



# An Eagle's View!

## ***Prophetic Ministry: An Expression of What is Real!***

If you study prophetic ministry you will find that prophecy consists of two functioning parts. One part is the passive function of receiving the prophetic message from God. The second part is the active function of transmitting the prophetic message to the people. Prophetic ministry has always consisted of Divine activity, as well as human activity. It was God who spoke by His Spirit but it was the “mouths” of the prophets that proclaimed what God had revealed (**Lk. 1:70; 2Sam. 23:1,2; 2Pet. 1:21**). It was God who spoke through the prophets. It was God’s “word” by way of the “mouths” of the prophets (**2Kin. 17:13; 21:10; 24:2**). It was the function of the prophets to “see” what God was revealing, and then express what was revealed to those to whom they were sent. This expression was transmitted in ways that were visual, verbal, or in the form of written Scripture.

To understand the function of prophetic ministry we must look at the receptive function as well as the proclaiming function of prophetic ministry:

*1Sam. 9:9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.).*

The word “seer” is the Hebrew word

“*ra'ab*” and it means; “to see, lit. or fig. (in numerous applications, direct and implied, trans., intrans. and causat.)”. The word for prophet is the Hebrew word “*nabiy'*”. This word simply means: “a prophet or (gen.) inspired man” and it is derived from the Hebrew word “*naba'*” which means; “to prophesy, i.e. speak (or sing.) by inspiration (in prediction or simple discourse).” The term “seer” is the receptive function of prophetic ministry while the word “prophet” is the proclaiming function. In order to be proper ministers of the prophetic, we must learn to be skilled in both the passive function of receiving God's message, as well as become skilled in our ability to transmit that message to the people for whom it is intended.

In order to be true prophecy God must initiate the communication. God is willing to speak and His communication is most often heard when we are willing to listen (**Ps. 40:5; Ps. 95:7,8; 139:17,18**). In order to deliver true prophetic ministry we must be able to “see” (receive) what God is desiring to reveal to us. False prophets are those that God does not give a message to speak (**Jer. 23:21; Eze. 13:1-17; 22:28**). In order to deliver true prophetic ministry we must be able to, first of all, receive what God has to give. True ministry of prophecy must be a received message from God (**2Sam. 18: all -note verse 30**).

The reception of the prophetic message may be realized in either visionary or perceptive ways. There are two words used to describe the function of the “seer” in the Old Testament. The Hebrew word “*ro'eb*” is one word used to describe “a seer”. This Hebrew word occurs 12 times in the Old



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Testament. Essentially the root, *"ra'ab"*, means *"to look at" or "to behold"*. This word is used of the prophet in his *"seeing"* or perceiving of God's message especially, although not exclusively, with reference to the visionary. This word describes distinctively the prophetic revelation of the prophet through visions (*Prophetic Gatherings In The Church, By David Blomgren, Page 27*).

A second word used is the Hebrew word *"chozeh"* and it is also used to describe *"a seer"*. This Hebrew word, occurring 16 times in the Old Testament, also denotes the subjective experience of *"seeing"* God's revealed message. Although these two terms may be used interchangeably, *"chozeh"* seems to be the broader term and is used to refer to either cognitive or visionary perception (*Prophetic Gatherings In The Church, By David Blomgren, Page 28*).

The Hebrew word *"nataf"* describes the Divine factor of prophecy. *"Nataf"* means *"to ooze, i.e. distill gradually; by impl. fall in drops; fig. to speak by inspiration"*. It implies the application of a substance that will bring forth life. This word reflects the prophetic message as the direct result of Divine activity. *"Nataf"* is used to describe the falling of rain drops from heaven, as well as the reception of prophecy (**Jdg. 5:4; Job 36:27; Mic. 2:6,11; Amo. 7:16**).

The act or application of the prophetic is termed in the Hebrew word *"naba"*. To *"naba"* is to prophesy by *"inspiration"*. The

communication of the prophetic message is the human factor of prophecy and it is a *"bubbling up"* of that which is received by the messenger. The Hebrew and Aramaic word *"naba"* mean *"to bubble up, to gush forth, to pour forth"*.

Prophecy is a result of the Divine activity of God upon the human personality of man, resulting in a prophetic message which *"bubbles up" and "gushes forth"* as living water from the throne room of God (**Jn. 7:37-39; Jn. 4:10; Eze. 47:9**). Without the Divine activity of God upon the human spirit, (**1Cor. 2:10,11**) there can be no message which *"bubbles up"* or *"gushes forth"* to produce a change in what we know to be our manifested reality. The power of prophetic expression to bring about change in any visible situation is rooted in the reality of God's kingdom in the realm of the heavenly. Before that power can be released to bring about a demonstration in the natural arena, there must first be a revelation of the reality of that which cannot be seen in the realm of the visible.

*Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*



As prophetic people in God's kingdom, we must learn to understand the power of speaking the things of the eternal realm of God into the manifested reality of where we live. It is by faith that we understand that the worlds (*"aion's" = an age; perpetuity*) were



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framed by the word (*"rhema"* = *an utterance*) of God. The things which are seen were made (*"ginomai"* = *to cause to be*) by the things which are not seen naturally. These things which are not seen naturally are not things that *"are not"*. They are things as they *"really are"*. I have heard, and even spoken, that we are to *"call things that are not as though they are"*. **This statement is not Bible.** We cannot call things that are not. **We can only call, or speak, those things which really are.** We can only see God's kingdom come *"as it is in heaven."* God has called us to be a people with a *"different view"* of things. We must learn to live in the reality of the *"view of heaven"* in order to *"utter"* the expressions of the life of the kingdom of heaven into our daily lives.



In this newsletter, I would like to address the prophetic power of calling things to life in a world of death and decay. We must have our eyes opened to the truth, and then live lives that are focused on that truth, and not the deception of the lie of that which is seen naturally. God is wanting to release the realities of heaven to the earth today.

*2Cor. 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

We have the power to affect the things which are temporary by that which is eternal.

It is the power of the eternal realm that can: change water to wine (**Jn. 2:1-11**), heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, raise the dead (**Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 11:43-44; Lk. 7:22; Mt. 11:15; Mt. 27:51-54**), walk on water (**Mt. 14:25-31**), part the sea (**Ex. 14:21**), stop the earth from revolving (**Josh. 10:12-14**), or any of the many things that we find recorded in the record of God's word (*The Bible*). These things cannot be explained naturally. The things which were revealed to Moses in the Old Testament were but a shadow of that which is real in heaven (**Col. 2:16,17; Heb. 8:4,5; Heb. 10:1**). It is the purpose of God to reveal the reality of His heavenly kingdom in order to manifest His eternal reality in the age in which we live. God has a redemptive progression and a restorative purpose in His plan for the earth (**Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:19-22**). There are many natural ages of men. Men are born and men die, but God is not bound to the ages. He is the Ancient of Days. **He is He Who Was, He Who Is and He Who Is To Come (Rev. 1:4,8)**. The word of God declares that the mystery of Christ would be revealed in the ages which were to come. These are the progressive ages of time which I believe include the present time of reformation for the Church. These ages are all subject to the one age of God that knows no end.

*Eph. 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*



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The Bible is a covenant record of God and His chosen people. The many temporal ages recorded portray the covenant relationship which God had with His people. These many "ages" served together in painting a picture which portrayed the coming reality of the endless age known as the "kingdom of God". All things were expressed to reveal the true reality of God's redemptive plan for man and the earth through Jesus His only begotten Son. Although we live in the temporal realm of the age in which we naturally see, we as believers "in Christ" are also living in the eternal age of the kingdom of God because Jesus came at the end of these ages (**1Cor. 10:11; Heb. 9:26**). It is during this time that God is wanting to release the eternal realities of His kingdom here upon the earth. It is through the power of His kingdom working within us that we will see the glory of the endless age of God made known upon the earth.

*Eph. 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world ("aion" = age) without end. Amen.*

The fullness of time is an event that has already occurred in the history of God and His covenant people. It was in the fullness of time that God was able to usher in the reality of His eternal endless kingdom to all the nations of the earth (**Mt. 11:12**) who would believe on His name (**Ps. 145:18; Rom. 10:12**). The truth of God's "endless age" (**Eph. 3:20,21**) is more real than the many ages of this world which continually come and go. We must prophetically perceive this present

dispensation of "the fullness of times" (**Eph. 1:10**) and receive God's anointed power to proclaim His eternal kingdom on earth even as it is in heaven.

*Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

God is calling us to rise up in this hour to fulfill His mandate of life for the earth (**Gen. 1:28; Ps. 8; Rom. 8:19**). The perfection of the Bride of Christ shall be fulfilled and the glory of the Lord is going to manifestly cover the earth as the water covers the sea (**Isa. 11:9,10; Hab. 2:14**).

Even as the voice of the Lord is the "voice of many waters" (**Rev. 14:2**), the voice of God's prophetic people must be activated in order to release the glory of God's eternal kingdom upon the earth. It is time that Jesus "be seen" standing in the midst of His Church, and that "His voice" be heard from "her" (the Church) prophetic mouth (prophesying mouth) (**Rev. 1:12-16**)!

*Eph. 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure*





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*of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

Even now His presence is in the "clouds". His manifest presence is increasing upon the Church; and as we respond to the realities of what is in heaven, we will truly see the enemies of Christ made His footstool. God is building us up to become a spiritual house for His habitation (1Pet. 2:5). As His "spiritual house" upon the earth, we will release His eternal realities of life among the nations. The "endless age" will righteously encompass the age in which we live!

*Heb. 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.*

The kingdom of heaven is real today. The kingdom of heaven is invisible to the natural man but the effects of its spiritual reality can clearly be seen in the natural world around us. Things that are unseen affect the things that we see in our everyday lives. God has called us to be His spiritual agents who will seek to see the realities of His eternal kingdom manifest in the world in which we live. The mysteries of the kingdom of God are locked up within the realm of the heavenlies and we cannot access them as mere natural men. As born again believers in



Christ, we have been given the ability to access the eternal realities of God's kingdom as the legitimate inheritors of all that is His. We have been ordained by God to obtain the keys of the kingdom of heaven through this legal access to the reality of God and all that He has. We have been ordained by God to receive the realities of heaven in our natural arenas.

Our minds tell us that reality is what we see with our natural eyes. Reality is not what we see naturally. Reality is what exists in heaven. As the realities of heaven are released to the earth, there is a revealing of what is true. We are often trapped in the deception and lie of natural circumstances which are stubbornly resisting the realities of heaven. Let us look at the account of the prophet Elisha and his servant as it is found in 2Kings 6:8-17:

*2Kin. 6:8 Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha,*



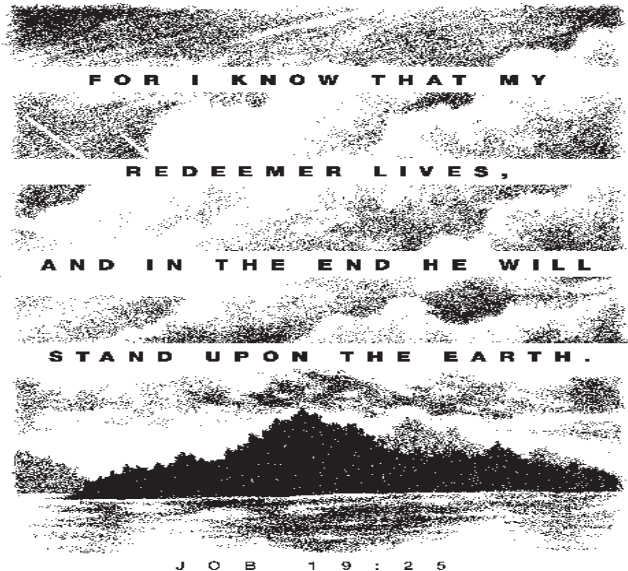
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*the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

It wasn't until Elisha's servant's eyes were opened to the realm of the spirit that he was able to see the truth of God's reality for the day. Elisha was already aware of the reality of heaven. He was able to stand in faith at a time when natural circumstances were trying to dictate a response of fear within his heart. The prophet's ability to see into the realm of the spirit enabled him to receive the reality of what was in the realm of heaven for his day of facing the Syrian army. If we can see into God's eternal realm of the spirit, we can receive the benefits of its reality in the midst of our daily circumstances.

I believe that God is opening the eyes of His prophetic saints to see the reality of the heavenly. **Let us pray that our eyes be opened to see the realm of His endless kingdom of light and life.** As God opens our eyes to see the realities of His eternal kingdom we can proclaim the word of His kingdom with power and authority. **We will see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!**

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