

THE GIVER AND HIS GIFTS

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Part 8

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2 Peter 1:16-21, “¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining

in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word; Amen!

Over the past several weeks, we have been working our way through a series entitled, “The Giver and His Gifts” during which we have been striving to unpack all that the Bible records about the Holy Spirit and all that which this topic of study entails. As we prepare for the Passover Week and the Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, it is my goal today that shift gears a bit in our series to address the Prophetic Nature of Scripture and the Holy Ghost’s impact upon the Flow of Prophecy woven throughout Scripture.

The first and foremost prophetic insight that the Holy Spirit can prophetic utterance to is the Messianic prophecies found throughout the Old Testament and were made manifest in the New Testament. Prophecies such as The Christ shall be born of a woman, The Christ shall be from the Tribe of Judah, shall be heir to David’s Throne, to be called Immanuel, shall be preceded by Elijah, born in Bethlehem, shall be from Nazareth, and the list of Messianic Prophecies can seemingly go

on and on. Many of these prophecies were given 100s and at other instances, literally 1000s of years before they ever came to pass in and through the Life of Christ the Messiah!

I have said it many times that both the Old and New Testaments are critical to one another thus you can't have one without the other. For example, we would never understand the power of the fulfillment of Prophecy had not said Prophecy never been declared. This is why both Testaments must be read, valued and studied because they both are necessary to the compliment and impact of one another. The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed; the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed!

Church family, Bible Prophecy is not given to intimidate us but rather to encourage us that what God's Word says will come to pass!

1. The Holy Spirit is the Source of Prophecy noted throughout the Bible!

- a. All throughout the Scriptures, there are numerous annotations made regarding the Spirit of the Lord coming upon or resting upon an individual thus enabling them to do supernatural things. Take the Prophet Ezekiel for example; he referenced this very thing found in Ezekiel chapter 11.

- b. Ezekiel 11:5 - “And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and he said to me, “Say, Thus says the Lord: So you think, O house of Israel. For I know the things that come into your mind.”
- c. Note that it was after the Lord fell upon him that the Lord spoke to Ezekiel to prophesy.
- d. Many of us will find the following text familiar to us found recorded in the Gospel of Saint Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
- e. This passage of Text is recorded in Isaiah 61:1-2 which was a prophetic utterance recorded of the Prophet Isaiah and it was that prophetic declaration that was in reference to the Messianic purpose and function of the Messiah.
- f. Again, the Holy Spirit is not a form of New Testament Theology but rather an Old Testament reality; The Holy Ghost is found in Genesis chapter 1, He is found in Revelation 22, and everywhere in between.
- g. But not only is the Holy Spirit the Source of Prophecy throughout the Bible, point #2...

2. The Holy Spirit is the Source by which Men of Old were Moved upon with Prophetic Utterance in the Old and New Testament!

- a. The manifestation of the prophetic is nothing new however, there is no other source by which an individual can prophesy truthfully and say it is of the Lord.
- b. 2 Peter 1:19-21, “¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
- c. There is a mistake that is made when it comes to the Prophet if the mindset is that the Prophet is only a function and office that is quantified to the Old Testament alone. The Prophet and the prophetic unction of the Holy Spirit are a New Testament truth as well.

- d. For example, I want to point out an obscure character that is noted only twice in the New Testament by the name of Agabus. Agabus was a prophet who was a part of the New Testament Church; he has two specific points that he is found in Scripture. Specifically Acts chapter 11 and Acts chapter 21.
- e. Acts 11:27-30, **“²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.”**
- f. It is interesting that the prophetic gift did not die off but rather remained in a place of preeminence and necessity within the Early Church.
- g. Church family, the Prophetic is not weird nor is it strange neither is it “not of God”. It was a necessity in the First Century Church and it is even more so a necessity in our present day.
- h. But not only is the Holy Spirit the very source of Prophetic Utterance...

3. The Holy Ghost is still Moving in the Prophetic Today!

- a. Story of McDonough Georgia; Haitian Church; future trip to Haiti
 - i. Prophecy given in 2007 - Went to Haiti in 2012
- b. Story about the Storm and the Woman in Prison (Stacy Storm)
 - i. Prophecy about a Storm on Sunday / Preached on Thursday
- c. Kim Clement story - Hotel Parking Garage
- d. I believe men like Kent Christmas and others are bringing a restoration to the Purity of the Prophetic and Kim Clément's prophecies are coming to pass in mass after his death.