The Life of the Prophete Samuel Lesson #4
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<u>Is your name here</u> <u>among the prophets?</u>

Prophesying and Prophecy Subject

Read Numbers 11:24-29, Joel 2:28-29, 1 Samuel chapter 10:9-12, 1 Samuel 19:20-24 -We do not know what Saul and the 70 elders were saying, but we know God was speaking through them and he can speak through you!

You always have access to a word from the lord. God's word is always available to you.

The Spirit of God is essential (mandatory) for prophesying.

The spirit of God changed Saul into another man and gave him the ability to prophesy.

The spirit of God rested on Eldad and Medad and they prophesy

What is prophecy?

The Old Testament definition is taken from a Hebrew word Naba Strong's H5012. it means to prophesy, i.e. speak (or sing) by inspiration (in prediction or simple discourse):—prophesy(-ing) Simple discourse in this sense is divinely inspired conversation.

In the New Testament the word in Greek is prophēteuō strong's G4395. it means to foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration, exercise the prophetic office:—prophesy

New Testament prophecy speaks of dealing with the future.

The common theme between both definitions is divine communication!

Prophecy is (communication) from God to mankind. You are the middle man.

Prophetic communication

Learn how God speaks to you!

Part of the prophetic communication is visions or images

All 5 offices of the church are more effective when they add the prophetic to their calling.

Another way of prophetic communication can also be feelings, taste, smell, hearing, dreams, trances

Read1 Samuel 15:26-28. God use this event (the tearing of the robe) to speak to Saul!

We will look at a few categories of prophesying

Simple Prophecy-1 Corinthians 14:3

It is Edification, Exhortation, Comfort

Word of wisdom- 1 Corinthians 12:8

The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. The word of wisdom always speaks of the future.

Examples If we look at 1 Samuel 10:5-7 and 1 Samuel 12:17-19

The Word of knowledge

This is not considered prophecy, technically, but we will deal with it because most of the time it works together with A word of knowledge.

What is the word of knowledge? The word of knowledge is supernatural revelation by the spirit of God concerning certain facts, in the mind of God, relating to people, places, or things. The revelation that always presents knowledge of something that has happened in the past or present.

Example **John 4:15-19**

Read 1 Samuel 15:2-3. Then Read verse 9. Samuel is not there, but either while it was happening or after it happened God told Samuel about it. This is the word of knowledge.

Testify of an experience you've had with prophecy.

Conclusion

What does prophecy do for us?

It upgrades you, it prepares you, it restores you, it can show you your purpose, it comforts you, it edifies you, it exhorts you.

Prophecy can take you from one place to another place. It took David from being a Shepherd to being a King. On the flip side it took the kingship from Saul. it took Israel from fruitfulness to bareness, when Elijah said there will be no dew or rain. it was to bring Israel to true repentance.