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You determined all the boundaries
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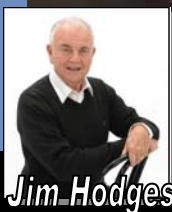


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Jim Hodges

Mobilizing the Remnant

The remnant is the breakthrough company. The remnant is the proton people. The remnant is the pioneer people, the first to break in so that God can break out and release from the third heaven, throne-zone strategies to advance God's Kingdom in the church, in the culture and in the nation. Scripture teaches that God perpetuates His covenant through the remnant and God conquers His enemies through a remnant people. The remnant is a committed minority that has become agents of change that the Lord want to release in history. This release comes not through the whole church, but through a remnant that has revelation and promotes and pursues revelation in the church and transformation in the culture of the nations.

Isaiah 10:21 *A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.* 22 *For though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, Only a remnant within them will return;* If you were alive in 722 B.C., and had seen the Assyrians come and conquer the ten northern tribes and take them into captivity, you may have thought that the world had just ended. You may have thought, 'How can God's people be taken



out of the land? How can ten tribes disappear?’ The answer was that they were surrounded by Assyrians who took them captive. God told them that when it happened, He would cause a remnant to come back and pick up His cause and purpose. God did not forget His purpose even while people so lost in idolatry had to be judged and taken into captivity. God will get the job done, even if He has to start again with a remnant. He started with eight people after the flood.

There is a remnant in our nation that refuses to give up on the church or the nation. This remnant refuses to give up on God’s agenda for all the spheres of culture. This remnant is not multitudinous but it is mighty. This remnant is not afraid of the odds and not afraid to go through the battles necessary to pursue the implementation and application of the will of heaven. This remnant knows it is not their strength but the strength of the Lord working in and through them.

About two weeks ago my wife, Jean, had a dream. She is a prophetic warrior and intercessor. In the dream, she saw a huge beachfront and she watched many people coming up out of water onto the beach. The Lord spoke and told her that they were angels. Their formation was the shape of a “V”. We realized that ancient warriors used this “V” formation in war for breakthrough and impact. They were creating a wedge to breach the enemy’s formation. This enabled them to penetrate and intrude and then defeat the enemies surrounding them. May we see a Divine intrusion! The Psalmist says that it is time for the Lord to act. The thing is, God acts when His people act. The acts of the apostles were acts of the Holy Ghost. I have a sense in my heart that as we line up in the right formation, as God’s people, we will be able to make that penetrating intrusive move in the enemy’s line. God has a remnant for that formation. If I were driving around looking for a church in a new city, I’d be more likely to look for a small church rather than a mega-church. That is simply because it takes too long to turn a mega-church when needed. I believe the Lord can turn a remnant and get them in formation for penetration. The larger churches probably do not serve the remnant of pioneer, prophetic breakthrough people of God because they have gathered people to an agenda that does not lend itself to that. History makes it clear that change comes through a highly motivated remnant.

Motivation and commitment must be followed with a high level of equipping. It is one thing to be motivated and committed, but I believe what we are carrying and what we can carry in the future will require being equipped on a new level for God’s agenda to happen. I’m not implying we are inadequate, but let’s accelerate the journey by getting all God

has for us so He can do all He wants to do through us. I don't have all the answers but I'm working with a team seeking to live more efficiently, and we have resources in the Body of Christ that we can draw on for this training and equipping in the context of covenantal Kingdom relationships. It is both/and, not either/or, but I want to prioritize those that I'm walking with because that is the Jesus way. Jesus mentored twelve that got more out of His ministry than the crowds did. Likewise, our goal is to mentor the remnant and provide venues and consistent opportunities to make impact for God's purpose in the earth. Jesus prioritized the twelve so they were the ones who got to ask questions after meetings. Prioritizing the remnant will equip them.

After equipping, we have to mobilize the remnant. There is a remnant now, but there are some folks that don't know they are supposed to be in it yet. How are they going to know if it is not modeled? We have to mobilize the remnant. We don't need to model a redeemed mob, scattered doctrinally, scattered emotionally, scattered stylistically, scattered culturally.

The remnant is diverse in their giftings and they are focused on the Kingdom's agenda for the earth and the nation. It is sad how immobilized the church of America is, so the remnant needs to break forth. We need to mobilize some financial underwriting. We need to mobilize some Kingdom entrepreneurs. There is a Spirit-filled young man in his twenties in California that just made a million dollars by designing an app that can measure the ripeness of a watermelon. We need such mobilization of financial expertise and opportunities.

Lastly, we have to activate the new. Most of us act when we are pressed to act, as in feeling led to do something; or we act when we sense it is time to act. It is always time to act. Ezekiel 37 was an action revival. Everything was stopped and laid at the gate and the wind of God moved. That's action. The issue is not the size of our church, or how many the building can seat. God measures a church by its sending capacity. How many can we send to make a difference? The anointing on the remnant, which is not on the Body at large, is to break old cycles and bring forth new wineskins.

Mal 3:16 *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. 17 "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 So you will again distinguish between the*

righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. Look here, a book of remembrance is put together recording the conversation of those who fear God. We need to remember that God is taking notes. The word “remembrance” in Hebrew is very close to the word “testimony”. Testimony is used a lot of ways in the Old Covenant, but one of the most powerful ways is “remembrance”. An illustration is the days of Exodus, while in slavery and bondage to Pharaoh, they are crying out and it says that “God remembered His covenant with Abraham”. God does not forget His covenants. “Remember” means that what He said before and what He did before, He can reactivate.

For those who will remember what He did (and that means more than just living in the past) it is a remembrance that activates the dynamics of the move of God at that moment. The Word says that God remembered Hannah. Years before Hannah, God remembered Sarah and gave her a baby past her biological clock. Hannah brought a larger coat every year for her boy, Samuel, that she gave to God. Give us leaders that can give God’s people more mature thoughts. God remembered Hannah to activate His Word to her, to give her a son out of barrenness. Jesus said at the table, “Do this in remembrance of me.” What does that do if we obediently and biblically receive the Lord’s supper, it reactivates a renewable covenant. Jesus wasn’t merely saying, “Do not forget”. We take the Lord’s supper because we are drawing on the dynamic of what God previously said and did.

I believe God wants us to have a move in the earth today that can be a compilation of the wind poured out in all previous moves with the wind He is pouring out today. It is the same wine, the same Holy Spirit in every generation, every part of the world. It will take a structural change. It will take a new wine skin to facilitate it or steward it. The Lord is pouring out wine and Jesus saved the best wine for last. The Holy Ghost is giving the invitation. We reactivate the covenant and the moves of the Holy Spirit in history and God will give us the wineskins to steward it because it is the same wine. The remnant goes for stuff like this! Tag, you’re it.

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Clear The Air



Kathy Gabler

I sat alone downstairs at the piano, not really playing any particular song but simply flowing in sounds that came with His presence. I did not intend to sing but these words slipped out of my heart, “You are the Lord of this moment.” As soon as my words met the air, like an echo response I heard, “AND THE MOMENT BEFORE.” I could not have explained the sudden weeping had anyone overheard it, for it was a gusher from my heart outside my logic or understanding. Then when my understanding did open, the weeping would not stop.

Though I didn’t realize it, that worshipful, prophetic declaration was also a cry from my heart for a moment of comfort and quietness that would shut out all the noise of need and concern and “what-ifs.” The awesome Spirit of my God did not miss nor ignore that heart-cry. If desperation had my ship listing, His four word echo set me aright. If anxiety was smothering, His words brought me a deep breath. If time was threatening, His words turned the clock back. If I feared I was at an unchangeable end, hope took me back to a new beginning. He was reminding me that before circumstances piled up, before dysfunction developed, before trouble troubled, He had seen it coming, and He had the table set for me before my enemies even got there. It was a powerful reminder that His provision is there before the problem.

That was one of those defining moments that declares God is in charge and that He has the last word on all that concerns me. (The fact that He takes time to define a moment in our life is a shot of impacting love.) Those defining moments bring a clarity that pierces every other influence we may be under. The subtle snare is how easy it is to come under the influence of a thought, an emotion or an atmosphere and be in

agreement before we even realize we had a choice not to. Recently, I realized this as I was packing to leave for a few days of meetings. The phone rang and the host pastor mentioned something in passing that really had nothing to do with the meetings, but it bothered me. My excitement for the trip was slammed. A slammed, emotional state is an open window for an unwanted wind of influence to enter and preside. Of course, we can choose not to allow the influence over our mood or our day, but emotion can swing from excitement to dread so quickly that the will does not get involved until it too is under the same influence. Then once the mind is under the influence of a negative atmosphere, it is amazing how your whole world is suddenly mulligrub grey.

Do we set a bad atmosphere with our thoughts or emotions or words, or does the atmosphere hunt us down to dictate our thoughts or emotions or words? I believe the answer is both. We certainly have the ability to create an atmosphere for ourselves and everyone around us. One person's impatience in a waiting room can have everyone tense and walking on eggshells in a matter of seconds. One person's panic can clear a room. Our expectations, meditations, fears or our mouthing against self can fill the air until it is lethal. However, not only people are able to condition an atmosphere. The devil is called "the prince of the power of the air" for a reason. He is skilled at blowing in a foul wind to influence people and situations. The Old Testament word *ruach*, is translated "spirit" most often, but it means "wind" or "breath". In the New Testament, the same word is *pneuma*. A spirit or wind can carry a contradiction to the will of God into an atmosphere by blowing in a lie or fear or threat or opinion or accusation, etc. The air becomes its infected storage place so that it can affect and influence thoughts and feelings when it finds an advantage, an open window. Just as we breathe in air unconsciously, we can also come under the influence of what's in the air unconsciously. It can become an influence over our emotions and thoughts and decisions.

I remember once that a spirit of depression came into the house. It was almost visible like a cloud of fog. Marty and I both noticed the plaguing presence and realized neither of us were down or worried so that we had generated such a downer-atmosphere. (One sign you are dealing with a spirit is they are irrational and cannot be explained through logical processing.) That spirit had come in trying to contaminate the air to influence our mood or conversation so that we would give agreement to legalize its presence and agenda. This is why the air is a crucial battle field. It is unseen, yet present, so we must learn to discern and pick up on what has blown in. When we are conscious of these things then we can counter them. If we don't discern it, we can add to the toxicity of the air because

we allow our moods or thoughts or words to just go with the flow. That is coming under the influence of the air and that is agreement that empowers it's agenda. We have to discern and refuse to agree through our reactions or words or moods.

Discernment can come as a gift of God in a sudden knowing or awareness, or we can ask for wisdom that will help us learn to discern. We can learn to be aware of the presence of gathering forces lurking to take advantage of conditions, circumstances and activities. It is wise not to ignore the nuances, the fleeting thoughts and sounds and awarenesses, the dream or vision glimpses, the echoes of conversation that keep coming to mind, etc. Connect the dots until you have a picture of what is going on. When something touches our awareness, even if it has been allowed for generations and its tenure has made it a norm, we are alive to confront it. When air holds God-stuff, then, "Amen." If it is not, then, "Shut up." Or simply say, "No," when you begin to realize something is trying to affect the atmosphere around you negatively. Otherwise, whispers can stay in the atmosphere and linger until the enemy can use them to his advantage for influence.

Under any influence our thoughts are affected and what we think we speak and what we speak is agreement that legalizes what goes on in our world. That makes me wonder if one of the reasons that *history repeats itself* is because the air is conditioned for it. It is possible that it only took one or two storms in Kansas to have people rehearsing the trauma and filling the atmosphere with dread and expectation that eventually formed "Tornado Alley." We honestly cannot deny experience, but we can defy it developing into a pattern that rules the day. Is it an extreme and absurd thought to you that even weather patterns can be affected by the power of the tongue? Are the atmospheric conditions an untouchable, sovereign element of nature or did Jesus speak to the storm? I'm not suggesting a new breed of storm-chasers, rather that we do what the Father is doing, even as He directs concerning weather and nature. If experience is backed with agreement that becomes a power of the air in a geographical region or in a family, in a community, in a business or in a nation, we still do not have to stay in passive agreement with that pattern if it is not the will of God. We can agree with God and clear the air.

Neither should we be passive about patterns in our own life because of experience. For example, Job said, (3:25) *"For what I fear comes upon me, And what I dread befalls me.* Fear is being open for what could happen, and that is agreement that empowers it. Experience can argue that your fears are always successful, but even if we cannot deny experience or past patterns, we can most certainly defy them and keep them from controlling the rest of our lives. If we let bad experiences be the sound that fills the air around us, then we continue to bow to destructive influences in our thinking, then we defeat ourselves, then we cry, "Foul," but there is no resolve in blame. It is much wiser to learn to clear the air in our own life. May the Lord help us to realize the power of agreement we have within us so that we do not empower the wrong influences. We do not have to live under a DUI charge (meaning here, Driven Under the Influence) of fear or

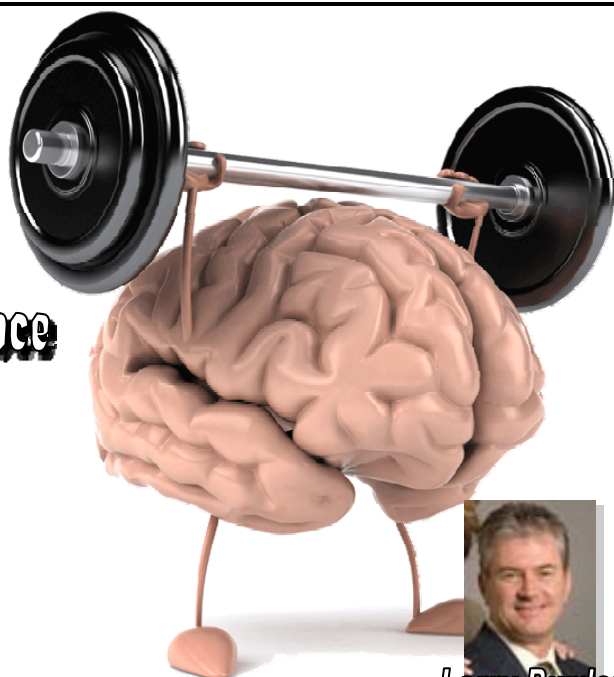
lies or hopelessness or painful experience or any other darkness. We are on earth so that our lifetime will demonstrate the Kingdom and government of God. That means we cannot be content to be driven under any influence that is not God. Let's clear the air!

(CDs are available of Kathy and Melissa speaking at An Appointment For Ladies. 5.00 each plus 1.00 s/h. Numerous reports have come in from ladies who received deliverances from life-long issues while in the meeting and while listening to the CDs.)

Call to Remembrance

In Paul's letter to Timothy, he instructs his son to ***"call to remembrance ..."*** (2 Timothy 1:5) The words, ***"remembrance"***

and ***"remember"*** in scripture come from a root that means ***"recite or invoke"***. Simply put, remembering results in action and as such becomes a power releaser in your life. If you rehearse a memory, you empower it! Scientific study has shown that whenever a thought or event occurs, it immediately is processed through a part of the brain known as "the memory gateway". Each time you recall that thought or event it becomes more and more activated to the final point of becoming "set" in your mind. If you focus on negative thoughts and events, your words and emotions will become governed by negativity. If you focus on positive thoughts and events, then the opposite occurs. The good news is that whenever negative thoughts are revisited and truth is added to them, truth will SHIFT the mindset and alter your perception. It is called RENEWING YOUR MIND!



Larry Burden

A great example of this truth is seen in the battle between David and Goliath recorded in **1 Samuel 17**. How many times have we heard how David took the rocks from the brook, loaded his slingshot with one of them, fell this guy with a single throw, and subsequently removed his head with his own sword? It has always been an inspiring story.

This confrontation was more than two warriors facing off on a battlefield. It was a spiritual confrontation between two covenants. The Philistines hated Israel and the God with whom they were in covenant. Goliath represented a foreboding covenant-cursing spirit who, when confronted by David, “**cursed David by his gods**” (**1 Samuel 17:43**). David on the other hand represented “**the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel**” (**verse 45**).

Goliath’s strategy was psychological warfare. For forty days he appeared morning and evening to taunt Saul and his army. He was a bully who used his size, apparent strength, and intimidating words to strike fear in the hearts of God’s covenant army. It worked too; Saul and the army was completely confounded, overtaken with despair, and paralyzed in fear. That is how the bully spirit operates. It intimidates through perceived size and strength along with words of cursing.

When David arrived on the scene and surveyed the situation, his kingly spirit became stirred and the fight was on. We all know the stone from David’s sling knocked the giant out, but before the rock flew there was another weapon released first—the weapon of MEMORY! David reminded his brothers that Israel had a “**cause**”, or a history (**verse 29**). Israel had a long history with their covenant-keeping God who, time and again, had intervened to deliver and establish them in their land. David admonished them to REMEMBER!

Not only this, but whenever David offered to fight the Philistine he convinced Saul of his ability by rehearsing how God delivered him from the lion and the bear. He boldly stated in **verse 37**, “**The Lord delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.**” As David recalled and rehearsed the victories of the past, he was also releasing the power again to take out Goliath. He had complete confidence that what God had done for him THEN, He would also do NOW!! His MEMORY was the greatest weapon in his arsenal!

Finally, as David ran to the battle to engage this covenant-cursing bully, he recited **Psalms 23**. With each step towards the engagement he reminded himself of ALL that the Lord would do for him as he engaged in

his kingly assignment. He had complete faith that, ***“Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies”***, and ***“surely goodness and mercy shall follow after me.”*** As he continually rehearsed His covenant with God, the power of the covenant was flowing through his spirit and mind bringing total peace that victory was sure.

For Timothy, his spiritual father Paul encouraged him to remember the faith that was generationally endowed to him by God. It is apparent that Paul activated this gift when he laid hands on Timothy and prophesied it. While Timothy was having tremendous difficulty in his ministry assignment, Paul admonished him to REMEMBER! Paul knew that if Timothy could REMEMBER, he would be able to RELEASE THE POWER of that gift again! It is no different for YOU!

With this in mind I have three things with which to encourage you:

FIRST, REMEMBER! Remember the covenant promises of God that have been given to you. These promises are eternal and cannot be altered by your life circumstance. Remember also the patterns that God has established for you to follow in life. These patterns are important to recognize and understand so that you can follow them like a road map to peace and faith. Remember the words of true prophecy that have been released over you. These words from the Lord have been given to edify and encourage you in your life journey.

SECOND, REHEARSE! Paul told young Timothy to ***“call to remembrance”*** those things that were imparted to him through Paul’s apostolic mantle and anointing. In essence he instructed his son to ***“call up the memories”*** of that specific time of ministry and rehearse them over and over to ignite the power and authority that was present when it occurred. Rehearsing the memory will ***“stir up”*** the gift of God and rekindle the inner fire of the Spirit that releases power, love and a well-balanced mindset! As you rehearse the promises, patterns, and prophecies of God you will **RESET YOUR MIND** and **RE-EMPOWER THEM AGAIN** in your soul!

THIRD, RELEASE! What God has given you is rarely just for you. There are others who are in desperate need of the empowering that He has given you. The kingdom mindset is not narcissistic. It is one that enables others to achieve their highest and best for the kingdom of God through your influence. What you give of yourself to others will revisit you with blessing and increase.

HIT YOUR RESET BUTTON TODAY!

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Simon Purvis

Coming under the government of God is a process. It begins when we come to the Lord and receive His death, burial and resurrection. It justifies us and brings us to peace with God. Through His redemptive work of going to the cross, shedding His blood and giving His life for us, we are brought back to a right relationship with the Lord. It is called justification. The reason we receive the Holy Spirit is to bring us into unity and harmony with ourselves. When we come to the Lord, we receive the Lord and His divine nature, and something happens in our conscious will. However, our subconscious is down deep within us. Like an iceberg, our conscious will is about 10% above the water and the subconscious is about 90% below the water. So, we come to the Lord, receive Him, get justified and get back in right relationship with God and our thinking changes and our minds are renewed for the will of God. For a while, it seems like we are in a honeymoon stage where we seek the Lord and basically deal with surface stuff. In a short period of time however, something deep within begins to surface again, resentments, angers, ambitions, etc. All these little things begin to surface in our Christian walk. Sometimes when people receive the Lord they find it easy to think that they have arrived and all is unshakably fine. However, that is not the case if the deep-down subconscious is untouched.

In the subconscious is all the hidden drives, wanting to be accepted,

wanting to be loved, wanting relationship, sexual drives and such. This is the big barrier that we have to deal with in our life. The first barrier is dealing with the conscious part and the external, surface things. Once we work through that, the subconscious begins to surface with all the issues in our hearts. There are so many books written about it saying inside of us is both the nature of God and the old nature that is sinful, like a white dog and a black dog within. All that is the conscious and subconscious warring with each other. When I am born again, the old man, the old nature passes away so I don't have a sinful nature anymore. There are not two natures. It is not the nature of God fighting with the old man inside, but there is the flesh and the spirit. The old man had evil ambitions toward sin. The flesh (subconscious) is not evil, it is just weak, and that is because the flesh is self-serving.

Romans Chapter Seven is about this war. Romans Seven, is like God's little rubber room dealing with this up and down struggle, happy one day and miserable the next. When we are born again, His divine nature comes in and there is something in our conscious mind that wants the will of God and we seek it and choose it. There is something down in the subconscious that has not yet surrendered to the government of God, even if we think we have surrendered. It is pretty easy to believe and vocalize that we want the will of God until the will of God touches one of the hidden drives within us. An example is when someone offends us and we get angry, the conscious part of us says to love them and pray for them. However, a war starts on the inside. Gal 5:17, calls this the war between the flesh and the Spirit. The spirit is the conscious part yielding to the Spirit, but the flesh is the subconscious that is not.

One of the major works of the Holy Spirit is to stop this division within self. Matthew 12, tells us that a house divided cannot stand. We cannot stand in our Christian walk and be victorious if we are divided inside. The subconscious is one of the major issues dealt with by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There were those around the turn of the century that experienced a great work, a great outpouring that was a work of the Spirit. The Pentecostals picked it up and made it about speaking in tongues. I believe speaking in tongues is a vital part of what God has, but the infilling of the Holy Spirit is not just about speaking in tongues. It is about dealing with the subconscious. The Scripture is very clear on this, but a lot of people got disillusioned about the baptism of the Holy Spirit by expecting everything to be fine just because you received it. We must learn how to work with the Holy Spirit as He deals with us. In the war inside of us, the conscious can yield to the will of God at the same time the subconscious rebels against it. The conscious can believe while the

subconscious does not.

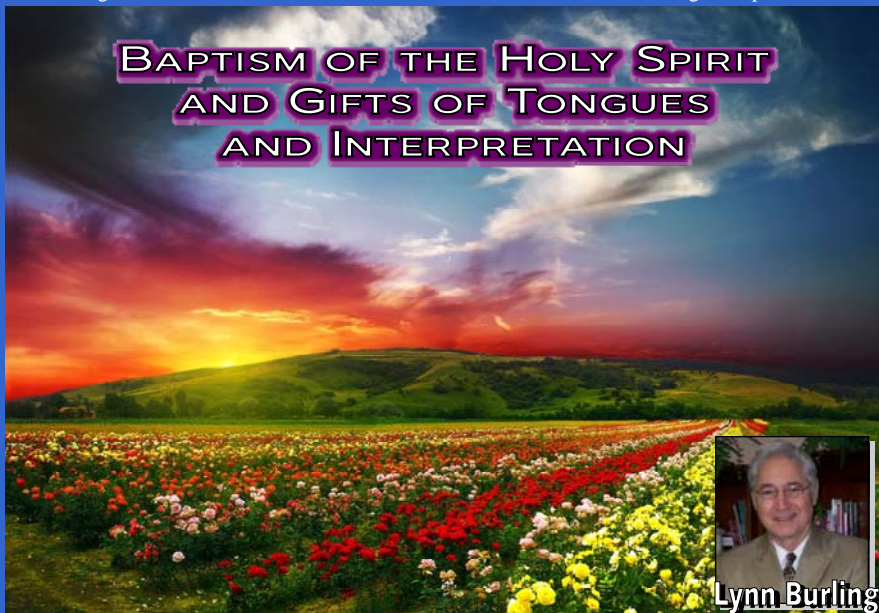
In Mark 9, the man brought his son that was demon possessed and wanted Jesus to cast the demon out. Jesus told him that all things are possible if he could only believe. The man said he believed but also added please help my unbelief. James talks about a double-minded person, dealing with this conscious and subconscious conflict inside. With our mouth we can tell someone we forgive them and inside be mad as a hornet. The created desires are deep within and when those desires that God created in us become self-serving, they become deceptive. We know the will of God in the conscious, but our drives are down in the subconscious and the drives in the subconscious can be wrong or evil when they are self-serving rather than governed by the government of God. For example, God is not against material possessions and money. The Word does not say money is the root of all evil. It is the love (eros) of money that must not govern our lives. We can use money but must not let money control us. Matthew 6, tells us we cannot serve two masters, God and mammon. The thing that makes materialism wrong is if the subconscious drives you to it.

In Christ, we are justified in the conscious part of us and we have peace with God, but you can have peace with God and not be in harmony with self. When you are not in harmony with yourself, you cannot be in harmony with anyone else. Getting offended signals something is out of harmony in your own life.

Rom 5:1 - *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* Through the redemptive work of Christ, we are restored in relationship with God. Where this all got off was preaching we get saved to go to heaven. That actually comes out of the subconscious of self-love. It is a self-serving gospel. You don't get saved to go to heaven. We receive Christ to come back into a proper order with God so He can put us back in proper order with our self and with others. So when we put the Kingdom of God somewhere way off in the millennium, that caused people to sit around and wait for the Lord to come to bring the Kingdom. If that were the case, what then governs us? The answer is self only. When we lost the Kingdom in the early 1830's, then we picked up a gospel of getting saved to go to heaven. We can't find that gospel before then. We should receive the Lord to get back into proper order. Seek first the Kingdom, seek first the governmental order of God. Man came out of order in the garden, lost his relationship with God and then became divided inside. The inward drives were then to be self-serving. There was nothing wrong with wanting to build houses or to have a city or to have a proper culture, but in Genesis 11, building the tower of Babel was all self-serving. When we become self-serving, things become divisive and evil. Rather than being self-serving, getting right with God puts the focus on serving Him and His will.

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BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GIFTS OF TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION



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Let us start by saying...just because there is a misuse of God's gifts, and the enemy has counterfeits, this does not mean we should reject what God has for us. The enemy would be ecstatic about that! Remember when the children of Israel came out of Egypt into the wilderness, they ventured into the promised land, and there they found fruit to be much bigger, **BUT**, the enemy was bigger also! There were giants in the land along with the grapes of Eschol. As we enter our walk in the Spirit this may also be true—but the fruit is worth it!

I want to delve into the gift of tongues and interpretation. Many denominations can't or don't want much to do with this specific gift, for the reason I stated in my introduction: "counterfeits." Listen carefully, the Old Testament saints had seven of the nine gifts of the Spirit manifested in their lives, but tongues and interpretation was introduced on Pentecost. Although unfolded in its fullness as the church grew, now there are nine gifts. There was a conversation between two believers and this one was seeking to receive the Holy Spirit. "I'm not interested in this 'tongues' thing." He thought it was some kind of emotionalism. His friend said, "All I can tell you is that it came with the package—just like in the Bible."

Speaking in tongues is a common denominator in examples of the baptism in the Holy Spirit given in scripture. It is obvious that the early believers could tell immediately whether a convert had received the Holy Spirit. Many say that you can tell by the change in the person's life or by the "Fruit of the Spirit." While I agree, we certainly

should be more “fruitful” Christians after receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit, but “bearing fruit” **IS NOT** the scriptural sign of this experience. The early church leaders and apostles knew right on the spot whether a person had received or not. If they had to wait until they observed fruit or great changes in the person’s life, i.e. character, it might have taken months to evaluate. The early church and Christians had a much simpler way, and it’s not hard to see what it was! When all this great crowd of “Jews” received (the Bible calls them devout men from every country under heaven of whom 3,000 were converted) that very day and hour, they weren’t there long enough to determine the “kinds of lives” the people were living before or after.

Peter was immediately and completely convinced at the house of Cornelius that the Roman gentiles had received the Holy Spirit, so he baptized them. He told those Apostles in Jerusalem, “*What was I to do?*” Then in Acts 11:15, 16 & 17, “*The Holy Ghost fell on them as on us. I remembered the words of Jesus, John baptized with the Holy Ghost...what was I that I could withstand God?*”

Any person who takes scripture seriously cannot avoid the conclusion that tongues is important. Jesus Himself said, “*These signs shall follow those that believe... they shall speak in new tongues.*” So far I’ve just touched the ground work for the initial times and outpourings and examples given for new believers. Many are afraid to speak in tongues or to be used in this gift of tongues and/or interpretation. God does not compel His people to do things... He **INSPIRES** them. God does some unexpected and unusual things but He never makes His children behave in ways to frighten people. In fact the gifts of tongues and interpretation is the same as prophecy when given in tandem and ICor. 14:3 says, “*But he who prophesies speaks (1) edification and (2) exhortation, and (3) comfort or consolation to men.*” Speaking in tongues is not the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but what happens *when* and *as* you are baptized in the Spirit. Remember the manifestations of the Spirit are always God and us working together. “*The Lord working with them...with signs following.*” (Mark 16:20)

Let’s dig deeper into the “gifts of tongues and interpretation”. Some have said the “gifts of tongues and interpretation” are the least of the gifts, because they are the last gifts listed in ICor. 12:7-11. The more logical reason would be that they were given to the church last. As I mentioned before, the first seven gifts are found in the Old Testament and the Gospels, but those two were not given until Pentecost. Nearly every time these two gifts are manifested together, they should always

be manifested in a public meeting. These gifts are not to guide our lives per se, but to help unfold God to us. The two ways that speaking in tongues may be manifested is in a devotional language for private edification needing no interpretation but the public manifestation of tongues should be interpreted. (I Cor. 14:13) *“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.”* Anyone who has been around “Full Gospel”, Pentecostal, etc. has probably seen variations of its uses but not all were exactly correct. Time does not permit to see the humor and seriousness of how many have used or misused these gifts. I have to tell one or two that I’ve heard from the horse’s mouth though. My good friend attended Hagin’s School of Faith and attended Lakewood after graduation and told of a tongue and interpretation where the interpretation said, “Thus said the Lord, I say thou art a hum-dinger!” Ha! God has a sense of humor. I’m just not so sure it was God. When a true “tongues” comes forth, the listeners are edified by the gift of interpretation which follows.

There are “rules” in ICor. 14:27-28 regarding its use in groups of unbelievers or even uninstructed believers. *“If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.”* There are times when someone spiritual should explain its manifested use. God can be speaking to unbelievers and/or to believers. Paul confirms Isaiah 28:11 with ICor. 14:21 *“With men of other tongues and lips will I speak unto this people...”* Also ICor. 14:5b confirms tongues plus interpretation are equal to prophecy. I must add a very important scripture that many want to overlook. (I Cor. 14:32) *“And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”* I have heard too many people say to me, “I couldn’t help myself” or “The spirit overpowered me.” While many have sensed his anointing to be used of God, which in itself is a beautiful thing, the Spirit doesn’t give us license without leadership or confirmation. The parallel with this is like saying the devil made me do it when you sin. But our God, the Holy Spirit, is a gentleman not only to the one He is using but to the ones that are being ministered to. This can apply to all nine gifts.

Be sure that you can’t put God in a box... it was reported that in a “Full Gospel” church a young man had married a Japanese girl while stationed in Japan. Upon their return to the United States, the young lady flatly resisted her husband’s faith and continued to embrace her Buddhism. One night after the evening service, the couple was at the altar, he praying to God through Jesus and she praying to Buddha. Next

to them a woman began to pray out loud in tongues. Suddenly the Japanese lady grabbed her husband's arm—"Listen! This woman is speaking to ME in Japanese. She says to me, you've tried Buddha and he does nothing for you. Why don't you try Jesus? (Here is a really awesome thing that followed.) "She does not speak to me in ordinary Japanese—She speaks 'Temple Japanese' and used my whole Japanese name, which no one in this country knows." Guess what... She became a Christian.

Be prepared praying for the interpretation whether you gave the tongues or someone else gave it. In case there is no interpretation, be yielded enough to give it. As a Pastor, I remember hearing a message in tongues come forth from someone, that I wasn't sure of at the time, so I began to ask God to give me the interpretation. I had no sooner finished asking God when that same person gave the interpretation and my what a beautiful word of comfort and edification from the Lord. ***"Remember it is not a translation but an interpretation,"*** giving the general meaning of what was said. As I said there are rules. One in particular is not to keep having tongues without interpretation. It can be confusing to unbelievers and uninstructed believers. (1Cor. 14:23,33) *"...and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?" "For God is not the author of confusion..."* You may note a tongue given may be a short or long message. The interpretation does not necessarily follow the same way long or short. It is as God reveals it to the speaker. I've heard about 20 words in a tongue before and the interpretation lasted 2-3 minutes. I read recently in a book called *They Speak With Tongues* which tells of a missionary who in 1922 was used of God to bring the gospel to a tribe of cannibals. He was put on trial by the cannibals and spoke about 20 minutes in tongues in a language unknown to him, but the cannibals obviously understood. They set him free and turned to Christ. This language was not given to him permanently but on loan from the Spirit for the emergency.

In summary: no Christian who is walking in the Spirit and under the protection of the Blood of Jesus, should ever fear that they might produce a counterfeit of speaking tongues. Luke 11:11,13, *"...How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."* Tongues and interpretation is, first of all, a sign to unbelievers (1Cor. 14:22) when manifested according to scriptural instructions. Second, the two gifts have the same benefit as prophecy and are also for the edification of the church. (1Cor. 14:5, 26-27) The church could be handicapped unless **ALL** the gifts are manifested. If God uses you, be sure and give Him the glory.

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THE POWER OF AGREEMENT



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There's power in agreement. What I agree with, that's what I will receive. Matthew 18:18-19 (AMP)

¹⁸ *Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.*

¹⁹ *Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.*

So what overrides earth? Heaven overrides earth. What brings heaven into earth? Agreement brings heaven into earth.

The Bible says that if you confess with your mouth and believe that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved. The word "confession" means "to agree." When we see that word in Romans 10:9, it says that "if we agree that Jesus is Lord, if we agree that God raised Him from the dead, then we will be saved." We have to agree with it. This is not a mental agreement. This is a spiritual agreement. They are two different things.

The key to the agreement is verse 18. *Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already...* Heaven rules this thing, but we're the legal guardians of it. So as we move and we operate as legal guardians of the earth, we must know

what heaven says about it. We've got to know what heaven says. I must understand how heaven operates. So if I don't understand how heaven operates, how am I going to be able to be lawful or unlawful in the earth? I can't agree with what I don't know. I cannot take authority over something if I don't know what heaven says about it.

In order for us to actively operate in the power of agreement, we have to know who we're agreeing with and what they are saying. If we're agreeing with wrong, we're empowering wrong. Whatever we agree with we give power to. If I begin to agree with you on foolishness, do I really love you? So why choose encouraging and agreeing with your foolishness? If someone is agreeing with your foolishness, they are helping you empower foolishness.

In order for me to see heaven invade earth, I have to let heaven invade me, because I'm earth. He's waiting for US to respond. When we think of earth, we think of something else. We think of land mass. When we think of earth, we think of a city, we think of a nation. You are earth. So he's saying "Earth, whatever is forbidden in heaven should be forbidden in earth."

When God started dealing with Adam, He didn't pick Adam out of the air. He picked him from the earth. So now, Adam, you make My Spirit legal to be in the earth. So now I need your inner man to agree with heaven. And when your inner man agrees with heaven, your earth will line up. So when you see "earth" in the Bible, quit thinking of something else out there somewhere.

Think about it. We've been given the power and the dominion in the earth. We're legal because we ARE earth. When you read the Bible in Genesis you will notice that everything came from the earth. It says animals came out from the earth, trees came, and then here we come from the earth. God went down into the earth and began to form it, give it arms and legs. But He said, "Earth, you're not alive until I put heaven in you. You're there, but you can't respond until heaven touches you." So every time heaven touches earth, earth quickens. Earth quickens every time. When God spoke to Adam and He breathed, Adam quickened. When heaven hit Lazarus, he quickened!

You were wired to agree with heaven. Earth has been designed to agree with heaven. The breach came with Satan, because Satan doesn't want the earth to agree with heaven. Because when earth agrees with heaven, heaven has legal right to invade earth.

Earth's got problems. Earth's got this thing called a soul and a body.

And a lot of times that old soul-man's been alive longer than your heavenly man. The soul-man has used the body to touch things in the world. So think about this: your spirit-man has eyes. Your spirit-man has ears. Your spirit-man has a mouth. But for 35 years he's been dead. So who's been talking? The soul-man through the body has been doing the talking.

When you're spiritual, you can detect spiritual things. But in this flesh-body we detect fleshy things. So what ends up happening? God has given us senses to use on our body to intrigue the soul: sense of touch, sense of sight, sense of hearing, sense of taste. So what's happening? Those senses have been running our lives, telling us what to do. Everything that went in, went around the spirit-man because he wasn't quickened.

¹⁸ *Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already unlawful in heaven.*

How many of you have prayed for something you know you're not supposed to have? So who do you think you're trying to agree with? No, you're not agreeing with yourself. You're agreeing with the enemy, because the enemy will always present you with something you're not supposed to have. And he wants you to agree with him, so you can go crazy trying to get it. We need to say, "I'm not going to waste my life on that." Find out what God says about it. He and I are going to start to agree. When HE and I start to agree, everything is going to crumble around me that's not of Him. Why? Because heaven can invade your earth when you're in agreement.

³ *Do two walk together except they make an appointment and have agreed? Amos 3:3 (AMP)*

When you look at that word "appointment" that means they sat down and had counsel. When people sit down and have counsel, they can agree and go forward. How can I walk with God if I haven't sat down, had an appointment and counseled with Him and then began to agree?

It says "don't be unequally yoked, what does an unbeliever have to do with a believer?" How in the world can I go into a covenant with an unbeliever and expect us to get along? You know what the problem is? People say, "I can change him." No you can't. "I can change her." That's not up to you to do. So if you really know he's supposed to be yours, wait until God changes him, THEN go get him. Wait until God changes her, THEN go. Don't you go in there fixing to take your little scalpel and put your little mask on, and get on over the operation table and operate on that person.

How can we walk together? Watch this: **agreement requires advancement.** When I agree with you I expect to go forward. I expect to move ahead. I expect to go. It doesn't say, "How can two of them stand together?" Now, a question for you after reading Amos 3:3. Where are you going? You're walking. We should ask ourselves, "Where am I going and who am I taking with me?" "Well see, that's my friend." Do they agree with you? "See, we were raised together in the same hood." Do they agree with you?

Your agreement is not cultural or family agreement. Your agreement is now with heaven. So if I'm agreeing with heaven and you're saying you want to walk with me, I've got to put this Bible on the table. This is what I agree with. Now what do you agree with? Because maybe this section of life we can't walk together. I'll see you on the flip side, hopefully. Maybe. But I've got to keep agreeing with heaven.

We need to take time to ask ourselves, "Am I in agreement with heaven?" Really search your heart with that. Really ask, "AM I?" The only way I'll know is if I know what heaven's looking for. The only way I'll know is if I know how heaven is operating.

We fly through this prayer: "...Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread..." Apparently, the Lord is saying, "You'll get daily bread when you are in agreement with My will." Do you just want random daily bread? He said daily bread flows as you are in the will.

We have to deal with the will and the intent. When you know God's intent, it's easy to agree. It's God's "Why?" I've been digging in this thing. We focus on the little things and miss the big old "why" He did it. We're arguing over tongues and chairs and dresses.

Let me back up. I'm going to say it one more time. When you don't get the "why" of a thing, you'll create a "why." If you don't know why something was created, why something was made, you'll think you're created for something you aren't supposed to do.

We think we were created to worship. How many have heard that? Show me. Show me that in the Bible. Show me that in Genesis where He said, "I'm creating man so he can worship me." He said, "I'm creating man so man can rule." Out of your ruling comes the "why". Your life is worship. Your actions are worship. Your ruling is worship. Your speaking is worship. Everything is worship, not the song. The song helps you get into His presence. That's it: when you remove "I was created to worship" and you realize "I was created to rule, and my ruling is worship, my work is worship," then we can see the "why", we can see the intent.

We try to create a perfect atmosphere for what we want instead of creating an atmosphere to get Him. You know what? Stop looking for the Christian job. People say, "If I can find me a Christian job, I can be peaceful all day." I've got a

Christian job. Do you think my phone calls are peaceful? Do you think the emails are peaceful? Do you really think so? No. Watch this. If you would get in where you are and understand your rulership, that whole place will come under the submission of Who's ruling you. Because that's why you were created.

So what overrides earth? Heaven overrides earth. What brings heaven into earth? Agreement brings heaven into earth. There's power in agreement and this earth, me, must agree with what is in heaven in order to get it into this earth.

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Discovery is finding what is waiting to be discovered. When the microwave was first discovered, it was initially found to be a new type of wave form for communications. However a scientist accidentally created the concept for the microwave oven by making a subsequent discovery in the lab and now we can cook and heat-up foods really fast.

Christopher Columbus, counting the cost, launched out with faith that he would encounter destiny where he was going. Not everyone on those ships was a leader. There have been suggestions of anarchy and mutiny aboard those vessels. When it looked like they would never get there, they discovered that land of promise.

For Columbus it was finding the new world. For us it's finding the face of God and hearing His heart. For me, as a psalmist and musician: I've been called to new sounds and affecting regions with prophetic sounds that bring deliverance,

healing and salvation, as well as being an encourager, inspiring a young generation to pursue their godly destiny. These are things that have been prophesied to me. I believe there's yet more than what has been prophesied.

Consider what Paul urges in this scripture: "But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]." [Isa. 64:4; 65:17.] (1 Corinthians 2:9 AMP)

The key, as alluded to by this translation, is in "promptly obeying" and in "gratefully recognizing". Prompt obedience does not always render a prompt response from God. "Ask and it will be given you; Seek and you will find; Knock [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened." (Matthew 7:7, 8 AMP)

We will have to be accurate discerners of His voice as we anticipate hearing and obeying God. How do we know which voice is the voice of God? "BELOVED, Do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world." (1 John 4:1 AMP) We mustn't try to walk alone as we ask, seek and knock. " ...In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." (2 Corinthians 13:1 KJV) Whether those witnesses be the Word of God, the character of God or agreement from men of God.

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaks. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:22-29, KJV)

The focal points here are that we are certainly NOT alone when we move out to obey, so let's be very careful to "See that ye refuse not him that speaks."

Let's decide now to obey when His directives come — even when they are

not our original point of pursuit. Plan now to follow His leading through the leadership that are placed by Him in our lives. And finally, be prepared to obey even if it will be emotionally or physically uncomfortable.

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THREE KEYS TO THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR PROPHECY



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The quickest fulfillment to a prophecy that I have ever seen took place while I was still prophesying to a young woman. I had just prophesied to her that the spirit of poverty was coming off her and that God would turn her finances around very soon. While I was still prophesying to her a lady, who had not heard what I had said, walked up and slipped a \$100 bill into her hand. Later, when I asked the giver about it she told me that she had felt led of the Lord to give that person \$100 and that she had not heard what I had prophesied just one minute before she did it.

We all prefer that God would take the instruction of the scripture that says, “that thou doest, do quickly.” Our hearts race when we hear messages preached on “The Suddenlies of God.” Bill Hamon writes that he has looked into prophetic terminology and has discovered that “immediately” means from one day to three years. “Very soon” means

one to ten years. “Now” or “this day” means one to forty years. “I will” without a definite time designation means God will act sometime in the person’s life if he is obedient. “Soon” was the term Jesus used to describe the time of His soon return almost two thousand years ago.

“When personal prophecy comes forth, it is divinely decreed and established in the spiritual, heavenly realm. But it may be many years before it is fulfilled in the natural realm. For that reason, we must not judge a prophecy false simply because it did not come to pass in the time we had assumed.” (Bill Hamon, *Prophets and Personal Prophecy*, p.122)

There are persons who get very discouraged and lay down their prophecies and their dreams when they haven’t come to pass within a short period of time. They remain hopeful for a few weeks or a few months and then begin fault-finding. Fault is generally laid either on the person who prophesied or directly on God as though He had changed His mind.

If a prophecy *is* fulfilled there are reasons. If a prophecy *is not* fulfilled there are reasons. Let us consider factors concerning fulfillment and let us consider that we have a part in the fulfillment of our prophecy. There are three key factors to receiving the fulfillment of a prophecy. These are not all the factors possibly involved in a prophecy being fulfilled but I believe they are key factors.

I. PROPHECY SPEAKS OF POTENTIAL

When Joseph received his prophetic dream, God was speaking of Joseph’s potential in the “saving of many.” Obviously, Joseph would not go out and immediately become everything the dream depicted. He was immature and evidently had some real attitude problems that must be worked out of him.

From Joseph’s story we learn that the Word of God will prove us.

Ps 105:17 *He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: 19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.* The word “tried” means “to fuse, refine, purge away, to smelt” (Strong). The one thing that *did* happen very quickly to Joseph after his prophetic dream was that he quickly moved from the soft bed of the dream to the hardness of iron fetters. Ps 12: *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.* Ps 18:30 *As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.* Ps 66:10 *For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.* Any soldier would think it foolish to take a sword into battle that had not been tried. The “proving” will typically take a cer-

tain length of time.

When the prophet found David out watching his father's sheep, David was not ready to have the crown placed upon his head. It was as good as done as far as God was concerned but the actual manifesting of the prophecy would not take place for a number of years. Now that we can look back on the scriptures we can see how God was immediately working in personalities, politics and the nation in general to bring that prophecy to pass. I doubt, however, that David could see it all coming together as we can from our point of reference. There were numerous "suddenlies" which began to take place as soon as David was prophesied to.

Don't hold persons in the place where they are when they receive a prophecy. Don't hold yourself in the place where you are when you receive a prophecy. Joseph's brothers began asking him who in the world he thought he was. Gen 37:8 *And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.* There certainly was no evidence in his present surroundings that Joseph would be what the prophetic dream indicated. Cf 2 Cor 5:16 *Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh...*

Prognostication considers all the present factors and concludes that the future will look a certain way because of those factors. Prophecy looks at the future and proclaims that the Word of God will be fulfilled no matter what present circumstances seem to indicate. The Word of God is powerful. It is creative.

Don't hold yourself in the place where you are today because there is a tomorrow coming and it is only a few hours away!

Prophecy does speak of potential but potential can be forfeited. When we get bogged down with distractions, when we get side-tracked, we become ineffective and we forfeit potential. The enemy doesn't have to destroy our prophecy or our dream or our vision. All he has to do is lead us off on to some side-track for us to lose sight of our destiny. Cf 2 Sam 11:1 is a sad illustration of my point. *"At the time when kings go forth to battle... David sent Joab."* The insuing events occurred because David was a king but was not doing what a king was supposed to do. Bathsheba became David's preoccupation.

II. GET INTO AGREEMENT WITH GOD

God told Abraham that Israel would be in Egypt for 400 years and then would come out (Gen 15:13-14). But the Word later tells us that God delivered His people when they cried out (Ex 2:23-24;3:7,9). Somebody got into agreement with God and *then* it happened.

The important key we learn here is that prayer must accompany prophecy all the way through the process. Isa 55:10-11 shows us that God's Word goes through a cycle before it can return to Him. He does not allow it to return void. The example He gives in this context is the example of rain falling and bearing

fruit before it is returned in the cycle of condensation and precipitation. Our prayers are the dynamic in this cycle. Martin Luther said, "Prayer is not overcoming the reluctance of God. It is laying hold of his willingness." Someone else said that nothing is done on earth but by prayer. We are not passive in the fulfillment of our prophecy.

Allow me to say one more time that a prophecy is not an all-expense-paid magic carpet ride that sets us down in the middle of destiny after our in-flight movie and peaceful nap. Neither is a prophecy the wave of a magic wand that instantly changes personalities and motives.

III. WE MUST COOPERATE WITH PROPHECY

There are those who want to lay blame and point at those who prophesy. Whenever something doesn't go the way a person perceives it should go, that person wants to point the finger and lay blame upon someone or some thing.

If a prophecy doesn't come to pass in a short period of time and if it doesn't come to pass like a magician waving his wand, the disillusioned person begins making their displeasure known. Then, in sympathy with that person, someone joins in and declares that people should not prophesy because there are people out there who are disillusioned and hurt over a prophecy that has not come to pass. Generally, a faithless defender will look at that person's surroundings and estimate that the prophecy could not be true anyway.

Prophecies are conditional. When a prophecy does not come to pass, there is probably more than one reason. We must cooperate and the proper synonym of that cooperation is obedience. Mk 14 is a prime example of cooperating with prophecy. Mark 14:13 *And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, **Go ye** into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. 14And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 15And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. 16And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.* When obeying, matters are found to be simple. Jesus said, "Go into the city" and certain things will transpire. They went into the city and those things transpired.

Another way we can cooperate with prophecy is to consider the main thrust. For example, if you have received the prophecy that you are a teacher you should begin cooperating by beginning preparation. Take classes, buy reference works and teaching tapes. Go to meetings where teachers are ministering so that you can "catch" some of what God has put in them.

There is a great difference between cooperating with the prophecy and trying to make it happen. If you are a teacher, you are not supposed to try to make it happen by trying to take over the Sunday morning pulpit. The scriptural principle

is: *A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.* (Prov 18:16) The cooperation and the obedience qualifies us for room to be made.

I was ministering at a church in a far away land. At the end of the service I was talking to some people I knew from having previously ministered at that church. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed a lady waiting to talk to me. When those folks left, she walked up, firmly grabbed my hand and asked if I remembered her.

One year before, she had been delivered of some heavy stuff when I ministered to her and prophesied to her. She allowed me to know that she had gotten victory for a short period of time and also on a couple of occasions since. But this lady was really bent out of shape because of the general overall lousy state of her life. As she focused in on fault-finding I stopped her to ask one simple question. I looked her in the eye and asked, "During the past year, how many hours have you spent in the Word and how many have you spent praying over that prophecy? She summarily withdrew her hand and said a brief farewell. No Word + No Prayer = No Cooperation = No Fulfillment. No Prayer = No Fulfillment. Know Prayer = Know Fulfillment.

One man recently reminded me of a prophecy I gave him about a year ago. The prophecy had something to do with a promotion and a great deal more money than he was presently making. He began praying about the word he had received. He began asking God for a plan. He felt led to go over to their competition and lay hands on the building and claim the promotion and prosperity he had been told of in the prophecy. The man continued to pray for himself and also began praying for two other men in his church in the same manner he was praying for himself. Two months later the company he was working for shut down. Their competition hired him at a promoted position paying much more money than he had previously made. He was instrumental in one of the other men being hired and that man was now making more money. The second man he was praying for was hired at another company making more money.

We know in part and prophesy in part (1Co 13:9). Perhaps the part that we don't receive in the prophecy is the part we get in prayer and studying the Word. Prophesying was never meant to take the place of our personally relating to God. On numerous occasions people have walked up to me after a service and told me that everything I prophesied to them, they already knew. But they felt it was awesome that God would speak to them in such a way. God was using me to confirm to them what they had already sensed was something from the Lord.

These are only three keys in the fulfillment of a prophecy. There are other factors such as timing, patience, wrong perceptions, humility and your level of maturity. God is very concerned about character and He is not shy about taking all the time He deems necessary to form it in us.

The place to start after receiving a prophecy is to share it with those who have care for your soul. Share it with prayer partners and begin seeking out God in His Word and in your prayer closet. You have just begun a wonderful adventure! (This is a reprint from Volume 1 Issue 6.)

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