



Prophetic Training

Session 1

Spirit Lenses: The joy of experiencing the Spirit Realm

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“for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”.

2 Peter 1:21 (NKJV)

Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however, you were led.³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking ^[a]by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is ^[b]accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except ^[c]by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are varieties of ministries and the same Lord. ⁶There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. ⁷But to, each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith ^[d]by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of ^[e]healing ^[f]by the one Spirit, ¹⁰and to another the ^[g]effecting of ^[h]miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the ^[i]distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NASB)

From our scripture text, the statement ***“now concerning spiritual gifts...”***, the word “gifts” is not in the original text. It says ***“now concerning the Spirit”*** (or some translations read “...spiritual things”), which is why it's often italicized or in brackets. The church should not be unaware of the Spirit realm.

Paul is teaching the Corinthian church, which is made up of people, who are having a spiritual experience, but they are polytheists in their background. They have the right experience but the wrong doctrine, they need to understand that there, is not a separate god for every gift. Also, keep in mind that the subject matter in this text is not entirely focused on the gifts of the spirit, but the spirit world. Paul is teaching that the “Kingdom Spirit World” does not war against each other like the false gods of polytheism.

The Excellence of Love

The Core of God's Voice

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so, as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body ¹to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NASB)

Love Looks Like Something

You can **give** and not love, but you cannot love and not **give**. Love is the gateway to greater anointing and should be the outcome of our ministry. People should feel kissed and loved by God when we prophesy over them.

¹ *Let love be your highest goal!*

But _____ the

special abilities the Spirit gives

_____ ² *For, if you have, the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. ³But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. ⁴A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.*

24 But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 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 truly among you.

31 For _____ one by one, _____ and all may be encouraged. 32 And the _____ are subject to the prophets.

1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 24-25; 31-32

"pursue love, and earnestly desire to be spiritual". Seek to abound for the edification of the church. ***"You can all prophesy... so that all may be edified..."***. In 1 Corinthians 14, the word

edification (strengthen/encourage) is mentioned 8 times because if we are not being built up then true prophecy is not at work.

As much as we love to hear God's voice and what He is saying for the people and regions of the world, let us remember that the whole idea of God planting His heart, thoughts, and words in us was His idea from the beginning. He is so excited to activate His Spirit within us through this and other gifts. As we position ourselves to be a conduit of His grace, He begins to share new levels of love from His heart for others, and in the process, we are changed into His image. It was God's idea to invite us into the Revelatory Realm not just to reveal Himself through us, but also to “**reveal Himself in us**” (see Galatians 1:16).

FAQs about the Prophetic: 1 Corinthians 13 and 14

1. Doesn't the scripture say that we should just go after love since love is better?
2. How does prophecy support God's mandate to love?
3. Shouldn't we just “*Seek the Giver*” and not the gift (see **1 Cor 14:1**)?
4. Can everyone prophesy or is it relegated to a few (see **1 Cor 14:31**)?
5. Is there still a desire in God's heart for us to co-create with Him as Adam originally did (see **1 Cor 14:5**)?
6. What is the purpose behind us speaking and declaring into the tangible realm what God is speaking to us by His Spirit (see **Job 22:28**)?
7. Shouldn't we be concerned about new or young Christians as well as non-believers coming into a church where the gift of prophecy is operating (see **1 Cor 14:24**)?
8. Didn't the gifts of the Spirit die out with the Apostles and the 1st-century church? Are people still in need of strengthening, encouragement, and comfort (see Eph 4:13 “¹³*until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ*”).
9. Is prophecy just a gift that is completely God and therefore perfect, or can I learn and grow in my ability to prophesy (see **1 Cor 14:31**)?
10. If I prophesy, will I be taken over by the Holy Spirit and unhindered by my personal opinions or unaware of my surroundings, or am I still present and aware with the capacity to manage myself (see **1 Cor 14:32**)?
11. If I am not 100% accurate, I am a false prophet?
12. Which is more important in the use of your prophetic gift; accuracy or fruit? YES!

What is the Prophetic?

There is a difference between having faith for something to break through, to happen, come about, or change and having a word of prophecy.

Prophecy is more than just telling me if I'm going to have a new job offer, it's about telling me what the Lord is up to in my season and how to see Him in my opportunities. Psychics can tell me about future opportunities, but they can't help me see where Jesus is and what He is doing.

- The word PROPHET means (Hebrew = Nabi) which means: Speaker of oracles, one who was actuated by a divine Spirit.
- SEERS: some prophets were also called SEERS (Hebrew = ra'ah) a seeing person, this denotes a person who sees what God is saying, not just hears.
- The word PROPHECY means: (Hebrew= chazown) to see mentally; dream, see a vision, have a revelation; receive an oracle; to look at; to behold.
- To PROPHECY means: (Hebrew = naba) not only signifies the action of foretelling events but also means to pray and make supplication. The first time the word "Prophet" is found in scripture, it includes his responsibility for intercession (Gen 20:7). To prophesy also means "to bubble up" by the Spirit of God as opposed to false prophecy which means "to cook up" by one's own mind, soul or other spirit.
- There are generally two types of ways to give words.
 - **Naba & Ra'ah:** happens when you see someone and insight begins to bubble up and/or you share with them what you have just seen.
 - **Chazown:** happens when you get a word for someone or a region that builds or unfolds throughout a period of time as you behold/ponder it.
- There are at least 78 Prophets mentioned by name in scripture who all had different spheres of focus for their gift as well as having different spheres of authority.
- Note: There is a difference between the Office of a Prophet and those who prophesy, which we will discuss in further detail later

_____ : A focus
on the revelation of Jesus

Old Testament:

1. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God... "(Elohim=the One who desires covenant and has made provision for such).
2. "Created the heavens and the earth". Of all the ways that God could have created the heavens and the earth, why was the spoken word what He used (see Genesis 1:1-3; 6; 9; 11; 14; 22; 26)?
3. First prophecy in the Bible: (see Genesis 3:6-15). Father spoke forward to His son who was standing by His side and created a moment in His (Jesus') future.
4. Abraham and the prophecy of the "Seed" (see Genesis 22:15-18). Abraham hears and obeys so the prophecy continues. Most prophecy is contingent upon faith and obedience.

5. How God speaks to Moses and the Israelites (see Num. 12:6-8; Ex 19:3-10)
6. Restoring the “Old Testament (religious) Disconnect”:
 - a. Adam: Genesis 3:8-11
 - b. Children of Israel: Exodus 20:18-21.

The over-awareness of sin in self or others has always produced a “disconnect” and a major stumbling block to how we hear God. His voice had not changed for Adam nor Israel, but somehow, a sin consciousness had caused fear, which should never have been there.

Whenever we review the events of our lives apart from the blood of Jesus, we subject ourselves to the influence of the spirit of deception. Thus the Moses/Leader “Only hearing from God” syndrome was started. In reality, my sinful past no longer exists.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:18-20 (NASB)

7. Samuel and the birth of the Prophets: The return of God's voice
1 Samuel 3:1-11, 19
 - a. The word of the Lord was rare... no visions.
 - b. 1 Samuel 10:25:

“Then Samuel explained to the people the behavior of Royalty (Kingship) and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord”.

This began the prophetic symbolism of the difference between “false prophecy and true prophecy”. King Saul and King David made equal mistakes, but Saul was insecure, self-focused, and walked in an unteachable arrogance, which, later led to rebellion, and then to witchcraft. David was aware of the “Mercies of God” and is a prototype of God's healed and mature people at the end of the age, while Saul is a prototype of the motives of wounded people who will try to operate in God's Spirit out of mixture.

8. School of the Prophets: The voice of God is restored to His people. (see 1 Sam 10:5). It is widely believed that this group of Prophets (*nabim*) were trained by Samuel since there is no mention of them prior to him.
9. David is promised that his “seed” will rule from his throne forever (see 2 Sam 7:10-17). Some scholars believe that David was not recognized by his brothers, because he may have been an illegitimate son.

New Testament

1. John the Baptist was a voice to announce the “seed” had come in the flesh (see John 1:14-18, 23, 29-34). Beholding the Glory of the Father; Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus hears the Father's voice before entering into the wilderness and into His public ministry (see Matt 3:16-17, 4:1-4).
3. “All May Prophecy” fulfilled: Moses Num 11:29/ Joel 2:28/ Paul: 1 Cor 14:1, 31
4. Birth of the Church: Acts 2:14-21. Sons and Daughters anointed to prophesy.
5. Fivefold Ministry to train: (Eph 4:11-16) Purpose: A fully mature bride that walks in the fullness of Christ and builds each other up to a powerful bride lacking nothing.
6. When He (Jesus= the Seed) fell into the ground and died, He gave gifts to men (see Eph 4:8). The seed multiplied as His Spirit was released.
7. Gifts vs. Rewards: (1 Cor 12:4-7) Gifts are not something you earn or receive for good behavior. They are gifts for everyone. That is why they are called “Gifts”.
8. Expectation of Prophecy: 1 Cor 14:1, 31/ Rom 12:6/ 1 Thes 5:19-21.

This brief overview of “Prophetic History Old and New Testament” is meant to show us the strong intention of God. To initially speak through His people and then His redemptive intention to return the voice of God to those who had been enslaved by Satan, shame, and the Religious Spirit.

What is the Purpose of the Prophetic?

1. Friendship & Intimacy:
 - a. Ex 33:11a ***“So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend...”*** Our first purpose in hearing His voice is “face to face” intimacy and friendship (“face to face” literally means = “mouth to mouth”). Believe it or not, not everything we hear from God is supposed to be shared. Sometimes, it's just two friends talking.
2. Engage His Heart & Passion for His Bride:
 - a. To Build Up His Bride: 1 Corinthians 14:3 (Strengthen, Encourage and Comfort). 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3-4:
 - b. The most desirable gift ***“Pursue love, yet _____ spiritual things, but especially that you may prophesy, But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and comfort One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but one who prophesies builds up the church”.***
 - c. Revealing the Heart:
 - i. Proverbs 20:5. “A plan (destiny) in the heart of a man is like deep water (well), But a man of understanding draws it out”.

- ii. 1 Sam 9:19 "Come tomorrow and I will show you all that is in your heart"
- iii. 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

24 But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

3. His Influence on the Earth:

- a. Invitation to Create: (read: Genesis 1:1-3, 6,9,11,14,22,26 and Gen 2:7,19) God and man spoke and creation's destiny was released.
- b. Release Life: Deuteronomy 8:3 **"The breath of life is hidden in His word".**
- c. Building out of nothing: Romans 4:17 As it is written: **"...the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were."**
- d. Decrees, Announcements, and Answers from Heaven: Job 22:28 **"You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you so the light will shine on your ways."**
- e. Quantum Physics: "Popping the Quiff" Isaiah 55:11 **"My word will not return void unto Me..."**. The Hubble telescope tells us that light is expanding at the rate of 386,000 miles per second. All because God said, "Let there be light..."

4. Revealing Christ, His love, and the will of God:

- a. Revelation 19:10 **"Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus"** Prophecy testifies of what Jesus is willing to do right now.
- b. 2 Peter: 1:21 **"For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved (carried) by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."**
- c. John 10:7-18 **"My sheep hear my voice and follow..."**
- d. The book of Revelation is not the revelation of eschatology, it's the revelation of Jesus. It's not the revelation of the Taliban, ISIS, or the antichrist. It's not a revelation of catastrophe, it's a revelation of JESUS.

5. Creating a Culture for the Mystical & The Practical:

- a. Prepare the Way of the Lord: Hebrews 11:7: Reverencing His word enough to prepare for its fulfillment.
- b. Insatiable Hunger: Isaiah 66:1-2: This is what the Lord says: **"Heaven is My throne and the earth is the footstool for My feet. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, so all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "But I will look to this one, at one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at My word.**

- c. Hunger for His word causes Him to rest upon you. It also allows us to experience God's insatiable love for His people.
- d. Cultivate a place where the eyes of our hearts are continually enlightened to see the beauty of the Ancient of Days and the earth He created.
- e. To see a portal/vortex open in the atmosphere like Samuel and the sons of the prophets experienced (see Naiaoth Ramah in 1 Samuel 19).
- f. Training and releasing others in being used to speak and reveal the hidden mysteries only found in God's voice.
- g. To restore the voice of the Lord to the earth and His people.
- h. To cultivate a reputation for hearing God's voice for your region in regard to economics, crime, government, next advancement in technology, schools and family, innovation, music, and where to drop the nets for the harvest. God wants to do nothing without revealing His secrets to His servants.
- i. Prophetic Acts: Where the region is saturated with heaven's destiny.

People from all walks of life desperately desire to hear from God. This is your opportunity to release prophetic words over God's creation and bring people into true life. God is love and all the words that proceed from His mouth come from the depths of His Love.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:7-11

Activation:

Practicing the Prophetic

This is the moment where you give yourself grace to practice, which means to make mistakes. There is no way to become mature or proficient in anything without lots of practice. So, give yourself and others a lot of room to grow. Position yourself right now to not be quick to judge yourself and avoid the need to look good while practicing. If you don't get all the details right, learn what you can and then try to extract what went well in your exercise.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Hebrews 5:14 (NASB)

1. Get alone and ask God to show you an object in this room that reminds Him of you; then ask Him Why. Journal His response and how it made you feel.
2. Get "One On One" with another person and ask God to show you something that the person loves doing and ask Him to show you their favorite color.
3. Celebrate every success and failure, because it takes boldness to grow!!

Prayers for growth in the Revelatory Realm:

Ephesians 1:15-21 / Colossians 1:9-14 / Philippians 1:9-11

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