jesus, "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness." It is not enough just to be righteous. A lot of Christians are not sinning. They are really wanting to be upright morally and righteous. But they are miserable. You could tell by the way they talk that they really want to sin but they know they can not. They haven't reached that stage yet where they love righteousness. You must reach the stage that you love righteousness. You love uprightness and morality. You love God's commandments. Then you begin to tap on the authority we are talking about. And then holiness is the same. You must reach the realm where you are willing to pay the price to be holy. A lot of people pay the price and they don't enjoy it. You reach a realm where you pay the price and you love it.

Like the apostle Paul he says in Second Corinthians 12 he says that all the infirmities and things that happened In his life was because of the apostleship that he bear. He was willing to put up with a lot of suffering. He didn't just suffer. The bible says in Second Corinthians 12 he says I take pleasure in my infirmities. I take pleasure in reproaches. Because holiness has to deal with your iniquity as righteousness deals with your trespasses. The word iniquity in the Hebrew also has a meaning of vanity. And that word iniquity talks about our inner most inclination. See trespasses talks about our outward lawlessness. The word iniquity deals with the condition of our heart. Jesus didn't just take our trespasses; He took our iniquities upon Himself. He deals with that bend towards sin. Didn't the bible declare in the book of Hebrews 8 and 10 that a day will come and God will write His laws in our hearts and in our mind so that we will love the Lord and do what He wants.

Now in closing, let us look at Isaiah 6 as we begin to understand this realm, the call that God gives to all prophets and men of God. Isaiah has already started his ministry and Isaiah was already a righteous man. I want you to know that Isaiah has already moved into that second realm of authority. But now as he encountered God in the time when king Uzziah died there was possibly a vacuum of leadership. And Isaiah in the year that king Uzzah died he saw the Lord in verse three, And he saw the seraphs crying out Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. And when he saw the holiness

of God notice what he said in verse five, Woe to me I am unclean. I want you to know that Isaiah was a righteous man. He was not a person who is sinning and breaking God's moral laws. He was blameless and upright as to the Jewish commands. But when he begin to meet God face to face he is talking about his iniquities. He says, "Woe for I am unclean. A man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. He is not talking about the works alone. He is talking about the words. Your words are reflection of your nature. In verse seven, The seraphs flew down with a burning coal and he touched my mouth with it and said behold these has touched your lips and taken away your iniquity. Notice what the seraph has taken away. Your iniquity; he didn't say your trespasses because he didn't have trespasses but your iniquity has been taken away. And your sin is parched away. From that day forward Isaiah moved into a higher realm of his prophet's office.

And I challenge you tonight if God has called you to be prophet, you need to ask yourself whether you are just a prophet who moves in agathos. Or are you just a prophet on the second level? Or do you want to be a prophet in the third level? If God called you to be a man or woman of God, do you want to be a man of God who lives at the first level, the second level or the third level. There are a lot of people living at the first level. They compromise a lot of things in their lives that are against God's final command. And they are getting away with it because they have a good heart. They are not perfect in their works yet. There are too many people who are contented at that first level of ministry. They are willing to put and compromise with sins and with lies just because they think that the ends justify the means. There is a lot of flesh in their ministry and they end up being mediocre.

One Jesus was enough to change the entire world. One Paul was enough to shake the entire generation he lived in. One Elijah was enough to shake the entire nation. And in our days there are so many man and woman of God who have fallen. Why is it that we don't have that kind of shaking, that kind of out pouring and that kind of revivals that we have read about? There are too many want to live at the agathos level. There are some who are beginning to move into the second level. They are upright and blameless people. They are lovers of God and righteousness. And they begin to tap on the scepter of righteousness. And they are making some impact on their towns and their cities. The devil is not going after cities. The devil is going after nations. We need men and women of God who have a world vision. We need people of the third dimension. Where are the man and woman of God who have shut themselves up with God and know nothing else but God and His word? Where are the men and women of God who have separated themselves from the world? People will mock and jeer them. But yet they will say there is something of God there that we can't deny. Where are the men and women of God who will live in the third dimension? Tonight God is calling you to live in that third dimension. Whatever ministry you are in if you will choose to live in the third dimension the Lord promises you the nation and the world. The Lord promises you that your tiny little life will be able to shake the world.

3. FOUR LEVELS OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

We will now look at the four degrees in which prophecy can work. The four levels talk about the different strength that He can move in. The four degrees talk about the different depths or heights in which He can reveal.

Lets look at Acts 2 where Peter prophesied about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh as from the time of the day of Pentecost. It says some interesting things here in Acts 2:7 onwards. It says, "It shall come to pass in the last days, I will pour out of my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young man shall see vision. Your old man shall dream dreams." That particular verse there your young man shall see vision and old man shall dream dreams has been a common experience in the lives of many Charismatic Christians and dreams and visions are some of the side effects of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

But there are a few things there that sometimes cause people to be puzzled because a lot of young men are dreaming and a lot of old men are seeing visions. So some of the young men are wondering whether they have grown old. Why did God use such a statement? But there is a certain Greek word here that is found in Acts 2. Old men shall dream dreams - the word dreams here is not the normal Greek word for dream. The normal Greek word for dreams is the word onar. That is the word used in Matthew where it says that the Joseph dreamt a dream and he saw this angel coming to him and telling him to receive Mary as his wife. And that same angel appeared several times in the dream telling him to move into Egypt and then come out from Egypt and then go to a different place. That word dream is the normal Greek word onar. But here the Greek word for dreams is from a special Greek word that is not used elsewhere except in the book of Jude. And it is the Greek word enupnion is used twice, once in its verb form one in its noun.

If you research into the word enupnion it tells you that it can include something that you received in a state of sleep. But it has a further meaning of a perception that you received usually in sleep but not necessarily always. Even in the way it is used in the negative sense in the book of Jude about those filthy dreamers. Jude 8 Likewise these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. He is not talking about those dreamers who were sleeping. They were not in the state of sleep. These people were having a sort of false perception. In the book of Jude it is used in a negative sense. Now here the word dreamers is not used in reference of somebody sleeping. It is used to describe somebody who is so self deluded that they are walking in a dream-like state. They are fully conscious and not asleep but their minds are taken up by a strong delusion. They are firmly convinced of something that is immorally wrong against God's commandments. Something that is unrighteous and unholy.

In the previous message we talked about unrighteousness and holiness which a lot of Christians don't realize the difference. But here is a group of filthy dreamers who were deluded and whose minds are so deceived that they possibly see black as white and white as black. They can't tell the difference between right and wrong. And they are going against God and they are falling away from God without realizing the extent of the gravity of their sin. So this word enupnion is a specialized Greek word and is used only these two times in the New Testament.

With that basic understanding as you examine it in the book of Acts 2. We realize that the Holy Spirit is talking about something else other than the normal word onar or dreams. And as I researched further into this word and this text, I realize here that the word young men and old men may not necessary talk about physical age. I would have no problems if you interpret it for those of physical age. But what we want is not to miss out any possible interpretation that is there. Just like in the book of First John when apostle John talks about little children, young men and fathers, you could interpret that to be just physical children, physical young men and physical old men. However the scripture also does gives you the contextual interpretation that those could represent spiritual age. In the same way of interpreting the bible we see in Acts 2 that the word young man and old man can refer to a sort of spiritual development and spiritual growth in God.

We know that John the apostle also refer to himself as John the aged. He is physically old but more than that he also grew in spiritual age. There is something about spiritual age that we need to take note of: spiritual age is not just measured in physical chronological time. It does not mean that if you came to know Christ about twenty years ago, therefore now you are twenty years old as a Christian. Spiritually speaking it is not necessarily so. If you came to know God twenty years ago, but out of the twenty years you lived only five years with God and fifteen years with the devil. You didn't live your life right with God and are falling into sin and repenting and give and take the total number of your years that you lived for God came up to about five years. Then although you were twenty years in chronological age since the time you met Christ, in your spiritual age you are only five years as a Christian.

The bible tells us to number our days to redeem the time. Why does it tell us to redeem the time? Because the time is given to everybody and you need to redeem it by living it for God, using it for God. Then when you live it for God and use it for God, it gets credited in God's chronological time span. But if you don't live it for God it is blotted out through the Blood of Jesus Christ. So when you get to heaven and you have a videotape replay of your life, you may think that the videotape would be very long. At the beginning you see yourself accepting Christ and then at the ending you see how you died. You ask God what happened to the in between time. God said it all got edited away. It has been cleansed and blotted by the Blood of Jesus when you repented. You will be in for a surprise that the number of years that you live for God was so short. So that gives encouragement for each one of us here that when we are born again, it matters how much we live for God day by day. That is our true spiritual growth. If you have lived twenty for God then you have grown spiritually. So we are talking about spiritual growth here, spiritual age that God can speak about.

First Degree: Revelation Content

We are talking about four degrees of the Spirit of prophecy. The first degree is its revelation content in terms of the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge. See the Spirit of prophecy can be at its lowest level just to comfort, exhort and edify. It has no word of wisdom or predictive nature involved. The first level has the predictive nature coming into the Spirit of prophecy in the seed form method. In other words you could have entitled this tape 'how to predict or tell the future'. I know it sounds very controversial when you get to understand the true essence of the message by its title. The world is looking for prediction of future. The world has turned to astrologers, occult and all kinds of unscriptural methods in order to know the future.

Astrology is a billion dollars business. Why do people pay all this money to know the future? It is because it is important to them. I am not telling about Christian fortune telling where a Christian could get into this thing and open a shop that says your future foretold. You are not supposed to do that. But let us not forget the verse that Jesus gave us in the gospel of John where He talks about the Holy Spirit coming down. And virtually every one of us if you were to plan your life in God, you will need some sort of understanding of perception of what your future is. How can you plan your life in God unless you sort of perceive what your future life is like? So every one of us deals with the future all the time. And according to our perception of the future we organize our life in God. I believe in having a state of order. I don't believe in living in a confused state and say I don't know my future. I am just living day by day. It sounds very spiritual but it is not the way God wants us to live our life. God expects us to plan our life in Him, in dependence upon Him. Not in dependence on ourselves. But it doesn't remove the responsibility of living a planned life in God.

The gospel of John is speaking about the Holy Spirit in John 16:13. It says, "When He the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth and He will not speak on His own authority but whatever He hears He will speak. And He will tell you things to come." Now it is very clear that one of the works of the Holy Spirit is to warn us and to tell us things to come. Why does He need to do that to us? It is because we have an enemy whom we must also confront. And God knows more than the enemy. So God will warn us before hand so that we could prepare our lives and He will reveal. The reason for the Holy Spirit giving visions and enupnion is so that we could perceive what He wants us to do. I am talking about His future for us and not our future for ourselves. Somehow or other God will have to reveal to us the things to come so that we could prepare ourselves for what He wants. So it is scriptural to deal with things that we are talking about in the Spirit of prophecy when it deals with its predictive nature, not only in its forth telling but in its foretelling. And because it has been misused and abused of what we call foretelling, people have just avoided that subject and concentrated on forth telling. Then to be balanced we need to cover both forth telling and foretelling.

In the Hebrew Old Testament there are actually two types of prophets. There is one that is used in the Hebrew word Nabi which means one who has a flowing of words in his life. The other is the word Ro'eh and that is the word seer or visionary. You will notice that certain prophets are just purely Ro'eh. Certain prophets are purely Nabi. Certain prophets are both Nabi and Ro'eh. The Ro'eh types are those that deal a lot with visions. And what they give forth are in vision form. And you see a number of them in the minor prophets. Then there are others who have a lot of words. They are giving words and there are others of them which function in both realms in visions and in words. God speaks to His people in visions in order to reveal the future.

So we could as easily say the Christian way of knowing your future or how to tell the future. The first is what I call the seed form method or enupnion, which is a perception that comes as a result of your spiritual growth and perception in God. Notice that Acts 2 says old men shall enupnion. What are some examples of that? You will notice that in the Old Testament several times whenever one of those old patriarchs was about to go home, they have an uncanny ability to prophesy. Have you ever notice that? As they were giving the last blessings to their next generation, they move into what I call a prophetic utterance. How did they do it? It is enupnion that the

old man is perceiving. The emphasis is more on perception than on just sleeping. See the word dreams places a strong emphasis on sleeping.

Lets look at some examples here in the book of Genesis and we see some of these old men enupnion or perception or move into the lowest level of prophetic utterance that comes as a result of spiritual age. In Genesis 48:8 Jacob whose name is also Israel is now old. He had known the Lord to a certain extent. His life was full of sorrow but some of them were full of joy. And he has walked with God some way and he has grown in God. Now all his children are in the land of Egypt. And Joseph was ruler over that area and Israel was about to die. He was a well-respected man. He was an old man not only in the natural but also in the spiritual. See although we talk about spiritual age. If all things are equal and every body live their lives for God using all natural years that they have, then naturally the older a person is, the more perception they would have compared to a younger person.

In Genesis 48:8 as Israel saw Joseph's sons, Joseph said to his father these are my sons whom God has given me in this place. And he said please bring them to me and I will bless them. Notice what he wants to do is pray a prayer of blessings on their lives. In verse ten, the eyes of Israel were dimmed with age so that he could not see. And as Joseph brought them near him, he kissed them and embraced them. And Israel said to Joseph I have not thought to see your face but in fact God has also shown me your offsprings. Then in verse thirteen and fourteen, Israel stretched out his hands. He crossed them and he began to bless them. It says here in verse fourteen he stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head who was the younger and his left hand on Manasseh's head guiding his hands knowingly. For Manasseh was the first born. And basically what he did was that he put a stronger blessing on Ephraim who was younger and the smaller blessings on Manasseh who was the older. And Joseph was displeased because this was not normally done.

But what Jacob did was in his prophetic utterance, he was moving in the area of prophetic blessing where he sensed in God that there was going to be something coming strong out of Ephraim. He gave him the blessings of his right hand. And to Manasseh he gave the blessings of his left hand. And he predicted just by looking at them what was to come in the years to come. And he says here in verse seventeen, when Joseph saw that his father had his right hand on the head of Ephraim. It displeased him so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. In verse eighteen, Joseph said not so my father this one is the firstborn. Then verse nineteen, his father refused and said I know my son I know. He says its because he perceived in the spirit of prophecyy. In verse nineteen he says, he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. But truly his younger brother shall be greater then he. And his descendants shall become a multitude of nation.

Now that is a prediction. You will classify that normally under the word of wisdom, a prophecyy of things to come. But here the way it came into being is interesting. It was at the point of Israel home going. He tapped on what I would call enupnion. Where as a result of a person's spiritual age and growth in God, a person could move into that first degree of the Spirit of prophecyy and begin to perceive and predict based on their spiritual growth in God and their ability to see further than those of his younger generation. Usually the natural also is there.

If you think about it if all things are equal, those who are ahead of us and older than us spiritually and in the natural, they would be able naturally and spiritually to see more than we can see. Now what kind of thing shall we classify it? We classify it as an enupnion. It is a perception that comes when the Spirit of prophecy comes on an old man in the Lord. They shall dream dreams. They shall be able to receive a strong perception. It may be in sleep, it may not be in sleep. But they shall receive a perception. That is as a result of their stature in God. Then we see other things that happened in chapter 49. Israel or Jacob was also able to move in the Spirit of prophecy and predict the other things that will happen to all his other children.

Now the way he goes about it is interesting. Like I said a seed form prediction is based on the ability of a person to tell from the seed what is to come. For example if you see a durian seed you will recognize it. And if I were to give you a durian seed and say tell me what kind of tree this will look like. Will it be six feet tall, twenty feet tall or thirty feet tall. You will be able to tell me that the average durian tree is about thirty feet tall and bears thorny fruit which has a tremendous taste. From that seed you could tell something. And the more expert you are as a botanist the more you could tell just from the seed above the average person what kind of plant it will be. This is what I call the seed form ability.

Now the seed form ability comes into a person's natural life who is very experienced in life and with children. You could tell that some of your children lean towards the mechanical side, some lean towards the artistic side. Even though you say I want you to be a doctor, your child says no I want to be an artist. They have what I call an inner inclination that causes them to be good in different things. A person may have F in all his drawings but he has A in mathematics. The other child may have F in mathematics and A in drawings. So there is an inclination that you could see that from the way a child performs and the way they are, you are able to tell from what I call seed form their future.

As you walk pass any high security area, the guards look at your features and the way you walk. They don't have time to check on everybody. But they will pick and check at random. One of the things they are trained is to spot a criminal's face. We sometimes can tell criminals by their faces. After many years of crime it gets on their face. People could tell by the hardness or gentleness on their face. See there is a seed form that people recognize. So in the same way we are talking about spiritual area here. There is a seed form where you could recognize certain things.

In Genesis 49 as Jacob was predicting the future of his sons. He is using the seed form method. In verse three, Reuben you are my first born, my might and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. Unstable as water you shall not excel because you went up to your father's bed. Then you defiled it. Now it looks as if he was cursing Reuben for something that Reuben did in his past. But this is supposed to be the blessing not a curse. But what happened was he moved into what I call the first degree of the Spirit of prophecy. He is saying Reuben you are unstable I know you. And this is what your future will be like Reuben. See he is predicting based on the seed form. And some of things he quoted were from the life of his sons.

He says in verse five Simeon and Levi my brothers are instruments of cruelty. In their anger they slew a man. In their self will they hamstring an ox. In other words these

were real tough children. And so Jacob as he saw them growing through his maturity and through his walk in God and by virtue of his age, he could tell their future to a certain extent. Now these things are not just natural. There are a lot of people who try to use the natural and they sort of boxed you in and said you will never change. The rest of your life you will always be like that. That would be a curse but here it so happened that there is a spiritual prediction on that. I am not talking about boxing people into their past. But rather the evidence of their nature and their inclination comes forth through their whole life. And that gives you a seed form prediction on their future.

Now there are some prediction that there is no way in the natural you could tell. Like verse 20, bread from Asher shall be rich and he shall yield royal dainties. But nothing is recorded of his past. So if there is nothing recorded we can take it that Jacob had no evidence but somehow under the Spirit of prophecy in the first degree, he was able to tell his children what their future is like. He moved in the Spirit of prophecy in the first degree called enupnion. Whatever we do and whatever we say is a reflection of what is in our heart.

Lets look over to the book of II Kings 13:14-20 Elisha had become sick with an illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "My father, my father the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!" And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows. Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them." Then he said, "Take the arrow"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped. And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Syria till you have destroyed it. But now you will strike Syria only three times." Then Elisha died.

Now notice what happened here. There is a seed form Spirit of prophecy involved. And he gave the king of Israel a clue. He says take the arrow and shoot the arrow of deliverance of the Lord against the Syrians. Then he says take all your arrows. Now struck them on the ground. This old man was lying down and said to the king to strike the arrows on the ground. The king only struck three times. Elisha says you have should struck them until the arrows are broken. Because you didn't do that you only strike them three times.

What happened is this. What is in the heart comes out in action. See he already gave the king a warning. Supposing under a prophetic anointing you were given the object and the prophet has given you the warning. He says this object represent satan. And he said do something about it. And under the Spirit of prophecy you take it and kiss the object. It doesn't mean that when you start kissing the object that is the time only that you are going to do that. No. But how you relate to that object shows your strength of your hatred for the devil. It was already in the heart. Remember that. That was only something to bring it out. And so that object is given to you and you are told that it represents the devil. Now do something against it. You take it and you give it a little spanking. If a man of God like Elisha were there he would have scolded you.

That's not the way to treat the devil. He needs more than a spanking. How you treat it shows the extent of your hatred against the devil.

The king of Israel already had something in his heart. And in that moment under an anointing the man of God was just bringing forth what was in his heart. He already gave him a warning by saying that arrow now under this anointing represents the Syrians. And he told him take those arrows and strike them on the ground. I don't know what the king of Israel was thinking. He should have a stronger attitude against them. Then he could have victory. That shows that under the anointing he will never be able to excel.

Those of us who are experienced in the ministry for many years, when we relate to a younger person coming up in the ministry will be able to pick up whether this person is going to succeed by their dedication to God, by their fervor for God, by their love for people, by their ability to relate. You could tell to a certain extent just by virtue of your experience of those years you have been in God. This form of thing when it is under the anointing and under the unction of the Holy Spirit is called the first degree the enupnion. They shall dream dreams. Then as you walk in God in the Spirit of prophecy you could move into the second degree.

Second Degree: Mysteries and Enigmas

The second degree of the Spirit of prophecy is what I call mysteries and enigmas. The book of Numbers 12 In this particular case Miriam and Aaron were having a problem with Moses. It was a personal problem. But they brought it into the spiritual region. In Numbers 12 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses. In verse 2, they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses; has He not also spoken through us also? And the Lord heard it. The man Moses was very humble more than all men who were on the face of the earth. Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam. Come out you three to the tabernacle of meeting. So the three came out. In verse 6, The Lord said if there is a prophet among you I the Lord make myself know to him in a vision and I speak to him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses he is faithful in all my house. I speak with him face to face even plainly and not in dark sayings. And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses. The interesting this is that the Lord reveals in verse 8 that He will speak to Moses face to face. And He says not in dark saying or enigmas or mysteries. But he says in verse 5 that He will reveal Himself to the prophets in vision and in dreams.

That is the second degree in which the Spirit of prophecy in its predictive ability can come to a person. It comes in parables, pictures or things that are mysterious and need a further interpretation. Now these things constantly happen to the Old Testament prophets. They constantly receive things that they don't understand and need to pray for more wisdom and understanding. There are a lot of mysteries they have received which are prophecies of the future.

In the book of Daniel 7:2 Daniel said, "I saw in my vision by night; and behold the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. Now when he says the vision by night you must understand that in the Old Testament and in the bible understanding a dream is also called a vision by night. There can be three types of dreams that you can classify it into. A prophet is sometimes called like in Deut. 13 a dreamer of dreams. So there are three types of dreams. First, there are dreams that have nothing to do with

the spiritual area. They are purely natural. So not all your dreams are prophetic. Turn to the book of Ecclesiastes 5:3, for a dream comes through much activities and a fool's voice is known by his many words. So number one your dream can come because of your activity. So those dreams are not necessarily from God.

Secondly, a dream can be a disturbance from the devil. These are demonic oppressions that try to affect your dreams. And a lot of times they are quite common to the unbeliever. And to the believer as long as you do not fall into sin they do not occur. As a born again believer you should never have. As long as you have no sin in your life, your conscience is clean, that kind of dream will never disturb you. But when you have given in to sin and you have compromise your conscience it opens a door for disturbance in your sleep life. So that is the second category that is demonic activity.

But the third we recognize is that it can come from God. Not all dreams come from God just like our thought life. Not all our thoughts are from God. Some of our thoughts are from the enemy. He tries to implant wrong thoughts, evil thoughts, filthy thoughts into our mind, which we should reject. Or our thoughts can come from our own initiation. Or our thoughts can be the soft still voice of the Holy Spirit coming into our spirit and being interpreted as thoughts to our mind. So there can be those three realms we must be aware of that.

And there is a category of dream that can be directly from God as we read in Matthew 1 how Joseph had this encounter with an angel. Lets turn to the book of Job 33. This is a statement made by Elihu. If you notice the three friends of Job, when God rebuked them He didn't rebuke Elihu. In Job 33:14-16 For God may speak in one way or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in the vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. Notice that the bible treats the third category dreams as those from God as a vision of the night.

Dan. 7:2 Daniel said I saw in my vision by night. And you notice in verse one that actually it was a dream. I have given you enough scriptures to show and prove to you that the word dream and the word vision of the night are use interchangeably in the bible. But you must understand it is the third category of dream. And here he says I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came out from the sea each different from the other. The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings. Then as I looked, its wings were plucked off and it was lifted from the ground and made to stand upon two feet like a man and the mind of a man was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, it has three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told , 'Arise, devour much flesh'. He goes on and then he sees this third and fourth beast. In verse seven, After this I saw in my night visions, and behold a fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceeding strong. Then he goes on after he sees all these things. In verse fifteen, I, Daniel, my spirit within my body and the visions of my head troubled me.

Do you notice that under the second degree you can receive a prophecy that comes in mysteries and enigmas? Like God says in Numbers chapter 12. He says that if there were prophets He will speak to them by visions, by dark sayings that are enigmas and mysteries. So the second degree of the Spirit of prophecy is quite interesting realm by

itself. It is the primary realm in which a prophet functions. He speaks words that he himself doesn't understand. Sometimes they search in themselves what those words are talking about. They speak words that God gave it to them and they just utter it forth.

David uttered those words in Psalms 22 My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me. It could be what I call the dual type prophecy describing those things actually occurring in his life. And then as he spoke it in a song, it pointed to the suffering Messiah. It is just like Isaac and Abraham. It was an actual incident. And the tension and the emotional sacrifice that was involved was real to Abraham. Yet that became a prophecy about God sending His Son for the sacrifice of the world. And in the same way with the interpretation of the book of Revelations of the seven churches, they were real actual churches. And there were more than seven churches at that time. But God picked them at random because they point in a prophetic way to the last days. So in the same way we see the dual prophecies coming forth. And here in this form of enigmas and mysteries a figurative prophecy is the second degree. And they are very hard to deal with because they need a lot of interpretations.

And under this second degree we need to break it down a little bit. To receive a prophecy of the second degree is one thing. To receive its interpretation is another. You could easily misinterpret an allegorical prophecy. Sometimes a word from God is true and real but its interpretation is wrong. And if you get its interpretation wrong, you will get the wrong application. So we must get the reception correct. Don't take every dream to be from God. You have to check it with the scriptures first. And check within your own life whether there are some wrong things there that can affect your reception. If you could get pass all those stages and the reception is from God, then you still got some problems to deal with. You got the second problem of interpretation. Then after the interpretation you still got another third problem, the third problem of application.

And so in the second degree Daniel was grieved. Notice the first area reception is not enough he needed interpretation. In verse 15 the visions troubled him. And he had to ask for an interpretation. He had to ask for an understanding. We need to realize that we got to search for the interpretation and pay as much price to tap into. You see the second degree has these three flavors. To tap in is one thing but you got to go in press further in to tap into the interpretation too. A lot of people run away with the first reception. They don't wait until the interpretation comes. They run off and they apply it wrongly.

Like the book of Judges they waited long enough for God to speak thoroughly to them. In the book of Judges where there was a civil war right at the ending. Judges 20, as all the men of Israel were fighting against the Benjaminites. The men of Israel came to God and they prayed. The thing is that they sought God in verse 18. The children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God to ask counsel of God. They said, "Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin." Then God said, "Judah shall go up first." So the children of Israel rose in the morning and came against Gibeah. Then the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin. And the men of Israel put themselves in battle array to fight against them at Gibeah. And the children of Benjamin came on at Gibeah and on that day cut down to the ground twenty two thousand men of the Israelites Now the question I ask is this. If God spoke to them why didn't they win? They did seek God. They ask God who is to go first.

God said Judah. They had a reception. They didn't press further to find out from God. They were all ready for war. They were just waiting for the signal but not for the understanding. So when God said Judah before God could say anything else they ran out. Then they came back to God and ask what happened. And they say in the next verse 23 shall I go again God. In fact they were already waiting to go. Then God said go up against him. Before God could have said any other thing they have gone. This time 18 thousand people died. In verse 26 they really were troubled. It took the death of 40 thousand people before they wept they fasted, they offered burn offerings, now these were the things that were already required of them in the bible. They were supposed to do it everyday. Do you remember the commands of Moses? The Law of Moses required that burnt offerings everyday. They neglected all these things and then in a crisis quickly seek God just like some Christians. The only time they ever fast is when they have no food. You talk about waiting on God four, five hours a day. They will never do it. They are too busy. But when a crisis strikes them, like perhaps in business, they are being sued on the left and right. They had no choice but to seek God because they have no natural help. Or perhaps Christians who don't want to serve God, or live for God and depend on themselves. One day an illness strikes them that they had no medical help and they were given six months to live. Then they start seeking God. It is sad but people still do that. Then now only they began to do those things that they should have done everyday. They didn't check themselves. Finally they give peace offerings, burn offerings and these were the final words they needed. In verse 28 "Shall I yet go out," they asked. And the Lord said, "Go out for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand." Now that is what they needed. They should have waited until the understanding and the interpretation of the battle was clear.

Do you know that before Joshua went out, God said I have given you this land. He didn't go out just because God says go forth. He went out only after he had received the battle in the spirit. You don't go out to do something in the natural until you have completed in the spiritual. You don't do half way and then go off. If you haven't received it in the spirit you can never receive it in the natural. If you haven't receive the victory in the spiritual you can never receive the victory in the natural. And they have never received the victory in the spiritual. Because they haven't waited long enough in God's presence for God to say I have given them to you. That is why the second area is important. When you have just a reception of a prophetic word from God, it is important to get into God and understand the full significance of what He is trying to say to you. Get the interpretation and the understanding clear before you go into application. Some people bypass the interpretation so that from the reception straightaway they go to the application. They don't have an in between process where they continue to wait and seek God for clarification and interpretation. So they always miss God all the time.

In the book of Acts 21:3 you see a group of people who met Paul in the city of Tyre. When they landed there in verse 4 finding disciples we stayed there 7 days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. Now notice here that what they said was from the Spirit but how they applied it was not from the Spirit. It tells you by the capital S that they signified by the Spirit. I would gather that what this disciple sensed was that Paul 's life was in danger. What is the natural reaction to danger? Avoid it and flee from it. So the spiritual reception was polluted by natural interpretation. And therefore it ended up with a wrong application. But do you know that Paul was not affected at all. Why because Paul already knew in his spirit what he was supposed to

do. In Acts 20:22-23 I go bound in the Spirit to Jerusalem not knowing the things that will happen to me there except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city saying that the chains and tribulations await me. Paul already knows that he must go to Jerusalem. That's number one. Paul already knows that there was great danger on this trip to Jerusalem. And he was prepared for it. Now when the prophecy came to his life and said Paul don't go. What they did was they gave the reception, interpretation and application together.

If you move into the second degree if you don't have the interpretation you should learn how to stop. A lot of beginners moving into the Spirit of prophecy give the reception, saying, "I see this; I see that" and then they move into the interpretation. They say, "This means this for you; this means that for you." Then they move into application. "You must do this you must do that." If you receive the second degree prophecy, you have to check yourself. If God only give you the reception stop there. If God gives you reception and interpretation, stop there. You are not supposed to apply it. But if God gives you the reception, the interpretation and the application, then you can give all three. But learn to stop when the Spirit says to stop. Some people only have accelerators and no brakes. When they start prophesying they go all out. At first it was good then after some time they end up with their own ideas coming in. So some people end up trying to preach through their prophecy.

If a pastor comes to you and say I prophesy that God wants you to be in my church. Or I prophesy that you are going to give me this amount of money. That is not a prophet's ministry. They interpret prophet for profit. That is not the Spirit of prophecy. That is spiritual conmanship. It is manipulation clothed in a spiritual covering. It doesn't matter if the person reveal where you keep your purse. Or how much you have. Because it is spiritual intimation and God doesn't want us to put up with that. And that is why we need to understand that there are something that God didn't say that we can not simply say thus says the Lord. God's name will be affected.

And involved in this second degree we need to understand the spiritual principles of spirit perception and Holy Ghost saying. There is a difference between the human spirit and the Holy Spirit. We must know the difference when we move into this area.

In Acts 21 here was a group of people who prophesied by the Spirit. They got the correct reception. But they got the interpretation and the application wrong. Acts 21:10-11 Agabus the prophet came he prophesied about Paul all those things that were going to happen in verse 11. The prophecy was beautiful. The thing I admire about Agabus is this. He didn't interpret nor did he apply. He learnt to stop when the Holy Ghost says stop. All he did was deliver the prophecy. And he left the business of interpretation and application to the person concerned. He minded his own business. Look at verse 12 the others around him including Luke misinterpreted the prophecy. They took that prophecy as a warning rather than a confirmation. A New Testament prophet or ministry of prophecy can not lead any more. They have lost their authority in the New Testament to lead. They are now supposed to only confirm. If you receive a prophecy that doesn't confirm anything, put it on the shelf first if it is good. If it is bad, doesn't comfort, exhort and edify drop it off. We are not led by the prophecy. If you are led by prophecy you get into trouble. We are led the Holy Spirit inside us. And Paul sought confirmation. That is why those of us who move into the Spirit of prophecy and predictive, we must be very cautious and careful. Sometimes when God reveals something to you and you sensed it that the other person hasn't heard it yet,

you should have the patience to wait. The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. That is why if you have received a prophecy you must wait your turn. So it is important to understand the difference between emotional zeal and spiritual power. Noisy is not necessary powerful.

So here we have the wrong interpretation given by his own people because they have an emotional bonding to Paul. They don't want his life to be in danger. And they applied it wrongly. They even persuaded him not to go. And they were crying and weeping holding on to Paul's hands. Paul had to tell them you are breaking my heart. He says I am prepared to die I must go. He was not moved at all. Some people take this that Paul was moving out of God's will. They were wrong about it. Because later on in chapter 23:11 The Lord appeared to Paul and confirm his position and tell him later he will go on to Rome. So he was moving within God's will. So here we must differentiate between the reception, the interpretation and the application in order to move correctly into the second degree. Remember we need as much prayer to get into interpretation as much as to receive.

Even if it is a vision it is the same thing. If it is an allegory like for example Acts 10. Peter has an allegorical vision regarding the gentiles. And it tells us here that while he was hungry and praying in verse 9. And in verse 11 he saw heaven open and an object like a great sheet bound on the four corners descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things and birds of the air. And a voice came to him and said, rise Peter kill and eat. Not so Lord he says. And three times it happened in verse 16, the voice that says, "Peter rise, kill and eat." In verse 17 do you notice Peter did not understand the interpretation. He received a prophecy. He received that vision but he didn't have the interpretation. It was later on that he understood the interpretation. Later on when these gentiles came in verse 19 there were three men, three visions, three men in verse 19, three men are seeking you. If he puts two and two together he would have realized that the three visions were about the gentiles, three men here, God says to go with them. Peter had better interpret properly because the other part of the vision says rise, kill and eat. So even the words in a vision need interpretation. The words rise, kill and eat actually means rise, go and harvest. So we must be careful as we operate in the Spirit of prophecy to realize how much interpretation plays a role. And that is the primary area that causes the prophetic movement to fall into disregard and to lose its dignity in the body of Christ.

A lot of people are against it not because they are really anti prophecy but because of the abuses and the misuses of prophecy. People use it to control people's life. People use it to manipulate others. People use it to their own selfish gain. But there is a genuine gift that we want to really have the body of Christ be blessed like Paul says lets us desire to prophesy. But we need to be balanced as we move into these areas so that we don't move into error. And the prime error I found is not so much as the reception side. A lot of error is in the interpretation side and subsequently it gets magnified in the application side. That is why a lot of people are side tracked, due to a wrong move in this second degree of the Spirit of prophecy, mysteries and enigmas.

Lets look at the book of I Peter for a moment. We see here in I Peter 1:10-11 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ was in them was indicating when he testified beforehand the sufferings of

Christ and the glories that would follow. Now you notice what this Old Testament prophet did. They prophesied of things that they themselves don't fully understand. They don't fully understand the interpretation or the application. Some of them understood the interpretation but didn't know the application. They didn't know who is it for. So they are having struggles with the application. So here the Old Testament prophets received in part and they prophesied in part. Every prophet and every ministry of prophecy and every gift of prophecy, prophesied in part. And we know in part.

Nobody has everything. We are all one part of that member of that body of Christ. Nobody can claim that they have the last word for the church. Anybody who claims that has his or her head too big. There is no such thing as the prophet. Anybody who claims that has moved into error. There are a few man of God who has done that in the past. John Alexander Dowie at the turning point of the twentieth century claimed that he was the prophet. He was above the five-fold ministry prophetic office. In fact he was Elijah, started even to dress like him. He died. William Branham claimed to be the Elijah. He was a forerunner of the healing movement. But he was not Elijah. The problem with these people is that they don't know their bible very well. Elijah was a forerunner in terms of the Jewish dispensation. Not the gentile dispensation. The prophecies concerning the coming of Elijah have to do with the restoration of Israel in the time of the 70 years. At the beginning of that you find those restorative prophets coming again. The gentiles have their own system, the five-fold ministry, the nine ministries of believers, and the gift of the Holy Spirit etc. See these people don't know their bible. So they are taking the bible just because it makes them looks better and lends more authority. You don't need to claim spiritual authority by titles. Spiritual authority is not demanded. It is given. You can only receive it from people who are willing to submit to your life because of what they can see in your life.

So here is the Old Testament prophets they themselves didn't understand fully the interpretation or the application. And what did they do? They wanted to know more like Daniel and they sought God. And God revealed to them. If you ever seek God for the interpretation or application, you can be sure He will hear you if you wait long enough to hear Him. A lot of people are impatient. They are more filled with natural zeal than spiritual zeal. Spiritual zeal is able to be harness and to be able to wait. But natural zeal will never allow itself to be harnessed in any form.

So here in I Peter 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things which even angels desire to look upon. So it tells us here that God did give them the truth of application as they sought God of what they were prophesying about. So we look at the second degree of the Spirit of prophecy is a whole big area by itself. The more you walk in God the higher degree you walk the more you could look into the things that are to come. That is why we are talking about degrees. Levels talk about strength of delivery and impact. Levels talk about the extent of your ministry. It could be a ministry of prophecy to one local body or to a nation or to the world. So the levels talk about your impact and your reach to people. The degrees talk about the height and the depth of the prophetic message that you are bringing forth. Both are related in some way. Now we want to look at the book of Number chapter 12. And we look at the third degree.

Third Degree: Plain Speaking

The third degree is powerful. As we look at Numbers 12:6 God was saying something else besides a prophet's ministry. Nu.12:6 Hear now my words if there is a prophet among you I the Lord make myself know to him in a vision and I speak to him in a dream. Verse 7 it says, not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly and not in dark sayings. God is saying Moses was more than a prophet. He says I don't speak to Moses just in allegory. Moses had developed a friendship with God that goes beyond his calling and his ministry. The third degree of moving into the Spirit of prophecy is what I call fellowship with God. Thank God for prophets, apostles, evangelist, pastors and teachers, different forms of ministry. But more than that we must be friends of God.

A lot of people are not friends of God. You know why. They are servants of God. All those years Jesus walked with His disciples, He told them a lot of things. And He prepared them for the ministry. But in John 15 He told them you are no more my servants. They are still His servants. In John 15 He says you are my friends. And what is the quality of friendship that He is talking about. Look at John 15, a friend speaks plainly and not in dark sayings. The blessings of being a friend with God is moving into the third degree of the Spirit of prophecy. In Jn.15:14-15, you are my friends if you do whatever I command you; no longer do I call you my servants. For a servant does not know what the master is doing. In other words a servant can only carry the command without fully understanding. A servant can be obedient. He can carry the command right to the details. But the master is not obligated to tell the servant what he wants to do and how he wants to do it. He just tells you to do your part. It would be just like if you work for a company and you are just the office boy. Your job is to deliver the documents and do the banking. The directors are not obligated to tell you why they sent those documents to those places you go to. You could be banking in hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is not for you to ask how they are going to use the money. You just do your part and you send those slips in.

Jesus didn't just make them His friends. He made them His co-directors. He says I now ordain you. Come into the boardroom of My friends. And now you began to enter into the board meeting. And you are told the strategy of the company, the inner workings, and the future. And now as you begin to go back to some of those jobs, you could be sending an important document by going there. You not only deliver it. You know what you are after, where your company stands. There is a difference in relationship.

Jesus promoted them to friends. He says a servant doesn't know what the master does. And in verse 15 He says but I have called you friends. For all things that I heard from my Father I have made known to you. I will tell you secret things. I will tell you plainly and not just in allegory because you are now my friends. That was what God was talking about to Moses. God was saying Moses is more than a prophet. He was more than just being a servant. He was a prophet no doubt. He is My friend. I still speak to him as a prophet and he delivers message as a prophet. But God says I give him the extra information.

Do you know that Daniel also moved into that? Daniel was not just a prophet. When the angel came to him, Gabriel says Daniel beloved of God. That word beloved in Hebrew is used for a very close friend. And you know what the angel came to bring.

The angel came to bring more information; information that Daniel was entitled to not because he was a prophet but because he was a friend. And as a friend he asks, "God what does this mean?" He is not demanding it as a prophet but he was approaching God as a bosom friend.

Turn over to Genesis 18 and we will see something taking place in Abraham's life that has to do with this third degree of the Spirit of prophecy. Abraham was also a friend of God. We all know that God also called him a prophet. As God confronted Abimelech for taking Sarah, Abraham's wife into his harem, He said, "He is a prophet; ask him to pray for you." That is later on in chapter 20. In Gen.18 Abraham had just received God. God manifested Himself through His angels and he received God. And he was a host to God. In verse 16 The men rose from there and looked toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" I know the bible says that God does not do anything except He will reveal it to His prophets first. But God revealed it to His prophets in enigmas and dark sayings. There is a higher form of revelation that God can bring in a closer manner. It says here shall I hide from Abraham what I am going. Notice what He is talking about here in verse 18...since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation. And all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him for I have known him. God says I have known him.

Abraham walked in the third dimension. He didn't just walk in agathos (or goodness); he didn't just walk in dikaios (or righteousness); he also walked in hagios (or holiness). That is why he became a friend of God. In verse 19 I have known him in order that he may command his children and his household after him that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice. That is second dimension we talked about last night. Do you know that God was not obligated to tell Abraham what He was doing? God enjoyed telling him what He was going to do because Abraham had a relationship with Him. And God could see into Abraham's heart and saw Abraham was a good man. God said, "Abraham, let Me tell you what I am going to do." And the way God talked to him in Gen. 18 is what many classified to be first class intercession. This is the realm we are talking about in third dimension. You know what the third dimension is. You are invited into the boardroom with God.

The boardroom is where the strategies are being planned. The boardroom is where you can bring out suggestions that can affect the plan. And Abraham was functioning as a board member. God says because of the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah He is going to destroy it. Abraham said, "God be merciful but please don't be angry. There is a principle in your word that you will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. God if there are 50 righteous people will you spare the city?" You know what Abraham was doing? He was in the boardroom with God. God said Abraham because of your proposal to the senior directors Father, Son and Holy Ghost we will consider it. If there 50 we will spare. Abraham said, "God what happens if there were 40." God said, "Abraham since you are a new board member we will spare it if there were 40 etc." Do you know if there were 10 there will still be Sodom and Gomorrah today. Archaeologist and bible scholars have researched to trace where Sodom and Gomorrah is today. And they have located that the very place where Sodom and Gomorrah is, is where the Dead Sea is today. The impact of the fire and brimstone coming down when God destroyed it was so great that today that is the lowest place on the earth.

Let me show you the secret of moving into this third degree. The secret can be found in the book of Exodus. The relationship that Moses had with God actually started from Exodus 33. The story is that Moses was with God receiving the Ten Commandments. He was there for 40 days and 40 nights. It tells you in verse 11 so the Lord spoke to Moses face to face. This is the first occurrence. So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to his friend. As we read that verse our question is how did he get there. It is found in chapter 32 what Moses did. In verse one, When the people saw that Moses was delayed, the people gathered together and said, "Come let us make ourselves gods that shall go before us." While they were doing that Moses was still on the mountain. And the Lord says in verse 7 Go get down for your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt had corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way. They have made themselves a molten calf and worshipped it; and sacrifice to it and said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt. God was angry. Verse 9 the Lord said I have seen these people, indeed a stiff-neck people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation. Most people will say yes Lord and get out of the way. But Moses was not that kind.

How do you become a friend of God? How do you face an angry God? Number 1 Moses never thought of himself. He has perfectly died. Nobody can get close to God without dying to complete selfishness. Do you know why? Our God is selfless in everything He did for us. He thinks of us all the time. He loved us and He showed how much He loved us by even being willing to give His only begotten Son. He held back nothing to save us. The opposite of love in the bible is not hate. The opposite of love is self. Sin is sin nature with a capital I in between. All sin came from self. Satan fell because he sought his self-glorification. The average Christians in their prayers pray for their own needs. They seek first their kingdom and then the kingdom of God. Their Lord's prayer is Father in heaven give me this day my daily bread. And then the closing prayer is for yours is the kingdom, the glory and the power forever and ever amen. We have prayer requests and we have over night prayers. We use to have people write requests and 99% of those requests are, "God I need finances, I need healing, I need this I need that." God is looking for someone who will say, "God not my will but yours be done."

God offered Moses a new beginning starting with him. Moses said, "No. God." A lot of people would say yes but Moses said no. And he asked God to forgive His people. He didn't accept God's offer. That's No.1 to be a friend of God you be the most selfless possible. Some of you think it is easy. Let me tell you no human being has died this way to themselves. No ministry has died. There is a lot of selfishness that you can see sometimes in the ministry too. Self-preservation, self-promotion, self has not truly died and yet even the spiritual work is going on. It takes a lot to do die to self. Why is it so precious because one day when we stand face to face with our Lord Jesus Christ it will not be so much what you do for Him, how famous your are, how successful you are in this world, but the thing that will last is those things that you really did that was born out of God's love. There are a lot of things in the ministry that are done out of selfishness. I am sorry to say that they won't be recorded in the Book of Records. A lot of people waste their time doing things carnally. It is much better to be faithful to God in a remote area doing 100% of God's will than to fly all over the world doing what God didn't want you to do. No doubt some people will get blessed in your ministry as the gospel has its own power to bless. But the difference is your

reward in heaven. This life is so short; eternity is so long. Go for those things that last. Don't be interested in just building your ministry. Be interested in doing God's will. If God ask you just to be faithful ministering in a certain area, be faithful. Because that is all God wants you to do. Leave the impact in the hands of God. That's No.1 to get into close friendship with God.

No.2, how do you deal with an angry God? Bring His own words to Him. Exodus 32:13 Moses came to God and said remember Abraham, Isaac, Israel, your servants and you sworn by your own self. In other words how do you face a God who is angry? Remind Him of His promises. And Moses came to God and said God remember Your words, remember what You said. You see the first is to die to self and seek God's glory. That is what Moses did. Moses said, "What would the Egyptians say about you?" He was concerned about what others say about God. So we should not be concerned about what people say about us. We should be concerned about what people say about God. That is why some ministers come to the platform, take one hour to promote their ministry, collect huge offerings but share the gospel in just five minutes. All these affect the name of Jesus Christ. They are concerned for their own ministry more than they are concerned for the impact done in the name of Jesus.

No.2 he reminded God of His own promises and His own words. If you want to be a friend of God, Jesus already said that, if you do my commandments you are my friend. Anybody who says they love God and they want to be a friend of God better get acquainted with the living word. You can not say that you love God if you don't love the bible. How you love the bible is a reflection on how you love God.

The third thing is very important. You will find here in the book of Exodus 33:17-18 The Lord said I will also do this thing that you have spoken for you have found grace in my sight and I know you by name. And he says, "Please show me your glory." Moses is not only a man who is selfless and seeks glory. Not did he love the word and remember God's covenant promises. But he was a man who spent a lot of time with God. Just cross reference to the book of Deuteronomy chapter 9. Any bible scholar who studies the life of Moses knows that Moses had two times forty days fast. The first time was when he received the 10 commandments for the first time. The second when received the second set of 10 commandments the second time. I want you to know here in chapter 9 that actually he fasted forty days and night three times. The first time is in chapter 9:11 It came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. That is the first time. The second time is found in verse 18 after he came down and threw the tablets and broke them. This is something that is not recorded elsewhere. Deuteronomy is a book that gives you an inside story, just like the gospel of John in terms of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Why didn't Aaron die although he was guilty? Deuteronomy tells you because Moses prayed for his life. Deut.9:18 And I fell down before the Lord as at the first forty days and forty nights I never ate bread nor drank water because of all your sins which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord to provoke Him to anger. That is his second time that he prayed forty days and forty nights. Then the third time in chapter 10:10 As at the first time I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights. Moses had three forty days and forty nights experience. The first and the last are famous. We all know about it. But the second is virtually unknown to many Christians. Because the second was the time when he came down he was so grieved. I mean if you have ever seen God angry, it will propel you into a depth of

repentance. And Moses fell on his face for forty days and forty nights. The third thing is Moses was a man of prayer. He was a man after God's heart. And he tapped into his friendship with God. He was willing to pay the price to wait on God. Very few people today are willing to wait on God for long hours. Very few people will take a few days off just to spend time alone with God. Most people take time off to go on a holiday.

Fourth Degree: Having the Mind of Christ

The last and most powerful degree, which you can tap into the Spirit of prophecy, is never found in the Old Testament. It is only found in the New Testament. It is like living in the Spirit of prophecy all the time. In I Cor. 2 we are talking about being able to see the things of the future and know the depths of the future the things of God. I Cor. 2:9 As it is written eye has not seen nor ear heard. Nor has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes the deep things of God. Now it looks like in verse 9 nobody will know the deep things of God. But then in verse 10 it tells you God wants to reveal it to us through His Holy Spirit. Verse 12 we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God. The keys is given to you in verse 16 who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him. But we have the mind of Christ. The fourth degree of the Spirit of prophecy is to have the mind of the prophet himself, the mind of Christ. It was never possible in the Old Testament because nobody could be born again. But in the New Testament there is something different. You could walk with the mind of Christ so that you will think as Christ thinks. You perceive as Christ perceived. You will know as Christ knows. It is one of the most powerful realms you can break into.

The bible tells us in Rom. 12:1-2 To present your bodies as a living sacrifice and do not be conformed to world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you will know the will and the plan of God. Think about it. What is prophecy? What is the word of wisdom? It is a portion of God's mind given to you. The Spirit of prophecy is a portion of God's wisdom given by divine utterance through the mouth of a prophet to God's people. The fourth degree is to have the whole mind. This is what the bible is looking for in the New Testament. In Hebrews 8 and Hebrews 9. Heb. 8:8 He is talking about us. Not talking about old generations. Behold the days are coming says the Lord will make a new covenant with house of Israel. Now he is talking about the new covenant of which we are a part. Verse 10 This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be my people. And they will no more say to one another know the Lord for they will all know the Lord. My question to you is this. This is not a promise just for heaven. If it is a promise just for heaven then it will not be classified here under the new covenant. Because in heaven we will know as we are known since we have the mind of the Lord. Remember how powerful that spiritual mind is. When we get to heaven you don't have to get to know everybody and carry a name card. Even though you have never met prophet Habakkuk before, you don't have to go heaven and ask, "Are you Habakkuk?" In heaven Paul says in I Cor.13 when the perfect has come you will know as you are known. The moment you see Habakkuk you will say, "Hi, Habakkuk" even though you have never met him before.

Notice in the Transfiguration that took place in Matt.17 and Lk. 9 and Mk. 9 That nobody told Peter that it was Moses and Elijah. Yet somehow in the spirit when they saw that spiritual figure, the revelation came, "This is Moses, this is Elijah." We will know even as we are known. It is a powerful realm the mind of Christ. In heaven you will know how to play all heavenly instruments. On this earth it takes many years to learn the piano, many years to learn the violin. But in heaven even though you have never played any instruments before, when you look at the instruments you will be able to play them. How come? The mind that God can give you is the perfected mind. You see a glimpse of that in Adam before he fell. When he looked at all the animals he named them after their nature. When he fell his mind was darkened. God is restoring the mind of Christ.

In Eph. 1 it tells us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation can cause a light to come upon our mind. It can renew the eye of our understanding. So that we begin to see the things the way God sees it. The mind of Christ is the most powerful degree that we can move into. It is not only having the anointing of the Spirit of prophecy once in a while. It is having that prophecy breathing in you, living in you all the time. And I believe Enoch moved into such a realm that he was just transformed and translated into the realm of God. We need to be aware of the difference between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the human spirit.

In the book of Acts 21:11 Agabus says here thus says the Holy Spirit. Now that's the voice of the Holy Spirit. Then in Acts 27:10 Paul says I perceived that this voyage will end with disaster. When someone says **I perceived is different from thus says the Lord**. Thus says the Lord is a genuine prophecy. **I perceived is something that Paul's spirit could pick up through the mind of Christ**. I Cor.7 there is a difference between I perceive and thus says the Lord. And we need to qualify that. Many times when you are counseling people, when you have a word from the Lord you can say, "Thus says the Lord." But if you don't have a word from the Lord you should say, "I perceive this is the best course of action."

A lot of people perceive in their spirit and they are delivering it as thus says the Lord. The voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the human spirit are different. No doubt the human spirit received it from the Lord but don't say thus says the Lord. Just say I perceived. Now in I Cor. 7:10 Now to the married I command yet not I but the Lord. In verse 10 he says this writing is with a thus says the Lord. Then later on in verse 12 he says to the rest I not the Lord. He says in verse 12 this is not thus says the Lord. This is my perception. We who are in the ministry need to differentiate that. Any one who is in the ministry of prophecy or an office of a prophet or a gift of prophecy need to differentiate between what their human spirits receive and what the word of God says. One is by the anointing within and the other in by the anointing upon. The unction is different. We need to differentiate between perceptions in the spirit and thus says the Lord. The mind of Christ is a perception of your human spirit so renewed in God. As you walk with God your perception becomes so accurate that they carry the same weight as thus says the Lord. At first as you begin in the Christian life, some of the things you perceived are not quite real and true. But the closer you walk with God even though without the thus says the Lord when you say I perceived, it carries the same weight and strength because of the mind of Christ by which you operate. That is why Heb. 8 and Heb. 10 repeat it again. That we move in to such a state in God in the new covenant that the mind of Christ will be operating. Not only

will God's people be a kingdom of kings and priests but also they will be a prophetic people.

4. FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROPHETS

Tonight we want to look at the life of a prophet. And if you have been reading the word of God consistently, you may have noticed that one of the prominent prophets in the bible is the prophet Elijah. In the New Testament John the Baptist was supposed to have the spirit of Elijah. If you examine it very carefully John the Baptist did not do the same kind of miracles that Elijah did. John the Baptist preached repentance. Yet the bible says that he has the spirit of Elijah even though he did not do all those things that Elijah and Elisha did. So as I look into all these prophets and their lives, God began to show that there are two types of prophets in Old Testament. And there are four flavors of prophet.

Lets look at First Chron. 29:29 It says of the life of David who himself was a king and a prophet. Verse 29 Now the acts of king David first and last indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer. Although the bible tells us in the book of First Samuel chapter 16 and in chapter 9 it tells that in those days they call a prophet a seer. And they use the word seer and prophet synonymously. We have always looked on those two words as the same. Notice here that they purposely isolate Samuel as a seer, Gad as a seer and Nathan as a prophet. The question is: is that on purpose? Is there something in there? As I examine the scripture I found that there is a consistent use. Some prophets are consistently called a seer. Some others are called prophets. Some are called both prophets and seers.

The word prophet comes from the Hebrew word Nabi. The root word is naba which means flowing forth, to prophesy or to flow forth. And talk about something rising from within them. The other word, which is the word seer, is from the word Ro'eh which is the word that is normally translated in its other forms as behold or see. So it seems that there are certain prophets who constantly see. Over in Second Chron. 29:25 Again it record this prophet and he systematically classify them. II Chron. 29:25 Then he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals and string instruments and with harps according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of Nathan the prophet for this was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. Gad was again referred to as a Ro'eh. And Nathan as a Nabi. Why does God classify them that way? In Deut. 13:1 If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams. So apparently God recognizes that even though Ro'eh and Nabi are used synonymously that there is sometimes a differentiation. Where some seems to concentrate on the flowing forth and some seem to concentrate on the seeing. So some prophet would lean towards the flowing forth kind. And some are the seeing kind. The seeing kind would be qualified by this dreamer of dreams. The word dreams also is interchangeable with the word visions of the night. So we are able to outline clearly that some prophets are those that lean on the spoken words. They may see visions but they major in the flowing forth and they minor in the beholding. The other group graduate differently. They graduate with a major in the beholding and they minor in the bringing forth; these are those with big eyes and small mouth. The Nabi are those with big mouth and small eyes. But there are some prophets who concentrate on the bringing forth. These prophets hear from God and they deliver it. They may or they may not have a vision. In the modern times I would classify people like Paul Cain under those Ro'eh type with big eyes. Those like Bill Harmon is a different type. His is a speaking forth kind. He may not receive an open vision like the other types.

But it's the flowing forth from his life. So when someone says, "I am called by God to be a prophet." Now we can ask them, 'Is it the big eyes small mouth or big mouth small eyes?'"

You see Agabus the prophet seems to lean towards this category here. Some of them are like Samuel. Samuel is the type that have big mouth and big eye. They are able to bring forth and they are able to see. So those types function in both categories. You notice some of those minor prophets. They don't have long words from God. All they have is just this vision. And with that vision came some words. Whereas others like the major prophets in the Old Testament. Look at Isaiah and some of the Psalms where David was functioning as a prophet. A lot of words were coming forth and they are long, long books. So it is either the Nabi type or the Ro'eh type. Even though God call you to be a prophet, it doesn't mean that you immediately move to Nabi and Ro'eh.

We see here how David flows into the Nabi type as he yields his tongues and lips to God. Lets look at II Samuel 23:2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me and his word was on my tongue. And he continually spoke forth songs after songs, not realizing that some of those songs were fantastic prophecies. He did not have visions but every time he writes a song, all he has was a flowing forth, something welling up on the inside. And he tapped on what I call one of the seven rivers of the Spirit of prophecy. In fact in his days he is not well known as a prophet at all. They know him as a king. It is always recorded as David the king and his prophets Gad and Nathan. It was later on in Acts 2 that he was referred to as the prophet.

Think about Elijah he didn't leave behind a book. As we have mentioned last night that the New Testament quotes the book of Psalms and the book of Isaiah the most frequently. These two prophets function a lot in the flowing forth type. There are others like Daniel. The first half of the book of Daniel records his life story. Then in the second half of the book of Daniel he records the visions he saw and the conversation that took place in the spirit world. He didn't have the same kind of record like Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah who says thus the Lord to this, thus says the Lord to that. Now in these prophetic categories, you will notice as we study the lives of the prophets, you could classify the prophets into these four flavors.

Before we can establish these four flavors we need some background. Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia. Grace to you and peace from Him who is, who was and who is to come; and from the seven spirits who are before the throne. What are these seven spirits? Turn over to the book of Isaiah chapter 11:1 Then shall come forth a Rod from the stumps of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Notice in verse two there is seven-fold spirits. One Holy Spirit with seven-fold manifestations. No. 1 the Spirit of the Lord, No.2 the spirit of wisdom, No. 3 the spirit of understanding, No. 4 the spirit of counsel, No. 5 the spirit of the spirit of might, No. 6 the spirit knowledge, No. 7 the spirit of the fear of the Lord. So you have there the seven spirits of God that were on Jesus' life.

Now these seven spirits flow into four dimensions. No. 1 you notice that the word spirit occurred four times, even though there are seven descriptions of it. It says there the Spirit of the Lord, which is the first time it is mentioned. The second time it

mentioned the spirit of wisdom and understanding. They lump wisdom and understanding together. Then No. 3 they lump counsel and might and call it the spirit of counsel and might. Then No. 4 the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Four times the word spirit occurred. To point to us a significant thing and he talk about the spirit of prophecy.

When you began to deal with the Spirit of prophecy you will undoubtedly have to deal with the winds of God. The bible always talks about the four winds of God. And these four winds of God are represented by the North wind, the South wind, the East wind and the West wind. These 4 winds of God flow together. You will notice that these 4 winds are actually as recorded in Ezekiel 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy son of man and say to the breath, thus says the Lord God come from the 4 winds O breath and breathe on these slain that they may live." Notice there are 4 winds.

In the book of Daniel 7 we mentioned how Daniel saw this vision of the night in a dream. And he saw this four creatures coming out representing the four empires. Just before all those things took place Daniel saw the 4 winds. And every time before God move there is always a wind. Remember what happened in the book of Acts 2 there was a sound like a rushing of mighty wind. That's the wind of the Holy Spirit. There is a natural wind of course but the natural world is a type and a picture of the true spirit world. Every time before a great move of God there is always turbulence in the spirit world. Before nations rise and nations fall, before dramatic events that you read about in the headlines in the paper takes place, there is a fantastic turbulence resulting from the working of the angels and the 4 winds of God. So these 4 winds of the Holy Spirit which will be as part and parcel of the last move that God brings forth are the Spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might and the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. What we must understand is that these 4 spirits in Isa.11:2 is the same as the seven spirits. The spirit of the Lord is the North wind. The spirit of wisdom and understanding is the South wind. The spirit of counsel and might is the East wind. The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord is the West wind.

Let me tell you how I came to that revelation. When I saw what God was showing me about the winds of God, and if anyone has ever been in the spirit world, you will understand that there is a lot of spiritual winds going on. There is a lot of activities going on in the spirit world. We know in the natural that the movement of air due to temperature differences and air pressure differences causes winds. But in the spiritual what is causing the wind is the moving of the Holy Spirit. And these 4 winds work out God's plan on this planet earth. When I saw how important the winds of God work in relation to revival I did a deep and thorough research. One of things I began to see rising up from the scriptures as I studied it is this that always when God talks about different types of wind there is a double reference. That means there is a natural and there is a spiritual reference. There was an actual physical wind but there was an allegory that point to the spiritual realm.

We will start with the East wind. When Moses built the tabernacle, he had the door of the tabernacle facing the East. Every time the bible talks about the East wind he talks about judgment. The East wind is mentioned in Gen.41 when he talks about the East wind causing the famine in Egypt. It was the East wind that brought in destruction. It was the East wind that brought in judgment. It was the East wind that causes the

famine. It was a wind of judgment. Lets look carefully what is the East wind and what it can mean and symbolise. Gen.41:23 Behold seven heads withered thin and blighted by the East wind sprang up after them. So he talks about the East wind and how it brought a judgment and destruction. The East wind throughout the Israelites period always represents a wind that brings hardship. That East wind is the spirit of counsel and might. Why counsel and might? Because that same spirit of counsel and might is the same anointing that Jesus had when He went out and destroyed the works of the devil. So that people say of Him in Mk.6 how did this man get this mighty works. I Jn. 3:8 tells us that the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Now we are talking about the devil's works. As Jesus was about to go to the cross in the gospel of John He says now is the time when the prince of this world will be cast out, will judged. East wind is the wind of judgment. It talks about pulling down strongholds. It talks about paving the way, preparing the way of God.

East Wind Prophets

That's the first flavor of prophets. There are prophets whom God called like the East wind. Elijah was an East wind prophet. East wind prophets come forth and they confront, they tear down, they remove. Notice what John the Baptist did that is what they have in common. They were both East wind prophets. When John the Baptist came the bible tells us he had the spirit of Elijah on his life. And the gospel of Luke chapter 3:4 as it is written in the book of the Isaiah the prophet, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low, and the crooked place shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. The he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him. This is East wind prophet speaking. He says, "Brood of vipers. Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" You must remember that those people who came to be baptized by him were people who were sort of acknowledging their sins.

Notice Elijah's first ministry was destructive. He said there will be no rain except at my word. East wind prophets demonstrate power. You don't find Jeremiah demonstrating power in healing. The only prophets demonstrating power in healing are Elijah and Elisha and Moses. What about the other prophets? Daniel didn't demonstrate healing power. John the Baptist didn't heal anybody. Remember there are different degrees of moving into that realm. Although John the Baptist has the spirit of Elijah, he himself said that he was not the Elijah to come. But Jesus said he was. What does the scripture says there is still an Elijah to come before the Jewish dispensation. We are talking about counsel and might. An East wind prophets brings forth the ministry with might. In its highest extent there is healing power, miraculous power demonstrated. Elijah demonstrated miraculous power. Yet it was only what I call incidences in which it was demonstrated. You also see it in Elisha's life which had twice the amount of miracles happening compared to Elijah's because he received a double portion of Elijah's anointing.

These are different types of prophet. They have might. Why do they need it? They need that might to confront demonic power. So when you began to see these flavors of prophet, then you understand that they need to work together. You need the 4 winds to create a revival. Do you know that John the Baptist ministry without Jesus would be incomplete. East wind prophets cannot function by themselves. If you are ever called to be prophet and if you are one of those East wind ones please work

together with South wind, North wind and West wind prophets. No East wind prophet can function by themselves. They are supposed to prepare the way for others.

West Wind Prophets

Then you have the second flavor of prophets the West wind. The West wind is seldom mentioned in the bible. But it is mentioned at one time in the book of Exodus 10:19 And the Lord turn a very strong West wind which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territories of Egypt. Now scripture must be consistently interpreted. If you interpret in the natural it would be in the natural. If you interpret by allegory then the allegory must be consistent. For example in the bible if a dog represent something not so good, then in all the books it is the same. You cannot have it changing all the time. A snake in the bible always represents something bad. Now a locust in the bible always represents demonic powers. It is used that way in the book of Revelations. It is used that way in the book of Joel. It is used consistently as demonic powers. So we have a natural interpretation and a spiritual interpretation. The West wind always brings deliverance. The East wind deals with the works of satan. The West wind deals with satan and his cohorts. So that is why the West wind and the East wind flow together.

The West wind is the spirit of deliverance. It's the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord and knowledge are intimately connected. You either have the fear of God or the fear of the devil or man. You cannot have either. When the fear of God fills your life, you have no other fear in your life but God. The word fear of the Lord is not the other word 'mora', which means terror. It is the other Hebrew word 'yur'ah which talks about reverential fear. God is not there to terrify you. No it is not that kind of terror. It's the awesome feeling. Paul always connects the spirit of a sound mind with freedom from fear. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, of power and of a sound mind. Satan can only hit you if you don't have knowledge. Ignorance is to his advantage. And any time if satan wants to work anything he has to deal with deception. He does not have any power since Jesus took it off at the cross. And satan's only strategy is through deception. If he could convince you he has the power. You have sort of surrendered your rights to him. So knowledge and the fear of the Lord is important in terms of deliverance. Who has that kind of ministry in the bible and how is it connected?

Turn to the book Ps.32:7 You are my hiding place, you shall preserve me from trouble, you shall surround me with songs of deliverance. When you begin to talk about knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, you will have to talk about worship. It is through the songs of deliverance that God brings forth knowledge and the fear of the Lord. You could go about in any secular office and you began to worship God there is awesome presence that begins to fill the place. Worship brings the awesome presence of God. There is two prophets, one of them is David, who moved into what I call the West wind. Through his life he was able in the natural to conquer all the enemies of Israel. Because of him Solomon became a man of peace. David is well known as a man of war. He made war with his songs. He conducts warfare with his songs.

Ps.149:6 let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword be in their hands. To execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the people, to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the written judgment, this honor have all his saints. Now the West winds also looks

like a judgment. But it is a judgment on satan and his cohorts. The East wind is the judgment on the works of satan. The West wind is the spirit of deliverance. And it is always accompanied with a song of deliverance.

So when a person is called to be a prophet, he or she has to first determine whether it is the Ro'eh or Nabi type. If they are West wind prophets they will be able to move into the songs of deliverance. The key mark of an East wind prophet is might and demonstration of miraculous power. The key mark of a West wind prophet is a demonstration of deliverance.

Look over to Judges 4 this is a lady prophet and she is a West wind prophet Deborah. Judges 4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. She had a ministry where God anointed her specially to set the Israelites free from the chains of bondage. And in fact Barak her co-worker had to obtain courage from her. Notice what they did after they won in chapter 5:1 Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day saying. When leaders lead in Israel when the people willingly offered themselves, bless the Lord. Hear O kings, give ear O princes, I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel. Verse 7, Village life ceased in Israel until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel. Now here was a prophetess with an anointing of a West wind prophetess. She was used by God as an instrument to deliver His people. It is very similar to the East wind prophet but it is slightly different. The West wind comes with a gentleness. The gentleness comes in what I call songs. Through her encouragement Barak was able to go forth. West wind prophets tend to minister very deeply to people. They are able to deliver people from the curse of the law. And in David's life not only did he destroy all the enemies of Israel, but he was able to amass a vast storehouse of treasures and prosperity for use by king Solomon.

South Wind Prophets

Then we have the South wind prophets. South wind prophets have a specific works different from all the others. Lets look at the book of Zechariah 9:14 Then the Lord will be seen over them and his arrows like lightning, the Lord God will blow the trumpet and go with whirlwinds from the South. If you look at verse 14 very carefully, they are continuation of verse 12 and verse 13. Look at verse 12. Return to the stronghold you prisoners of hope, even today I declare that I will restore double to you. South wind always brings about restoration. South wind prophets are restoration prophets. You can see the order now why we started with the East. You cannot restore until you remove. That is why God starts with the East wind. John the Baptist functioned primarily as an East wind prophet. He pulled down all those things, made His path straight. Elijah came forth to confront Israel in its darkest hour. You must remember why Elijah shines like a bright star. Because of all the kings in Israel the worse was Ahab. They were the most infamous of all the Israelites kings. At its darkest hour God send a strong East wind prophet who in his ministry destroyed a great portion of the false Baal prophets. You read about that in I Kings chapter 19.

See the East winds must comes first. The 4 winds of the Spirits of God have a certain order of coming. If you bring the South winds first before the East wind, the people will take the wealth and use it for the wrong thing. So you need the East wind to blow first, to remove all obstacles to God. And when the East wind had blown through and ministered in your churches, when they have finished, everyone is also finished. Everything in us that is not of God, any thing in the flesh is cut away. Once in a while

we need the East wind coming about to blow and blow across the place until we all humble before God. Until we realize where we have compromise. When we have all finish then the West wind prophet comes along. And then sing the songs of deliverance. Once you pull down everything, you have to build your defense. The West wind builds your defense around you. Because when you have destroyed the enemy your defense is still not good. So the songs of deliverance comes forth to remove all the spirits that have made themselves at home.

You could pray for a person to be healed. But if they have a demonic spirit that they are keeping as a hobby, they must remove them or their objects before healing can take place. Sometimes when you minister to people, God reveals that there are certain things they have allowed in their homes. It could be an object of art. Please don't go to the extreme. Some people go to the supermarket to buy a few things. And the plastic bag has pictures of a dragon and phoenix. When they are near their house they empty everything and leave the plastic bags outside. We must differentiate between normal things that happen to represent some of these things and a real charm or something that is used in demon worship. A resemblance alone is no excuse.

If you go to Thailand have you ever seen what a Thai passport looks like? There is an image of Buddha on every page. What are you going to do? Travel without a passport. So you can see how impractical some of these people are when they go the wrong extreme. If you really want to be extreme, in everything you can see a demon. I remember one sister who fell into somebody's wrong teaching. She bought a dress and on one corner there were some strange design. She was so caught up in this wrong teaching. She took a scissors and cut a small hole around the design. I am not talking about extreme. But there are some cases which are really demonic objects. We have to differentiate between anything that is of worship and anything that is of culture. Remember that through generations something that is of worship died off and only the culture remains. So there is a line that is drawn and something through times are constantly passing across that line.

Just like you go to Malacca there is a special dish called devil's curry. Because you eat devil's curry doesn't mean that you are a devil. Moon cakes started as worship thousands of years ago. But through time that has died off. Now it is primarily a cultural thing. Most people still enjoy eating moon cakes. Just because you eat the moon cakes doesn't mean that you become demon possessed and filled with the spirit of the moon. If it's a cultural thing there is no problem. If it is things that have to do with your conscience and worship then it is a different matter. Being a Christian doesn't mean that you become a non-Indian or a non-Chinese. So there is nothing wrong with giving ang pow or red packets with money inside to visitors during the Chinese New Year celebrations. It has become a culture. The same with the Indians. They have their traditions too. For the Indians sometimes they have this custom of the ladies putting a dot right between the eyes on their forehead. At one time it was purely worship. And the dot is taken from the temple. But through time now they sell all kinds of pastes. It has become a culture. And for them it makes a difference whether a woman is married or not married. The dot tells something. So it has become a fashion.

Christianity is not going against everything. We are living at a time where there is a thin line. And there is one side worship, one side culture. But in each society and in each nation they must determine what is still worship, what is still culture. Sometimes a person is prayed for and sometimes the Spirit of God has revealed that certain things

that has to do with demonic worship. Then they are set free but they last only for a short while. Then after that the same problem comes again until they remove the object that welcomes the demons into their home. So we are talking about certain objects, which carry a demonic presence, but not all objects. So we are talking about deliverance. You could bring healing to a person, East wind. But unless the cause and the source is removed by the West wind you will have a perpetual problem. And that is why when God's East wind comes along and removes all those things that block, God wants to hit the very source and remove satan and his cohorts by the West wind. He builds songs of deliverance around us so that no demon can penetrate any more. And demons cannot feel at home any more because that home becomes the home of God. The West wind brings songs of deliverance.

Then comes the South wind. After you have removed the source of the spiritual problems, you are still not restored yet. Restoration is to put back in what was taken out. That is why the South wind prophets need to come. And when the South wind prophets come they bring restoration. That kind of restoration can take form in many ways: restoration of the people to their land; restoration of their riches where they have been robbed. It's a restorative move that God is bringing forth through the South wind. Now there are prophets that primarily function as South wind prophets. South winds prophets tend to be those who bring prosperity and other forms of restoration. Abraham was known as a prophet in Gen.20:7 Now therefore restore the man's wife, for he is a prophet. What kind of prophet was he? He was a South wind prophet. You will notice that in Gen.15 God gave him a powerful prophecy about his descendants. Gen.15:13 Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs and will serve them. And they will afflict them 400 years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge afterwards they will come out with great possessions. Now Abraham was a prophet. He was a South wind prophet. South wind prophets prosper themselves and cause blessings and prosperity to come into people lives. So Abraham was such a prophet. It is told in the book Genesis that Abraham became one of the richest persons in that area. Isn't it true that the bible says that Abraham will be a blessing to all nations. That's how powerful his prophetic office was. In fact this was a special blessing in Gen.15 that God gave to him. And this blessing was going to last right up to the fourth generation. And God said in the fourth generation when I bring your descendants out. I will bless them mightily.

And we read that story in Exodus 12 when the Israelites were coming out of the land of Egypt they demanded gold and silver. And they plundered the Egyptians and they came out. So they came out restored in God. If the Israelites had only had the East wind then they would have the destruction and Pharaoh. If the Israelites had the West wind and the East wind they would have Pharaoh and all his cohorts destroyed and they would be delivered out of Egypt but with nothing in their pockets. But because the East wind came, West wind came, South winds came, the Israelites were restored and all their bondages were broken in their lives. They were set free and Pharaoh was destroyed. They were delivered, the songs of deliverance came, and they were set free. And the South wind was also blowing and they came out with wealth. That's restoration taking place in their lives.

Lets look at Job 37:17 Why are your garments hot when he quiet the earth by the South wind. See the South wind sort of restores. Any scholar who has studied the Song of Solomon realizes that is a story that allegorized the bride of Christ and Jesus

Christ Himself. That's the prophecy that is found in the Song of Solomon. And all those pictures there point to Jesus and to the bride of Jesus Christ the church. And in those pictures you do find the winds of God. So let's look at the book of Song of Solomon chapter 4:16 Awake O North wind and come O South. Do you notice he never asks the East and the West to come. It is very consistent, if he says, "Awake O East wind" they would have been finished. The Bible is so consistent when you began to study the winds of God. Awake O South wind because the South wind is very restorative. Awake O South wind and blow upon my garden that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its pleasant fruit. So the South wind brings prosperity.

Daniel is a South wind prophet. Do you notice all these South wind prophets always look like they have an easy life? They don't walk about like the East wind type with camel's hair and eat locust. Daniel 9. Daniel's ministry although very private and away from the public eye has a powerful impact on his nation. You don't have to be known all over the world. You have to be only be known by God to be effective. You could do more in a closet in God's presence and have your name written and framed up there in heaven rather than on earth. When we all get to heaven there will be a lot of surprises. Today do you know how people qualify as being a successful man of God? By their reports in magazines. If their names do not come out in the Christian newspapers or magazines, we classify them as unknown. But there are a lot of things happening that are not reported. America has always emphasized on the media. It is sometimes misused. The Christian media should do this. You should be looking at what God has done and then bringing it forth to the rest of the body of Christ; rather than using that media to build up somebody who is not doing anything. And putting a person in the public eye and enlarging a person out reach and from that build his ministry. Today that is how people are using the media. Not as a means of information but as a platform to take off in their ministry. It's a misuse of Christian media. A Christian media is supposed to be a report not a platform. But it is being used as a platform. If you have been in Christianity long enough you will see a lot of politics going on. These are not the things that make a man of God. A man of God is produced in a factory up there and not down here.

So Daniel even though he is away from the public eye and privately in his life as a prophet in Daniel chapter 9:2 that in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord given through Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish 70 years in the desolations of Jerusalem. When Daniel saw it he began to give himself to fasting and to prayer. He began to ask God to restore the people of Israel. Remember he is a restorative prophet. He did not need to go to the Israelites and restore them himself. He did not go to the public media and restore them. He went to God by his position as a man of God and a prophet of God. And he himself studied prophecies by other prophets. And he realized that he was a man who could discern the times and seasons. Sometimes it is only by virtue of your position. As we say there are 7 rivers of prophecy, and the second river is by virtue of your position. By virtue of your position you can tell the times and seasons that are ripe for certain things. And Daniel knew the times and seasons. I am sure the rest of the Israelites have the prophecy of Jeremiah. But he was the only one recorded who knew the time and season is ripe because he had a prophetic office. He could discern times and seasons. And he prayed to God to restore the Israelites. He prayed to God for forgiveness. And God heard his cry. God explained to him what the

full restoration is like. As a result of Daniel's ministry privately something began to take place right where he was. Remember Daniel was a right hand man at the middle Persian Empire. He was the Prime Minister. And he was also a prophet. And being a person of prayer he could pray through. Something began to take place in the heart of Cyrus. If you study bible history, you will realize that the middle Persian Empire was under a dual reign with Cyrus and Darius reigning together.

Turn over to Ezra chapter one and see the impact of Daniel's ministry in the circle that he moved in. Noting that in historical records it is about the same period. Ezra 1:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by mouth Jeremiah might be fulfilled. The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia. That's powerful because Daniel was the one who prayed for. Daniel was stirred first and then Cyrus. We know it has to be that way because when Daniel was weeping the king had not done anything yet. The command has not gone forth yet. And in fact the angel revealed to Daniel that from the going forth of the command until such and such a time the Messiah would come. And after Daniel's intercession privately something took place publicly. If the bible didn't record this we would have thought that it was by accident. It was Daniel the prophet's private South wind ministry. There is no doubt that Daniel was a good example. Daniel served Darius and Darius loved him. He may have put words here and there that would turn the heart of the kings to sympathies and to have compassion on the Jews. And God put him at the right place at the right time.

Daniel started his prophetic ministry pretty late. Because it tells you his first vision in the book of Daniel was recorded only after his early years has passed. His first vision was recorded in the book of Daniel chapter 7 in the first year of Belshazzar. That is after Nebuchadnezzar died. Although Belshazzar was called the son of Nebuchadnezzar, in historical records he is actually the son of the son of Nebuchadnezzar. So you can imagine how old Daniel was by that time before he moved into that prophetic office as a Ro'eh prophet. So God has his time frame that we need to flow along. It was important for Daniel to move into that right at that time. If Daniel failed it would mean the failure of the entire nation. That is the South wind prophet bringing restoration. And Daniel was one of those who have plenty of wealth in his own life. In position he had no lack because he was a South wind prophet that brings restoration.

North Wind Prophet

Of all the winds the most dramatic and the most powerful is the North wind. The North wind brings the presence of God. Now you begin to see the pattern. The East wind removes the works of satan. The West wind removes satan himself. The South wind restores our goods and all those works of God in our life. And the North wind restores God into our life. In the book of Proverbs 25:23 there is a statement made about the North wind. It says here the North wind brings forth rain. The second part is something more to do with personal life. But I want you to see his illustration. The understanding of Solomon in all the Israelites is the North wind brings forth rain. If you have the Old King James version, it says drive away the rain. The Old King James is fantastic but it was based and translated when the understanding of Hebrew was not that deep. Now rain always symbolizes revival. Notice in Ezekiel chapter 1 as Ezekiel was having a vision of God. We notice that he saw Almighty God in His presence manifests. What I want you to notice was the direction it came from. Ezekiel

1:4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the North, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around him.. The North wind symbolizes the presence of God. The North wind is the Spirit of the Lord. The East wind was a spirit of counsel and might. The West wind is the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The South wind was the spirit of wisdom and understanding. In wisdom and understanding you will gather wealth and restoration. And in wisdom and in understanding you will preserve yourself from sin. You have spiritual wealth.

Now the North wind is the Spirit of the Lord. For the presence that comes from Almighty God we need North wind prophets. And in the last days God is going to cause the North wind to be the strongest wind. Because each one of these East wind, South wind and West wind have had their places. You will notice that in the 1950s William Branham came on the scene of the healing revival. He was a miracle-working evangelist and East wind prophet. Sadly, he went off track when he tried to be a teacher when he was only a prophet. Then you have the West wind blowing in after sometime you see people beginning to get the understanding of their position in the Lord. People began to take authority over demons. People began to know that the devil is nothing. Then we have the South wind. You began to see the faith movement. Almost every Tom, Dick and Harry man of God is speaking about prosperity and restoration to God. Restoration of church structure, restoration of truth, restoration of prosperity, restoration of this, restoration of that. My friend we have the South wind blowing for quite a long time.

But there is one more wind coming. The North wind. And that wind is going to bring forth a new breed of man of God. Now these other winds are still blowing and they need to blow. But in each age and generation and decade God demonstrate strength in each wind. And the North wind that God is going to blow forth is the raising up of men and women of God who will bring forth the presence of God. Now there are two prophets that I bring before you and the third is also Elijah in his last stage but he was more the East wind, Samuel and Moses. I want you to see the kind of person Samuel was. In the book of I Sam, you began to see the North wind. Every time when you have a North wind Prophet comes to the scene, it means that there is a transition period that is totally different. It is not just a flow of different wave. It's a complete transition. When Elijah came and Elijah went there was still the kings period. He only confronted Ahab and Jezebel and the false prophets of Baal. When the West wind prophets showed up they always bring forth that new fresh song of deliverance. When the South wind prophets show up there is a restoration. But when the North wind prophet shows up, you know that there is going to be a closing of one chapter and an opening of a new chapter. When Moses came to the scene it was time for a new chapter. When Moses died the Israelites had to talk to God in a different way through the tabernacle. And that tabernacle was in different outer form in Solomon's temple. It was still basically the same pattern. But it was now make from gold and silver instead of animal's hair but the same ark was used. But when Samuel came to the scene it tells you that the nation of Israel was totally changed and now God will speak and deliver them through a new phase of a kingship. When the East wind prophet shows up you know that is just preparation. But when the North wind prophet shows up in our days the chapter of the gentile age is going to close.

In I Samuel you notice something that Samuel had a demonstration that the other prophets did not demonstrate. In I Sam.7 when he took his full position and authority in Israel, and when the Israelites were going to war because he was a different type of prophet from the rest, look at how he does battle. In verse 7 when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it they were afraid of the Philistines. It tells you here in verse 10 Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. That is North wind prophet. He fights with thunder and lightning from the presence of God. They didn't even need to wield a sword. He just gave God an offering and the presence of God is enough to destroy the enemy. He was a prophet of thunder. If Elijah was a prophet of fire, Samuel was a prophet of thunder. And he literally scared the wits out of the people when he proclaim the Lord's displeasure in I Sam.12:20 when he told the people you have done all these things wickedly. In verse 18 you notice what he did. Samuel called to the Lord and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. The people had never seen that before. The thunder and rain served to witness to what Samuel was saying.

Now Moses was another one who brought God's presence. You read about how the skin of his face shone with presence of God. That's the North wind. They bring about a special awesome presence of God into the life of the people of God. In other words they bring you right up to the portals of heaven. When we look at all these 4 flavors of prophet, how do we reach into the levels of these 4 winds? Each one of these give you a clue. The East wind and the West wind go together. The South wind and the North wind go together. The words of Elijah are important here.

Lets look at I Kings at a statement that he always made starting with chapter 17. Notice his favorite saying in verse 1 how he introduces himself because that tells you what his life is about. As the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand. That's his favorite saying. Now he was in a spiritual and almost a physical sense always standing in the presence of God. That's how he moved into the East wind. In the book of I Kings 19 as I said he was an East wind prophet. Because you see here there was a wind in verse 11 but the wind that he brought forth and he saw was destructive. It destroyed every thing in the way. Then the prophecies he was given by God through the still small voice were all destructive. Look at verse 17 it shall be that whoever escape the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; whoever escape the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Look at chapter 18 his favorite saying comes out again. As the Lord of Host lives before whom I stand. Now the key word tells you how to enter into counsel and might. If you ever enter into counsel and might, you must spend a lot of time in worship; the West wind music will come along and help you. Elisha knew how to tap into power. When he needed to prophesy he said, "Bring me a musician" (II King 3). So the East wind and the West wind you tap into that through worship with the aid of songs. And if you would spend time worshipping God I would challenge you. We talked about 24 hours praise and worship; you haven't seen what 24 hours praise and worship will do. We talked about 24 hours prayer and fasting. Have there been any time people have 24 hours praise and worship.

Do you know that David was a west wind prophet? And he instituted praise and worship 24 hours. And that was what brought about revival in his days. And it lasted until Solomon's time. If we were to do that and move into the depths of worship you will see counsel and might demonstrate like it never demonstrate before. When people move into the depths of worship that's when they tap into the East wind and the West wind. Elisha always say, "I stand in God presence." David always minister to the Lord in songs.

The other flavors of prophet always you see them doing this they are always fasting, they are always praying. Can you see the key now? Daniel was always fasting. Moses was always fasting. Samuel said when he retired and turn over the leadership to Saul. He says pray that I will not sin by not praying for you. I will continue to pray for you. He is a person of prayer. When you tap into the South wind and the North wind, remember in the book of Joel there is a prophecy of the latter rain preceded by a call to fast. Its so clear cut you cannot miss it. You read Joel carefully - sound the trumpet, call a fast sanctify a fast then only it talk about and it shall come to pass in the last days. When you talk about asking the Lord for the rain it includes fasting and praying. If you want to succeed in the ministry God calls you to, it would require fasting. If you want the former rain and the latter rain it would require fasting. Every missionary move in the book of Acts was born of fasting. Paul's 3 missionary journey began in Acts 13 when they were fasting and ministering. You know why? They tapped on both winds.

Did Jesus have all the four winds? Yes you read the gospel of Luke 4:18-9 He says the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, that's the North wind. And He says that He has come to set the captives free, deliverance, the West wind. To heal the broken hearted, brings sight to the blind, healing the East wind. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord, the South wind restoration. And Jesus Himself says the days will come when the bridegroom is taken from them then they will fast. And it is not possible to see the outpouring and the latter rain without fasting. It will have to take fasting and praying to get the South wind and the North wind blowing into the churches today.