

Returning to the Supernatural: Prophecy
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Torah Portion

Numbers 11:24;25

“So Moses went out and told the people the words of the L-rd, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.
25 Then the L-rd came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.”

The Law of First Reference

- The first mention of any truth in scripture often defines it's use throughout the Bible.
- Here is the first mention of prophecy in the Torah –prophesying or prophesied.
- “Naba” – to cause to bubble up, to pour forth words abundantly; to speak the words of G-d to men; to speak (or sing) by divine inspiration.
- The Hebrew forms of this verb suggest being moved by another power than ones own and brings in the aspect of music.
- Naba – the bubbling up of the Holy Spirit that lives within you.
- Yeshua: He who believes in Me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. speaking of the Holy Spirit.

Torah Point: G-d Wants to Communicate with You

The prophet Jeremiah tells us that G-d thinks about you all the time: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the L-rd, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jer. 29:11

- But If you don't believe that G-d speaks, you won't seek His voice.
- And If you don't seek G-d's voice, you won't hear G-d's voice.
- G-d has a lot to say:
 - He spoke at Creation.
 - He spoke in the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 - He is speaking in Heaven right now, why not “on earth as it is in Heaven”?
 - He wants to speak to us every day.
- He wants to speak through you
 - “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.” Joel 2:28

Service Portion

Returning to the Supernatural

Prophecy – G-d's Direct Way to Return to the Supernatural

- A. The Person Behind Prophecy
- B. The Purpose of Prophecy
- C. The Path to Prophecy

1) The Person Behind Prophecy

1. Law of First Reference: New Testament
2. Matthew 7: 21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘L-rd, L-rd,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘L-rd, L-rd, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ **23** And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
3. **4395.** **προφητεύω prophēteuō**; from 4396; *to foretell, tell forth, prophesy*:—prophesied(5), prophecies(3), prophesy(16), prophesying(3), prophetesses(1).

G-d speaks to You so You would follow Him

John 10:27

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”.

1. Because we are important to Him.
 2. Because we are created in His image.
 3. Because He is a good Father.
 4. Because He desires intimacy
- 2) For the Jew first (Acts 3:22 – 26)

We are born again as His children when G-d spoke His Word to our hearts

1. G-d spoke to you when you were saved
2. If he spoke once, he will speak again

3. “ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the **word of G-d** which lives and abides forever” 1 Pet.1:23

2.) The purpose of Prophecy

Prophecy is defined as:

1. G-d's act of communicating His heart to His people
2. The ministry of sharing impressions initiated by the Holy Spirit that call people up into their true identity in Christ
3. The gift of sharing an encouraging word from G-d
4. A timely message from G-d to a believer that results in their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort

1 Corinthians 14: 31;33

For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. 33 For G-d is not a G-d of confusion but of peace.

The Purpose of Prophecy is:

1. To express G-d's heart and character to G-d's people
2. To communicate the love of G-d for His people
3. To reveal the purposes and plans of G-d
4. To prepare the way for the work of G-d
5. To confirm what G-d has already spoken to a person's heart
6. To help them understand G-d's ways

1 John 2:5

“But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of G-d is perfected in him.”

The Aim of Prophecy is:

1. To edify, encourage and exhort the people of G-d
2. In all things we attempt to reveal the heart of G-d
3. We try to be as accurate as possible in the process

1 Corinthians 14:4

“But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

Prophecy in Jeremiah's Life:

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the L-rd came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

1. G-d placed a prophetic call on Jeremiah’s life before Jeremiah was created.
2. In a sense, the first prophetic word over a man’s life happens as G-d creates us.
3. Calling forth destiny is prophetic: G-d has the authority to call out and describe each individual’s destiny.
4. Destiny is anchored in identity: “L-rd, who do You say that I am?”
5. Those in authority: parents and pastors serve to confirm a person’s destiny by speaking to our true identity.

Jeremiah’s Reluctance to Prophecy

Jeremiah 1:6-8

6 Then said I: “Ah, L-rd G-d! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.” 7 But the L-rd said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the L-rd

1. Jeremiah’s heart and identity were not yet lined up with his destiny.
2. Jeremiah disqualified himself for ministry:
3. He was aware of his youth.
4. He felt inadequate.
5. He was afraid of people.

Breaking Up the Fallow Ground

Hosea 10:12

“Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, for *it is* time to seek the L-rd, till He comes and rains righteousness on you.”

1. Jeremiah’s heart had to be broken up, like soil ready for planting.
2. Our hearts also are prepared like good soil to receive the seed of the Word of G-d.
3. Like any good farmer, we must till the ground of our hearts.
4. In this way we can hear the voice of G-d, accept G-d’s voice, and bear fruit 30 times, 60 times and 100 times that which was sown.

Jeremiah 1:9-10

“Then the L-rd put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the L-rd said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

The Effect of Prophecy is:

1. People realize that G-d hears them.
2. People believe that G-d understands what they are going through.
3. People receive perspective on the events of their lives.
4. People embrace wisdom from G-d to move forward in His will.
5. People see G-d's plan, purpose and vision for their lives.

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of G-d *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

3) The Path to Prophecy

Accept the Authority of G-d's Word

1. Authority comes from agreeing with G-d's Word.
2. This delegated authority of the believer empowers us to minister to people around us.

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The Authority of the Word of G-d and Prophetic Ministry

1. The Bible is the filter by which we judge any prophetic word.
2. We are each responsible to judge the words we give and the words we hear.
3. We can also ask our spiritual authorities to stand with us to judge a prophetic word.

Receive Practical Training

- Come forward tonight and we will pray for you for a word from G-d
 - And to be released in a prophetic gift
- Come to Habitation and watch our prophetic team model prophesy for you
 - Attend a Prophetic Presbytery service at one of the campuses
- Sign up for our Prophetic Leadership Training

- 5 weeks of training
- Serve on a prophetic team

Values for Prophetic Ministry Training at Gateway Church

1. We are free to make mistakes (This is a lab and we are all experimenting).
 - a. Low bar
2. We protect our grace culture.
3. We encourage a culture of honor.
4. We don't "throw stones".
5. We are open for correction.

How Do We Develop Our Gift of Prophecy?

1. This is a learning process as we take steps of faith and open our mouths.
2. We learn by trial and error: we practice, practice, practice....
3. Over time G-d wants us to grow in anointing and faith.
4. We learn to filter out our motives and personal agendas and speak in obedience.
5. Prophecy improves as we mature and as learn the ways of the L-rd.
6. Prophecy grows as we learn to live a life empowered by His Spirit.

"And Yeshua increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with G-d and men." Lk. 2:52

The Training of Jeremiah

1. G-d began to teach Jeremiah how to see what G-d sees.
2. "Moreover the word of the L-rd came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." Then the L-rd said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."
3. G-d spoke to Jeremiah through common objects that Jeremiah saw. Jer. 1
4. He saw the branch of an almond tree.
5. He saw a boiling pot
6. This is true in dreams, visions and every day observations.
7. He saw two baskets of figs (Jer.24) "Then the L-rd said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"
8. And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad." Jer.24:3

Our Training

1. When we prophesy we will learn to begin to see what G-d sees, hear what G-d hears, feel what G-d feels.
2. When we can clearly express these impressions G-d can use us in many situations.
3. X. Blow the trumpet in Zion, the song