

**SERIES: PRESENCE DRIVE**

**SERMON: THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHETIC IN THE CHURCH**

**6-22-25**

**REVIEW:**

We are looking at the Tabernacle of David and specifically how it relates to the life of the church and as a model for changes we need to make in how we do church in this season.

James quotes a prophecy from Amos in .....

*Acts 15:16-17 After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;<sup>17</sup> So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.*

(Explain)

It is clear that God's promises that He would "build again the tabernacle of David". The "tabernacle" referred to then, is the presence of God open to all, both Jew and Gentile, (vs. 17 so the rest of mankind may seek the Lord).

**WORSHIP USHERS IN THE PROPHETIC**

All throughout the Bible, worship and prophecy are closely linked.

**Second Statement:** Worship is about creating a space where God's presence is felt.

**Third Statement:** God's highest purpose for worship is encounter. He desires to meet with, and commune with His children.

Many people consider that the ultimate purpose of worship is a *one-way* giving of our praise, love, and adoration to God. But that is not true.

Worship is our praise lifted up to God and His presence descending on us.

**Fourth Statement:** Prophetic worship involves being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and giving voice to what He is saying. It can be spontaneous or planned, and involves music and praise that can usher in God's presence and release the prophetic.

**Fifth Statement:** Prophetic worship is more than just singing songs; it's about declaring God's truths and promises into the atmosphere. It involves being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and giving voice to what He is doing or

saying in a particular moment.

**Sixth Statement:** Worship leaders are not just leading songs; they are ushering in the presence of God, which is a prophetic ministry.

**Seventh Statement:** Prophetic worship can cause hope, faith, and expectation to rise as people come into agreement with God.

**Eighth Statement:** Prophetic worship could be seen as a Divine conversation.

On our part, we are honoring and adoring God. He in turn is breathing His purposes into our hearts and lives, and the life of our church.

### **WHAT IS THE PROPHETIC?**

#### **1. To speak the Father's heart**

What does it mean to prophesy?

So the definition, the simple definition of the word “prophetiah”, in the Greek it is: to speak forth.

So it could be an announcement, it could be a proclamation, and it's just a simple word.

It can be speaking for things concerning the past or the present, or it can be foretelling of things concerning the future. But it doesn't always have to be about the future. For me, a simple definition would be to speak out the heart and mind of God by the Holy Spirit.

#### **2) To be moved by the Holy Spirit**

***2 Peter 1:19-21<sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.***

The prophets of old were “*moved by the Holy Spirit*”.

***Moved by the Holy Spirit"*** means - that a person is influenced, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak or to act according to God's will.

So, to be moved by the Spirit means the prophetic can also be seen and manifested in dance, in healing, miracles.

The prophetic is both the voice of God and the will of God performed through action.

### **3) To Declare the Word and Will of God**

In prophecy, the Father's mind, will, and intention is communicated and we learn what is on His heart.

Prophetic praise and worship enables God's message to be brought, or His purpose to be accomplished, in a worship setting. This may include a church service, but could also take place as one, a few, or many come before God in worship.

## **THE PROPHETIC IN THE EARLY CHURCH:**

When we look at the New Testament church, we see three expressions of the prophetic:

### **1. THE OFFICE OF A PROPHET**

***Ephesians 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.***

**> The office of a prophet is part of what we call the five-fold ministry of the church**

**Side Note:**

The office of the prophet is different is more than someone who prophecies (or gives someone a word). Someone who sits in the office of the prophet is part of the God's appointed leadership in the church to help govern, guard, protect, serve and build up the church. They discern spiritual seasons and have insight not just for individuals but also for the whole church and at times for the universal church.

> Jesus gave these gifts. These people are gifts to the body to equip the church.

> So that the church will learn how and want to serve one another (do the work of ministry)

> And when the church serves one another we grow in maturity (in the knowledge of Jesus) and grow into unity.

The word "equip" means: to build up, perfect, or to furnish

So, As believers are equipped they will serve, and they will build up the body.

This word "build up" may be translated "edify."

"Edify" is a sweet word which means to promote another's growth in Christ. So, As we serve one another, we are actively promoting one another's growth in Christ.

**2. GIFTINGS DISTRIBUTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*1 Corinthians 12:4 - 11 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

*8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

This passage is talking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are to be evident and working in the church. The Holy Spirit gives these gifts as He pleases.

*Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 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; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*1 Corinthians 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), 1 Co 12:28.

#### **Gifts listed:**

##### **Word of wisdom**

The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with discernment.

##### **Word of knowledge**

This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of His Word.

##### **Faith**

All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith.

The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.

##### **Healing**

### **Working of miracles**

**A gift that involves performing supernatural events that could only be attributed to the power of God.**

### **Discerning of spirits**

**Certain individuals possess the unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of Satan, whose methods include purveying deceptive and erroneous doctrine. Jesus said many would come in His name and would deceive many ([Matthew 24:4-5](#)), but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the church to protect it from such as these.**

### **Different kinds of tongues**

**A message given to the church in a spiritual language. It can be a different earthy language or a heavenly language, but unknown to the speaker.**

### **Interpretation of tongues**

**A person with the gift of interpreting tongues could understand what a tongues-speaker was saying even though he does not know the language that was being spoken. The tongues interpreter communicates the message of the tongues-speaker to everyone else, so all could understand.**

### **Ministry - Serving - Helps**

**This gift involves providing service of any kind; it is the broad application of practical help to those in need.**

### **Teaching**

**This gift involves the analysis and proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context and application to the hearer's life. The gifted teacher is one who has the unique ability to clearly instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically the doctrines of the faith.**

### **Encouraging**

**Also called "exhortation," this gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God's truth, which may involve correction or building others up by strengthening weak faith or comforting in trials.**

### **Giving**

Gifted givers are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time and attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

### **Mercy**

Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

### **Leadership -Administrations - Governing**

Of the many gifts given by the Holy Spirit to His church, administration is sometimes overlooked but is as important as the rest. First Corinthians 12:28 and Romans 12:8 both include the gift of administration in their lists of spiritual gifts. It is called “administrating” in the ESV, and other translations have “guidance” (NIV), “leadership” (NLT), or “governments” (KJV).

Administration is considered a “team gift” because it thrives when called upon to organize people to accomplish an objective. God gives some the spiritual gift of administration in order to help organize those with other gifts and keep the church functioning at its most efficient best

### **3. THE WHOLE CHURCH CALLED TO PROPHECY**

This third grouping gets me very excited because it's for all of us.

***Acts 2: 14-18 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:***

***17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.***

***18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;***

***And they shall prophesy.***

**Peter quotes Joel from centuries before. It says that all will prophesy, and it gets very specific and it's says,  
my sons and daughters  
young men  
old men  
menservants  
female servants**

**It's the promise of the Holy Spirit being poured out on his whole church that every single person will hear him, will see things in this spirit, will prophesy, will speak out, things concerning what on God's heart and God's mind.**

***1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.***