

## 4. Realms of Prophecy and Boundaries

### 1. Spirit of Prophecy – External Anointing

**Num 11:25**     *“And took the spirit that was upon Moses and gave it unto the seventy elders and they prophesied and did not cease”*

❖ This is a special manifestation of God that comes when:

- ⇒ There is a \_\_\_\_\_ present
- ⇒ A number of prophets are present
- ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ is being taught
- ⇒ At sovereign times, people who may have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ before, will prophesy.

### 1 Samuel 19:18-24 (NKJV):

*<sup>18</sup> So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. <sup>19</sup> Now it was told Saul, saying, “Take note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!” <sup>20</sup> Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. <sup>21</sup> And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. <sup>22</sup> Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, “Where are Samuel and David?”*

*And someone said, “Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah.” <sup>23</sup> So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. <sup>24</sup> And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”*

### 2. Gift of Prophecy

**1 Cor 12:7**     *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one, for the profit of all”*

- The gift of prophecy is available for all believers. (1 Cor 14:1)
- The Bible tells us to earnestly desire this gift above every other gift.

### 1 Corinthians 14:5 (NKJV):

*<sup>5</sup> I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.*

- We can choose to stir up and manifest the gift. (2 Tim 1:6)

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- When the gift is asked for in faith, and received in faith, it is resident in the believer.
- It can be stirred up and used whenever the person chooses, like the gift of tongues, which is also operated by faith.
- It is always by faith.

Once we receive it, the gift is in us and can be stirred as we choose.

#### **4. Boundaries for the Spirit and the Gift**

- Gifts always have \_\_\_\_\_, to protect the one giving the prophecy and also the one receiving the prophecy. It gives security.

**1 Cor 14:3**      ***“But he that prophesies, speaks unto men edification, and exhortation and comfort.”***

- E \_\_\_\_\_  
⇒ to build, instruct, improve, renew and refresh. (Oikodomeo)
- E \_\_\_\_\_  
⇒ Strongly encourage, urge. (Parakaleo)
- C \_\_\_\_\_  
⇒ console, to cheer, to encourage someone who is weary or under pressure of afflictions. (Paramuthia)

#### **Basic Pitfalls - No hatches, matches or dispatches**

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#### ***There are levels from Simple prophecy to the Office of a prophet***

**1. Simple prophecy** – where we start. Any believer speaking something God has given. This often starts with feelings or a number of words and reduces to a word, and then to nothing, the comfort zones we started with will disappear, as we progress in the gift.

**2. Prophetic giftedness** – believers who receive dreams, visions, impressions and share revelation without necessarily having sharp clarity in understanding it all.

There are a lot of people in this category. This is a process.

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**3. Prophetic ministry** – believers who have been trusted, recognized and appointed for regular ministry. There are much fewer in this position. Not a prophet.

**Rom 12:6** *“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, [let us prophesy] according to the proportion of faith.”*

#### **S** \_\_\_\_\_ **of the prophets or prophets in training (PIT)**

Prophets in training, they minister under the guidance of a mature prophet or under supervision in their local church.

Boundaries are edify, exhort, comfort, (1 Cor 14:3) unless under the direction of a senior Prophet. One of the sons of the Prophets operates under Elisha on his behalf as directed (2 Kings 9:1-11).

#### **4. Gift of the Prophet**

**Ephesians 4:11,12** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

- \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus Himself. Part of fivefold ministry.
- Call from Obedience, when you understand the responsibility of the Call you do not want it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ step into something you are not called to.
- There are various levels and abilities of this office. The boundaries are \_\_\_\_\_ than those operating under the Gift or Spirit of Prophecy.

#### **Levels of Authority**

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ **church prophets**  
**D** \_\_\_\_\_ **prophets**  
**C** \_\_\_\_\_ **prophets**  
**N** \_\_\_\_\_ **prophets**  
**I** \_\_\_\_\_ **prophets**

Joseph and Daniel prophets move more in areas of politics, business or new age.

### 5. ***A Prophets Authority (Boundaries) – Prophets Only***

Are different to one functioning in the Gift or Spirit of Prophecy

God may call upon a seasoned Prophet to function in these areas, but he or she will always demonstrate the nature and character of God? The fruits of the Spirit will be evident.

- Correction
  - ⇒ 1 Sam 2:27-29 Eli was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ordaining Ministries
  - ⇒ 1 Sam 16:13 Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ David.
- Judgement
  - ⇒ 2 Chron. 21:12 Elijah – letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Receiving God's Message First
  - ⇒ Amos 3:7 God tells prophets \_\_\_\_\_.
- Direction
  - ⇒ Acts 11:27, 28 tells of famine, need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Calling Ministries
  - ⇒ Acts 13:1-3 Barnabas and Saul \_\_\_\_\_.
- Help Lay Church Foundations
  - ⇒ Eph 2:20 \_\_\_\_\_ and Prophets.
- Impartation of Spiritual Gifts
  - ⇒ 1 Tim 4:14 laying on of \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Key Points**

1. Spirit of Prophecy - external
2. Gift of prophecy – internal
3. Be aware of your level or realm of prophecy
4. Prophecy is to be encouraging, strengthening, and comforting
5. No direction, correction, hatches, matches, or dispatches
6. The role of the prophet carries different boundaries

**Your 5 Key points**

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