

The background of the entire cover is a photograph of a powerful waterfall. The water is white and turbulent as it falls from the top of the frame down a dark, craggy rock face. At the bottom of the waterfall, a faint rainbow is visible, its colors blending into the mist and the darker rocks. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, emphasizing the raw power and natural beauty of the scene.

THE PROPHETIC

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CHAPTER ONE

Seeking a Rhema

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

*For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

*Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread,
will he give him a stone?*

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
your children, how much more shall your Father which
is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

Matthew 7:7-11

I am challenging misconceptions concerning flowing in the supernatural. There are several "sacred cows" that I am destroying. One misconception is this; never SEEK a Rhema (a spoken word from the Lord). In other words, never try to receive a word from a person with a prophetic anointing. Ministers have emphasized this in their teaching because of so much deception and error.

Ministers of God teach people that all they need is the Bible, the Word (logos) of God. Christians have been told, "If you just study the Word, you will get all of the answers that you need. Never go to a service expecting someone to give you a word from God."

I understand ministers who employ this method of ministering to the local body, and I know the dangers of being deceived. However, the Lord has shown me some things

concerning the prophetic anointing, one of which is this: In the Old Testament, people went to the prophets of God to get the word of the Lord.

I also understand the difference between Old Testament and New Testament saints in that we now have the unction of the Holy Ghost. I know that God can speak to you individually, but there are still times when you need to hear from God through the avenue of prophecy. I think you will know exactly how prophecy operates and how to judge the word of God by the Spirit of Truth.

In my years of pastoring, many people have come to me asking questions about knowing the will of God for their life. You may have questions about this as well.

You may ask, "Well, Pastor, how do I really know whether this is my will or God's will?"

I always tell people the will of God is, "following the desires of your heart."

You may respond to that by saying, "Well Pastor, how do I know whether it is my desire or God's desire? How can I tell the difference between the desires I have and those that God gives me?"

My answer to that is, "If your heart is pure and you really desire to do the will of God, you don't have to worry about your desires being wrong."

To the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Titus 1:15

The only time you have to be concerned about your desires being wrong is if you are in rebellion, disobedience, lust or some other type of sin. Then you have to be careful that you don't confuse your desires with God's desires; people in that spiritual state will twist or pervert God's desires. As long as you are pure, sincere, and open before God, for the most part, you can trust

your desires, because your heart is open to receive the desires of God rather than your own.

If you are in ministry, one of the primary ways God will lead you is by the desires of your heart. For instance, if you have a teaching ministry, God will give you the desire to teach. Jeremiah had a prophetic ministry. He was called to give the word of the Lord and when he tried to suppress it, the desire to prophesy became like fire shut up in his bones.

You need to judge your own heart. If it is found to be pure and you are sincere, you need to follow the desires of your heart because God will lead you by dropping things in your spirit (heart). I believe it is the same way in getting a Rhema from God; as long as you are pure and your heart is right, you don't need to fear deception. God will always answer those who are pure in heart. The Bible says, *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* God will give you revelation and will show you things to come.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.

Romans 12:6

From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling.

I Timothy 1:6

To my surprise, in one service nearly every person in the building received a prophetic word from the Lord even though there wasn't any real supernatural unction to prophesy. I simply stirred up the gift of God that was in me. I know I can lay hands upon people and prophesy to them in faith. I know how that gift operates, I can flow in it. If everyone in that building needed to hear from God, I had the ability to stir up the gifts of God and to prophesy out of my gift to them.

A few years ago I, too, probably would have discouraged that type of prophesying. I very likely would have said, "If there

is no supernatural unction to prophesy, if the Spirit of God doesn't really just come upon me, then I'm not going to try to prophesy to everyone in the building." I also would have said, "These people should not be coming to church expecting to hear a word from God." I have since found that you should always expect to hear from God, but often it is religious tradition that keeps us out of God's best.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.

2 Timothy 4:3

I understand the principle of people having "itching ears." I know there are some people who are always trying to hear from God. That is why I teach that getting a word from God does not excuse you from praying and seeking Him for yourself. Prophecy is not for lazy people who do not want to pray and seek God, who would rather have someone prophesy to them. I am not referring to that type of individual. I am talking about people who are genuinely and sincerely seeking God.

The people of God have always asked this primary question, "Is there a word from the Lord on this situation?" They think, "We don't want to make decisions in our own mentality. We want to hear from God because we know if we get the mind of God on the matter, whatever we do is going to be the right thing."

When you go to church, you want to hear the man or the woman of God speak a rhema just for you. Again, you may have been discouraged from seeking a word, having been told "You shouldn't seek a word. You shouldn't have that desire. You should solely go by faith and just study your Bible." Consequently, many people go for years without ever getting a word from God, because they have been taught against the supernatural flow.

There is a hesitancy in the area of the prophetic, because so many people have fallen into deception. But you cannot allow

people, who have dealt unwisely with a truth, to keep you from walking in the truth of a word from the Lord. Every time there is a move of God, someone goes astray. But, do not let that cause you to throw the baby out with the bath water.

There are some people who can prophesy to you for filthy lucre's sake. They have a gift and their purpose in prophesying is to take advantage of God's people financially. They can even be accurate in the spirit because they are prophesying out of their gift, but their character is flawed to the point where they take advantage of God's people. Fears and financial pressures drive people to result to these tactics.

I know there are false prophets. Let us not forget that **before there can be a counterfeit, there must first be a genuine.**

There were many times when I went to a meeting confused about the specifics concerning the will of God for my life and exactly how to accomplish what I felt He was telling me to do. I needed to hear God speak to my situation. But because the sermon was general, I would leave in the same state in which I came. It wasn't until I started seeking a "Rhema" word from God, that I got the direction for my life I needed. You will also get the direction that you need for your life, if you open your heart up to the word of the Lord through prophecy and go to places where they accurately flow in the prophetic.

CHAPTER TWO

Getting In the Flow

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

Psalms 147:18

We need to be connected with people who flow strongly in prophetic ministry. When you move into the prophetic, a whole realm of authority and spiritual ability opens up to you. You can move into prophetic music which includes playing prophetically, singing prophetic songs, and singing new songs. You will also begin prophesying unto God, and prophesying unto the principalities and powers. You can prophesy to devils and kingdoms in the spirit realm. It is the tearing down of strongholds.

The Prophet Jeremiah was anointed of God to prophesy to kingdoms and nations. He had authority to tear down kingdoms and to exercise rule over nations.

You can prophesy to God, but it will still be the Spirit of God within you, flowing out of you, prophesying to God. That does not mean that you are telling God what to do. It is the Spirit of God working in you, in conjunction with the Father, to get the will of God done on the earth. It is simply a manifestation of God in you that is reaching to the depths in God, who is in heaven.

According to I Corinthians 2:10, the Spirit searches the deep things of God. The twelfth verse goes on to say that we have been given the Spirit of God that we might know the things that are freely given us of God. So prophesying to God is speaking to Him out of your spirit, according to the depths of revelation that

the Spirit of God has given you.

God already knows what He is going to do. The problem comes when God has to have someone on the earth fulfill His plan. When you begin to prophesy out of your spirit, that is God flowing out of you. Whatever is bound in heaven is bound on earth. Whatever God establishes in heaven and it flows out of us on earth, that is exactly what is going to be established in the earth's realm.

There can be things in the heavenlies that God wants to do. God knows about it, for He has decreed it. The angels, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost are all aware of it. All heaven is on one accord, but it is different when you have to try to get it established in the earth's realm.

One of the prayers we pray is "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." It is the God in heaven who is in you, on the earth, speaking out of you to join heaven to earth. He desires to fulfill His plan in the earth's realm, that we might walk in it and live it. We are not trying to be God. We are not God. We are just instruments and without God, we can do nothing.

Most of us have never really understood the authority that we have in the prophetic. The prophets of God walked in tremendous authority. Joshua had the authority to stop the heavenlies, to stop the moon and the sun. Moses walked in the authority to open the Red Sea. These men of God knew how to flow in the prophetic realm. Most of God's people, and most churches, don't know how to flow in that type of authority. That is why we sit around twiddling our thumbs waiting on God to initiate everything.

Just imagine, Moses standing at the Red Sea "waiting on God to do something." They would have all died. Many times God is waiting on us to flow with Him. Because most of us have not been taught, we do not know how to flow in the prophetic.

Often times, in a conference, it is very difficult to break through in prophetic songs because there are so many "religious

people" in the service who don't know how to flow prophetically. When I get up to prophesy or to give a message in tongues, they are jumping, singing, and clapping, because they have never been taught how to FLOW in the anointing; therefore, it throws off the entire service.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

Anointing flows from the head down

God wants a prophetic people. If you want a prophetic church, you have to have prophetic leadership, because the anointing always flows from the head down. The Bible says in the book of Psalms, when Aaron was anointed, the oil flowed from his head all the way down to the skirts of his garments. The anointing always flows down. It doesn't flow up.

If the leadership doesn't flow in the prophetic, then the people are not going to flow in prophecy. If the leadership does not flow in miracles, the congregation will not flow in miracles. That is why it is futile for people who get a hold of something to think they are going to take it back and transform their churches with it. They are trying to get the anointing to flow upwards.

I don't care how much you know about deliverance or prophesying, you are going to end up going back to that church, getting hurt, disappointed, and wasting years trying to create that move in the church. The best thing for you to do is to pray for that leadership.

God always works through the principle of authority. There is no way of avoiding that fact, it is a principle of the Word of God. Many times you just don't have the authority to bring the move of God into a church. You don't have the authority, unless you get into such a prophetic realm of praying, that you pray it in. You have to get into the authority in the spirit world to bring things into manifestation in the local church. God will then put it on the heart of that pastor and it will flow down under the

authority of the pastor. Any other move in a church is rebellion.

And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

Numbers 11:25

God is looking for people who flow in miracles. You need to be a miracle person. You will never flow in miracles in advance of your leadership. When the leadership begins to flow in miracles, that anointing will drop down to everyone under their authority. It always works that way. That's why you can go to some churches—I don't care how much you want to flow in the prophetic—and if the leadership is not flowing in the prophetic, chances are, there isn't going to be much prophesying. There aren't going to be very many new songs birthed, even though you may flow in that anointing.

God is raising up prophetic leaders, people of authority who flow in miracles. They are going to minister, and the anointing is going to come down upon the people of God to the extent that they follow their leaders into different realms of the Spirit of God. This is why my heart is on leadership. This is why I try to reach pastors and leaders.

I know you can minister to lay people all day long, but unless the leadership is there, the church is not going to be effective to the degree that God desires it to be, because the leaders are keeping the people out of that realm. Remember, you cannot go beyond your leadership.

CHAPTER THREE

Prophetic Realms

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

I Corinthians 12:10

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

I Corinthians 12:28

There are three realms of prophecy: the gift of prophecy, the spirit of prophecy, and the ministry of the prophet. Some flow with the gift of prophecy, some flow under the spirit of prophecy, while others flow in the ministry of the prophet.

The spirit of prophecy will come into the room giving everyone the ability to prophesy. The gift of prophecy is determined as the person having the gift stirs it up. The ministry of the prophet is when a person flows in a particular office by the Spirit of God.

God wants to raise up a prophetic people who know how to prophesy things into manifestation. I am learning that when I

come up against a block, or hindrance, I can prophesy to it by the anointing of God that is in me and stir up the gift of God. I can prophesy into the lives of people, prophesy devils out of people, and prophesy breakthroughs into certain areas for people. Once we, the Church, get into that particular realm, there will be nothing impossible for us.

There is a certain amount of authority in words—the words of God carry much greater authority than your own words. You can stand up, shout and scream in your own spirit and nothing moves. You can speak to every mountain that you want to. Instead of the mountain leaving, it will fall on you. However, when you get into the realm of the anointing and you begin to speak the words of God, it carries a greater amount of authority. When God is speaking, things move. Without the prophetic a church will die, become dry, and boring; but the prophetic anointing brings life—it ACTIVATES and stirs, whereas without it, there is death.

The Lord spoke these words to my heart "WITHOUT INSPIRATION, THERE IS EXPIRATION." When there is no prophetic flow, there is death. Nothing is activated. It takes God to stir us up. It takes the Word of God to activate us. You cannot impart spiritual life through the flesh. It takes a supernatural anointing of God. It takes God speaking to us to stir us up.

God took Ezekiel when he was sitting down and the Spirit of God entered into him and lifted him up. The Spirit of God always activates the prophetic, it always activates what God breathes into you. He always breathes into man the breath of life.

When man was dead, the breath of God made man a living soul. When God breathes, He always breathes life. It is exactly what the Word of God is: Life. When the Bible says that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, it is simply saying that God breathed on it. God breathed on the Word and that's where the life comes. It's given through a prophetic breath of God.

When you prophesy and speak prophetically, it is God breathing into a situation, giving life to it. That's why God

instructed Ezekiel to prophesy to the wind after the army came together. What does wind represent? Wind represents breath.

In the Greek, the word "breath" is the word "pneuma." Pneuma means wind, breath, life, air. God told Ezekiel to prophesy to the wind, and, behold, the breath came into that army. Pneuma was ACTIVATED, because prophecy always brings the breath of God into a situation and makes the person alive with the power of God.

If a church flows in the prophetic, I guarantee you that it will never be a dead church. My church prophesies by the power of God through a prophetic flow, a prophetic song, a new song. I desire the prophetic flow to come out of the people of God, and prophecies to come forth under the unction of the prophet.

Some preachers don't even believe prophecy is for today. How can you have a living church if you don't even believe prophecy is for today; if you don't even believe in the prophetic breath of God? It is no wonder why there is death instead of life. It's no wonder why people are leaving in search of churches that are alive with the anointing of God.

That's why the prophetic ministry is critical today in the Church. The prophetic breathes the life of God, the miracle working power of God into the ministry. It activates the gifts and callings of God. Prophecy serves as a catalyst for the anointings of and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER FOUR

Miracles Birthed Through Prophecy

We talk about the signs, wonders, and miracles of God; I firmly believe that one of the ways that miracles are birthed is through prophecy. Prophecy is much stronger than we think.

We thought that prophecy was just someone coming up and telling us some things about ourselves or just prophesying some information to us about the future. That is a part of the prophetic flow, but I am finding out that there is a much greater manifestation of the prophetic flow. I am finding out that the prophetic flow opens up the spirit realm for the glory of God to manifest.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my hand maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:17-21

Notice that signs and wonders follow prophecy. We prophesy and God begins to show signs and wonders. I believe that prophecy is one of the keys to opening up the spirit realm. Once the people of God begin to prophesy "Thus saith God...", things will begin to happen in the spirit realm that will manifest in the natural with signs and wonders.

Moses was a prophet of God. Because he had the prophetic anointing, when he went into Egypt he performed signs and wonders. Moses is a type of the "Church" because the church is responsible for going into Egypt (which is a type of the world) to deliver the people out of bondage. I think God is going to raise up modern day Moses's, modern day prophets who will go in with signs and wonders, causing the devil to let God's people go.

I want to see the signs and wonders. I am tired of just talking about them, we are going to see them through prophetic utterances. The prophets of God and the prophecies that will go forth will open the way for the signs and wonders to come. I have read Acts, chapter 2, many times before, but never made the connection between prophecy and miracles.

Signs and wonders will follow the prophets. When we prophesy into the spirit realm and the anointing of God comes upon us, we will begin to activate the miracles of God. Supernatural occurrences begin to happen in the spirit realm through prophetic utterances.

Miracles—financial miracles, healing miracles, miracles of deliverance, supernatural signs and wonders—are going to take place that will even confound unbelievers. We are going to prophesy those things into manifestation. That is why it is so important that, if we want signs and wonders in our churches, we have to be prophetic churches. Some people do not want signs and wonders because they say, "Well, we don't need signs and wonders. It's okay if we do, but you shouldn't chase after miracles." We always have people who don't want you to go after anything. They say, "Be careful, now, going after those

miracles. You know there are a lot of deceiving spirits out there. Be careful about prophesying, now, because it might not be God. Be careful about deliverance, because those devils may jump on you..." They might as well say, "Be careful where you go. Do not go anywhere, stay right here, die with us and don't do anything..."

I found out that when people first get saved, they have zeal; I believe that God puts this quality in you. But after a while, people begin to quench that zeal. Religious devils always tell you to sit down and to be quiet, you are too zealous. I believe it is the nature of God to be zealous. Satan gets a bunch of wet blankets (people of doubt and unbelief) in the church to put out all the fire, those who continuously operate in the zeal of God.

The first miracle that Jesus performed was at the wedding in Cana.

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

John 4:46-48

There are some people who will never believe unless they see signs and wonders. Some people are too hard-headed and blind to receive salvation. They have big, hard heads. No matter how much someone preaches to them and tells them about Jesus Christ, some still won't believe the gospel.

It will take signs and wonders to convince some people that God is real. This is why we need signs and wonders. God could just say, "Forget you, just die and go to hell." I am thankful that we serve a loving God. God knows some of us are too hard

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hearted to just get saved so He shows us a sign and a wonder. This is the love and mercy of the Lord drawing us into salvation.

God desires to birth miracles through prophecy, but it will take the Church being receptive to the prophetic—only then will we enter into the depth which God desires for His people.

CHAPTER FIVE

Spiritual Climates

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

Mark 6:5-6

Before God does anything supernatural on a major scale, including signs and wonders, prophetic utterances must go forth. What hinders the signs and wonders from going forth is the spiritual climate in which we live. Some spiritual climates are not conducive to miracles.

Jesus went into His own home town and could there do no mighty works because of their unbelief. The spiritual climate of that town was not conducive to miracles. Even though He was the Son of God with the power and anointing of God without measure, when He went to Nazareth He could not do any mighty works. In other words, the spirit of unbelief was so strong in that city that the climate was not conducive to miracles. Jesus laid hands on only a few sick people and healed them, but He couldn't do any mighty works.

Most churches and most cities have a spiritual climate that is not conducive to the miracle working power of God. Too many spirits of religion, tradition, unbelief, doubt, sin, perversion, darkness, and other spirits are holding back the people.

God wants to minister to people. He isn't concerned about just signs and wonders, He is concerned about people. The problem is not that God is not ready, it's the people who are not ready. When God went to bring Israel out of Egypt, they were

not ready to just come straight out. God had to send ten plagues for the purpose of those miracles, breaking something up in the spirit first.

And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

And all the first born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it anymore.

Exodus 11:4-6

Many times something has to be broken in the spirit realm before God can accomplish what He desires to do. You may wonder why God could not just go in and bring the children of Israel out. Something had to be broken in the spirit realm before God's people could come out.

Many times something has to be broken in the realm of the spirit before God can bring people out of a certain area of bondage into a new area of liberty. Some people never come out of certain areas of bondage because something has not been broken in the spirit realm and dealt with by the power of God. Until the power of God breaks that thing in the spirit realm, those people will remain in bondage.

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isaiah 14:17

Satan is never going to let the people go willingly. It is not his nature to do so. Satan is never going to allow a person to just go free. He will hold them. This is why every time Moses would go to Pharaoh and say, "Let my people go," Pharaoh would harden his heart. He had to be forced to let the people go.

Something had to be broken before he would let them go.

There are many people bound by religion and tradition. Those spirits are not going to just let them go because they ask them to, no matter how much of a man of God you are. If I say, "Ok, devils, just let the people go, would you, please? We want to go and serve God. We are tired of being in bondage..." I ought not think the devil is going to say, "Ok, you can have them, Eckhardt." No way. You have to break that stronghold in the spirit.

God sent Moses, who was a prophet, into Israel with the rod or the authority of God to command the plagues, signs, and wonders to break that bondage in the spirit.

God is raising up people with a prophetic anointing to break things in the spirit. God can then move. This is why God wants to raise up strong prophetic churches, because prophetic churches will arise in the spirit and prophesy. That anointing will go forth and break the powers of darkness in the heavenly realm, and open the way for the signs, wonders, and deliverance. That is why the devil has always hated prophetic anointings and sought to kill the prophets of God.

Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Luke 11:49-51

Jesus said that from the Prophet Abel to Zacharias, they have been killed. Did you know Abel was the first prophet of God? The devil hates and fears the prophetic anointing, which is why he caused Cain to rise up and to kill his brother. He had

Jezebel try to kill the prophet. Obadiah took more than 100 prophets and hid them in a cave because Jezebel had cut off the prophets of God.

Herodious, who possessed a Jezebelic spirit, had John the Baptist's head cut off. There is something about the prophetic spirit that the devil just hates because it does so much damage to his kingdom. He wanted to kill them and shut them up because the words that came out of their mouths were so powerful, it was like a hammer. They were so anointed that they broke things in the spirit realm.

The reason why the devil tried to kill Moses when he was just a child is obvious. The devil has always tried to cut off the prophets of God. This is why the devil has tried, in the last generation, to kill babies through the spirit of abortion. He fears the prophets of God are going to come forth so he is trying to kill them in the womb. Think about it—how many prophets of God have been killed through abortion?

I have news for the devil, I don't care how many babies he kills, God always has an ark. He put Moses in an ark. There are prophets who are going to be born, that he can't kill, no matter what he tries to do. He may kill some of them, but he can't kill all of them. The ones he misses are going to be the ones who tear his kingdom apart. The devil is worried, because he has missed a whole lot of them. He fears that prophetic anointing because it breaks things in the spirit. It changes the spiritual climate and tears down his kingdom.

God is raising up prophetic churches that are going to break the powers of darkness in a city. This doesn't mean that everyone in a city is going to be saved or join your church. It does mean that God is raising up prophetic churches that are going to deal with the powers of darkness over your cities. Their prophetic anointing is not only going to bless the people in the building, but also reach into the heavenlies and break things.

Devils and demons will have their power broken through the prophetic anointing that is upon those churches. This is why God is raising up prophetic churches in this hour in certain

cities. I believe that every city is going to have strong prophetic churches.

There are going to be certain key churches in every city that will flow in the prophetic. Not every church is going to do it, but there will be certain key churches. If there are only one or two or three, there will be certain churches that God will raise up and put the prophetic anointing upon them. The people in those churches are going to flow so powerfully in prophecy that the anointing is going to be very strong.

CHAPTER SIX

The Glory of the Lord

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 3:17,18

It is the glory of God that will change you into the image of Jesus Christ. There is no way you can come into contact with the glory of God and not be affected with a positive change. Most people have not yet really come into contact with the glory of God, even though they are hearing the Scriptures. I know this because people can regularly attend church year after year, hear the word, go through all the religious motions, and yet never seem to change into the image of Jesus Christ.

The glory of God has not manifested in a lot of churches. They don't have the unction and the anointing of God, no matter how much people want to change. People can pray, read their Bible, and still never experience the change that God desires, until they come into contact with the glory of God.

The Scripture says, *"We are changed into the same image from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord."* We must have the glory of God in our services in order to experience change.

You may ask, "What is the glory of God?" The glory of God is the tangible, manifested, presence of God. You may say, "What do you mean by that?" Most people have knowledge of God being omnipresent; people realize that God is everywhere. God is present whether you feel Him or not. The Bible says the

eyes of the Lord are everywhere beholding the evil and the good. I have news for you: chances are, you are not going to feel the presence of God in a bar. You are going to feel the presence of demons, sin, and darkness.

The glory of God is something you can feel, sense and see. In the Old Testament the glory of God was manifested in a cloud during the day. It was also manifested sometimes by smoke, although it wasn't literal smoke but rather, the strength and thickness of His presence. You can see God's glory and you can feel it. The same holds true for the fire by night, you can sense, see, or feel the tangible presence of God. That's the glory of God.

Now, I understand that we are not led by feelings. I know that we walk by faith, but I want you to understand this fact: even though you may not feel God, He is in you. Many times you can go through an entire day and not "feel" like you are saved. You don't "feel" the anointing of God. We walk by faith and we know that God is in us whether we "feel" Him or not.

When the glory of God comes in, when the tangible anointing and the presence of God is in a building or in a person, that is what changes a person. When this happens, you will be able to sense the presence of God beyond the faith realm. The influence of God will be very heavy because He is manifesting Himself to bring a change. People cannot come into contact with the glory and the presence of God without being changed.

The problem with the Church is, we have a lot of teaching, preaching, Bible studies, and singing, but many of us have never experienced the tangible presence of God, the anointing and the glory of God on a consistent basis. That is why some of us remain the same, even though we have been studying the Bible and reading religious materials. Unfortunately, some of us get worse instead of getting better.

One of the ways God's glory is released is through prophecy.

But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is

judged of all:

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

I Corinthians 14:24,25

This passage speaks of an individual coming into contact with the glory of God through the prophetic flow. He may even be an unbeliever or a person who does not know very much about God. Notice that when he comes into contact with the glory and the presence of God, he will be convicted, he will be discerned, he will fall on his face, and say, "Surely God is in this particular place."

How many times do sinners come into our services and leave unchanged? I know sinners who will go to church, sit through the entire sermon, shake the preacher's hand, and walk out the church door in the same condition as they came in. They have not experienced change. Why? Because that sinner did not come into contact with the glory of God; there was no prophesying, no manifested presence of God—nothing, but religion. Religion doesn't change anyone. That's why we must have prophecy.

People will say, "We do not really need that, it is not important." They don't understand that it is the glory of God that is going to change not only unbelievers, but also believers. If you think you can get along just being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, without the prophetic flow, or miracles, you are sadly mistaken. If you think you are going to become like Jesus without the glory of God, you are walking in self-deception. You are going to be the same person you were five years ago with the same attitude, the same mean streak, and the same weaknesses. True, you will be saved by God's grace, but you will not be anymore like Jesus than you were five years ago.

People have been challenged by the preacher to make a change. They have been told they need to change. They have been told they need to grow up. They have been told how far off

they are. They have been told to repent. They have been told all of this, but there has been no real manifestation of God's glory.

The prophetic flow is one of the avenues that releases the glory of God. When the prophets begin to prophesy, it brings the glory of God into a building. It is like walking into a home where there has been a lot of cursing, strife, arguing, and fighting prior to your arrival. You can walk into a room and sense the presence of evil spirits; you also feel the confusion in the air. Words release things. It is the same principle with the prophetic anointing. When the prophets begin to prophesy, "Thus saith the Lord," it charges the atmosphere with the power and the glory and the Spirit of God. Prophecy also prepares the way for miracles. It is the manifestation of the glory and the anointing of God that is going to bring miracles.

Prophecy is important. In conferences hosted by my church, we have a lot of prophetic songs, prophetic singing, and new songs. We stir up the gifts of God. Why? Because when you do that, you are bringing the presence of God upon the scene in a greater degree. God is already there, but you are making the environment an atmosphere that is conducive to the miracles of God and the changing of people's lives. A prophet's ministry is sorely needed.

Originally, we thought the prophet was someone who just walked around and knew everything about you. This is not true. I flow in the prophetic, and I barely know anything about anyone. Usually I only receive revelation about people when I lay my hands on them. That's the way my gift works. I very seldom just look at a person and know things about them.

Through natural discernment, you can look at people and tell that they have made mistakes. You do not need a dream or a vision for that. If someone is walking down the street looking wild and crazy, talking to themselves, fighting and swinging in the air, you don't need an anointing to see that they have a problem.

The main purpose of prophetic ministry is to prophesy with such an anointing, until you blast through the heavenlies and

break the powers of darkness. It opens the door for the glory of God to come and really paves the way for the Word of God to be ministered.

Prophetic ministry also paves the way for miracles and for a change to come in the lives of people. There should be prophetic worship and a flow that goes forth in the praise service even before the speaker ministers. By the time the speaker gets up to minister the Word of God and builds the faith of the people, the place is already so filled with the glory of God until they enter right into miracles, signs, and wonders. That's why, many times, God has to bring the prophetic flow first before the miracles occur.

Seldom will you find miracles in the Bible where there were no prophets. Read the book of Judges when they came to Gideon and the angel said, "O mighty man of valor" and Gideon said "Well, where are all the miracles you all were talking about? We heard about the miracle of Moses." That's the way some churches are now. We read about miracles in the Bible, but we don't see very many of them today. Why? Because we don't have very many prophets flowing in the prophetic anointing to bring the glory of God in to prophesy miracles.

You can prophesy miracles into manifestation. God always tells His servants the prophets, before He does anything. You can enter into a city that is so bound by demons and so locked up by devils, with principalities and powers so strong that you are unable start a move of God in that city.

Many preachers have gone into cities that have not been broken up through the prophetic flow.

They try to build a church and they struggle for years, wondering why they can't get a ministry off the ground. People who walk in prophetic and apostolic anointings are needed to prophesy under the supernatural power of God. This will begin to break through the realms of darkness, pulling down the principalities, and powers. It will also open that environment up for the glory of God and miracles to come into that city.

The Prophetic Flow

We need the glory, the prophetic flow, and we need to be a prophetic people. All of us can flow in the prophetic, not just the prophets.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Timings and Seasons

Jesus said that His hour was not yet come. We have to get off this thing of, "Well, is it time?" I am finding out that God is always ready. I know there are seasons and times and different moves of God, but I also know there are many people who have always spoken before their time. An example of that would be Bishop Mason, Founder of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Mason flowed in some heavy things—he was so many years ahead of the Church of God in Christ. He was singing in tongues and singing in the Spirit before miracles occurred, while most people had not gone beyond clapping and dancing. Smith Wigglesworth raised people from the dead. These men always seemed out of place. They would always get into the flow of something before others did. It is good to have the move of God come into a city. It is good to have the timing of God when the Spirit of God says it is time to move, and it suits the whole Body of Christ.

When you press into the prophetic move of God, when you stir that up, when you flow, God is not going to withhold something from you, even if others are not ready to accept it.

The Bible says if you ask, it shall be given unto you. If you seek you shall find. If you knock, the doors are going to open. God is not going to have you asking, seeking, and knocking and then say, "Well, I'm sorry, I can't open the door right now because it just is not time for that." God will say, "Fine, you want it, I'll give it to you, even though I'm not going to release this thing upon the whole Body of Christ until maybe 20 years from now.

God will drop that anointing on you and you will be a

church or a people ahead of your time. Then, years up the road, the whole Body comes into it and they all get the revelation. They can wait for that time if they want to, but I am not going to wait for the move of God because I'm convinced that before Jesus Christ comes back, we are going to be flowing in the prophetic. The whole Body of Christ is going to be flowing in miracles and deliverance because He is coming back for a glorious Church. It is going to take a move of God, but He is able!

If there is a demand for the prophetic, if there is a hunger for miracles, I'm going to tap into that anointing and flow in it now, even though it may not be the proper season for it in the Spirit.

Prophetically speaking: Jesus told that woman that His hour had not yet come. In other words, it's not the time for this. Yet He still preformed the miracle. The Spirit of God has given me a revelation of the fact that you can flow in things ahead of your time. Do you know what happens to those who flow in things ahead of time? They get persecuted.

There is always a group of people like the Wright Brothers. They were flying airplanes ahead of their time. Everyone thought they were crazy. Now we are flying all over the world. People probably said, "They are crazy, look at them, poor things." That is what people say when you get ahead of your time in the Spirit.

These people always catch up with the move of God after about 10 years have passed. God already moved with the Word and there are some who still are not in the Word? We got into the Word, we got into teaching, we broke the Word down, and there are some churches that still are not in the Word. That wave has passed them. They are still on the beach with their surf boards looking for the wave. When the wave comes, you better jump on it and ride it.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Turning Water Into Wine

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

St. John 2:5

Jesus' mother is putting a demand upon Him. If there is anyone who can put a demand upon you, it is your mother. Your mother can make you do it when no one else can.

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

John 2:6-7

This is what the Lord has been doing. This whole miracle is prophetic. The Lord said to fill up the waterpots with water. What does water represent in the Word of God? It represents the Word, the cleansing of the Word. The waterpots represent earthen vessels. He has been filling us with the Word.

We have more Word now than we ever had. We have Word on intercession, spiritual authority, prophesying, binding and loosing in the name of Jesus, healing, deliverance, praise and worship. We have read every book, we have listened to every tape, we are full of the Word now.

And he saith upon them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was

made wine,...

St. John 2:8-9

Jesus turned the water into wine. That's what the Lord is doing now. What does wine represent? It represents the Holy Ghost. It is not enough to have the Word in you. You can have all kinds of Scriptures in you and just be a walking Bible. The Lord wants to turn that water into wine. He wants that water to come out of you like wine, and He wants you to begin to flow in the Holy Ghost.

You can have the Word, but if you don't have the Spirit, you can't do anything with the Word. In the last days, the Lord is going to turn the water into wine. We are not going to be people of the Word, instead, we are going to be people of the Spirit. We are going to do miracles, prophesy, cast out devils, and flow in new songs. That's the new wine of God.

One of the problems with some Word churches is that they are still stuck on the Word, they just want to stick with the water. They don't want to flow in the wine. They say, "All you need is the Word. You don't need all that, just believe the Word..." In reality, you need more than just the Word. The Bible says the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

You can have all the Word you want and still be a dead church with this type of mentality: "We do not need all those miracles, signs, wonders. Don't chase after prophecy, just get the Word. Don't look for miracles, just believe the Word." I agree, we do need the Word. The Word is the foundation of everything. Notice, Jesus spoke the Word before He changed the water into wine. It's terrible to try to get the Spirit before you get the Word because if you get the Spirit and don't know any Word, you can end up getting into some strange things, thinking it's the "Spirit."

Many churches today have a classroom mentality. You go to church and take notes every Sunday. Well, God is more than a big classroom. He wants to bring the Church out of some of that mentality. We have sat under the teachings of someone who has bored us half to death. It's time to see some signs, wonders,

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miracles, the prophetic flow, and some wine. Saints are getting tired of just taking notes. They have had enough of that. They are coming out of dead churches looking for the flow, the power, and the anointing of God.

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

John 9:6-7

Now, I guarantee you, Jesus didn't find that in anyone's book. You will not go into a bookstore and find out that is the way to heal people's eyes. No one is going to write that in a book. There are some things you are not going to learn from books. There are some things that are not going to line up with your theology. You have to know how to flow in the Spirit of God.

The Best Is Yet To Come

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bride groom,

And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

St. John 2:9-10

I want you to notice that the best is yet to come. The Lord has kept back the good wine until the end of the age. You talk about miracles, signs and wonders—you haven't seen anything yet.

If you read the book of Acts with a longing to be in that time, don't worry—He's turning the water into wine. He has saved the best wine for last, and the glory of the latter house is going to be greater than the glory of the first. We are going to walk in such miracles that there is not going to be any comparison. I would rather be in this move of God, than to be in the book of Acts, because this wine tastes better.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

St. John 2:11

Notice that miracles are manifestations of the glory of God. You may say, "Well, Brother John, why do you need miracles?" The answer; we need the glory. "Well, Brother John, why do you need the glory?" It's the glory that's going to change us into the image of Jesus Christ. Prophecy comes, miracles come, the glory comes, then comes change.

I don't listen to people who say, "Well, you know, we don't need to chase after miracles. You don't need to really seek out the miracles." That's not true. There is no where in the Bible where Jesus ever rebuked anyone for seeking after miracles, healings, or a word from Him. Never. You will not find it anywhere.

The Lord always wants us to have hungry hearts seeking His glory and power. Many times we discourage others because we tell them, "Oh, be careful, now, you have a little too much zeal. Sit down, now, don't run after that. No, just sit here." We just kill them.

Religious devils are good at killing the zeal of the people. They drain it out of them. They say, "Don't get in that devil casting out stuff." Those same people never encourage others to seek after the glory of God. They just discourage them, shut them down, by getting them full of fear. They say, "You know, if you get out there, it might be a wrong word. You might be deceived. You might get taken advantage of." This type of

mindset just hinders faith. It is no wonder we have a group of dead people sitting in the church, not seeking after anything. They were always taught that it is somehow wrong.

You will find this: usually when people first get born-again, there is a hunger in them because God put it there. If you were to stay around certain saints for a number of years, I guarantee you they will take all the hunger you ever had out of you. You will lose your spiritual appetite.

Some pastors don't have any miracles in their churches, yet they rebuke their people for attending a service that does. Members are told, "No, don't go over there. There are a lot of false prophets in the land." I'll tell you what, Pastor, why don't you get your whole church together, go down there with them, and determine whether that person is of God or not. If he is of God, then release them to attend. If he isn't, warn your people.

If people get off track, the pastor has the right to correct them. Some people do need to be corrected, but don't kill the hunger and the desire that people have to flow in the supernatural and the glory of God. Don't kill it. Guide them, admonish them, encourage them to go after the glory of God because it is by the glory of God that they will experience change.

That's why we encourage people to come out and witness the miracles, signs, wonders, healings, and prophetic flow of the Spirit of God. A lot of pastors don't like it. They say, "You are taking my members." Well, they need to go because you are hindering them from flowing in the spirit.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net break.

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, oh Lord.

For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not from hence forth thou shalt catch men.

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Luke 5:4-11

The Scripture says that He "manifested His glory." Miracles are a manifestation of the glory of God. It is the glory of God that changes you. Miracles will change you. The Apostle Peter is an example. The Bible says that Jesus called Peter and his brother and told them to follow Him and He would make them fishers of men. There is another account that says that Jesus told Peter to cast his net for a draught. When Peter drew his net, the catch was so great, it was miraculous. Upon seeing this, Peter fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." That miracle broke Peter and changed his life.

I am finding out, by the Spirit of God, that one of the reasons why we don't have a lot of strong ministries being birthed in the earth, is because many of them have not been birthed through miracles. Miracles can birth ministries.

Peter's ministry was birthed through a miracle. When that net broke, he fell at the feet of Jesus and said, "Lord, depart from me." The Lord said, "Fear not, Peter, for from hence forth thou shalt catch men..." This is your ministry, Peter.

Miracles are more than just, "Well, we had a miracle." Miracles change people and they birth strong ministries into the

earth. How many of you reading this book would like to see strong apostles, strong prophets, strong evangelists, strong pastors and teachers?

I'm not talking about some little weak preacher saying he has been called by God and does not walk in supernatural ability. I'm talking about strong ministries that change churches, cities, and nations. I'm not talking about just someone with ordination papers. Anyone can study to be a preacher, get ordination papers, and still be weak. I'm talking about anointed ministries of God.

The glory of God is going to be orchestrated through the prophetic flow. The prophetic flow is going to bring in the glory. When the glory comes, miracles are going to follow. Healings are going to follow. We are going to prophesy things that are going to be established in the spirit realm. We are going to see the miracles of God come forth. We are going to see lives changed by the supernatural power of God.

CHAPTER NINE

Prophecy to the Church:

The Spirit of God would have me to say that the signs and wonders recorded in the Bible are real. They happened. They are not fairy tales. The power of God is real. The miracles of God are real. The anointing of God is real.

Behold, as it has been prophesied in times past, changes are coming, the spiritual climate is changing. Prophecies are going forth and changing the atmosphere. The Word of God that is coming forth prophetically in this hour is challenging the powers that be. Yes, the Word of God that is going forth prophetically in this hour is changing the seasons. You will see a new move of the Spirit of God in the land. You will see God working with His mighty hand. You will see healings and miracles take place. You will see people coming, saying, "Oh, this is new."

But I want you to know, My people, that in this day and hour, you must rise up in Holy Ghost power. You must not draw back. You must not be afraid to go forth. Know this, My people, that the time is ripe and the season is now for the miracles of God to come forth.

Out of your belly the rivers of living waters, they will flow. Yes, they will flow, and they will flow, and they will flow. And then people will begin to know the power of God and they will begin to know the miracles of God.

Yes, I prophesy the signs and wonders into the Church. I prophesy the miracles of God into the Church and into our cities. Yes, I proclaim that people will see the glory of God. They will believe and many will come from the North, and from the South, and from the East and from the West. They will come because the power of God will be manifest. Yes, they will come, and

they will enter into a new phase of ministry and praise and glorifying the Name of God. Yes, they will come, because you will rise up, just as Moses did with his rod. You will speak forth into the earth. You will call down the fire of God. You will call forth the miracles of God with the authority I have given you.

Yes, the Name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost is in you and you can use the rod and the authority to begin to command the signs and the wonders to come. Even as Moses did when he went into Egypt. He was afraid, but I told him, "I will be with you." I gave him signs and wonders.

Yes, God is going to even give the Church signs and wonders. As you receive the signs and wonders in your own lives, you will believe just as Moses did. You will go into Egypt. And you will use the rod and the authority I have given you to proclaim the miracles of God. And bring My people out of bondage and see them set free from the Pharaoh, from the task master, from slavery, from cruelty, and from bondage.

Yes, many will come out of churches where they are bound and Pharaohs have ruled them. Pharaohs have controlled them. Pharaohs have made slaves of many of My people. Yes, they will come out, but they won't come out until the miracles and the signs and wonders come. Yes, the miracles and the signs and the wonders will open the way for them to come out. They will come out with a mighty hand. They will come out with rejoicing. They will come out of Egypt and out of bondage. They will come through the Red Sea. Yes, they will receive the glory and the power and the cloud and the fire.

They will go on to Canaan land and they will go in and they will challenge the giants and they will pull down the strongholds and they will possess their possessions, says the Spirit of God. For there is nothing, no man, no devil, that can keep My people bound. For whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

As I said in My Word, I have given you the authority and the liberty in the spirit to be free and to be not again entangled with the yoke of bondage. But to be free, that you might go into the land and challenge the giants, and pull down the strongholds,

and receive your inheritance, and walk in the blessing, and get into the land flowing with milk and honey. Yes, a land of prosperity and a land that is blessed and fruitful. Yes, it's coming, says the Spirit of God, but the signs and the wonders must come. Yes, the prophetic flow must be strong.

As I put My prophetic anointing upon Moses and upon the elders in that day, I am putting My prophetic anointing upon the leadership of My Church. There will be strong prophets of God that will come up and there will be men who will flow strongly in the prophetic. Yes, and they will train My people how to be prophets and how to flow in the prophetic. They will release the people of God to flow in the supernatural realm. They will prophesy in their homes and they will prophesy on their jobs and they will prophesy in the streets and they will prophesy in the church.

The prophetic word that goes forth out of their mouth will be like a fire. It will be like a hammer that breaks the rocks in pieces. Yes, the principalities and powers, they will bow and they will know that you are the people of God with a prophetic flow. They will come down from the high places in the land. Yes, they will see, they will see God's hand. Yes, they will tremble and they will shake at the power of God.

Yes, you will be even like Moses's rod. When you go forth and you speak the word of the Lord, they will obey and they will come down because the word is like a sword. So look up, My people, and know that I am in your midst. I am there to deliver you and set you free and raise you up and thrust you into a new realm.

You will know that it is the hand of God, it is the hand of God, it is the hand of God upon the people of God in this hour to bring the people out of darkness into the marvelous light, that they might shout and dance and leap for joy, that they will know pain and sorrow no more. They will be a people prepared by the Lord to do the works of God. Then I will call them home in glory to be My bride, says the Spirit of the Living God.

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