

Prophetic Evangelism

Reaping The Final Harvest

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“Come and see a man who told me everything I’ve ever done. Could it be that this is the Messiah?” (John 4:29 CJB)

Unveiling the Darkness

As a curtain of darkness is draped over mankind, the Holy Spirit is drawing the church into a warp speed transition filling our whole spirit, soul, and body with the brightness of Messiah’s glory, a radiant shining of His glory that will blind our aspirations of building on fleshly foundations. We are about to experience the most brilliant illumination of God the church has ever known. This light will bring prophetic clarity of His heart, mind, and purpose for the last day’s church. If the church will submit to this move of God, the darkness will be unveiled by the flood of His light in her. In this *revelation of holiness*, we will see our true foundation exposed by the apostolic and prophetic ministries. God’s light in His church will reveal everything hidden in darkness.¹ This transition will change us into being *the active living body* of Messiah. Entering this deeper realm of the Spirit will reshape much of what we now perceive to be important. Soon we will understand the sound of His waterfall as that *“deep calling unto deep,”* where waves and billows of His Spirit cover our being.² In that place the power of God will flow as a torrent through the watercourse of our hearts, igniting the embers of His love and changing us into children who reveal His light. It is in the force of this love and light that His prophetic army will stoke the flames of evangelism.

As the Lord continues to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, we are awakened to His stunning sovereignty and glorious power. In the early 1980’s, the Holy Spirit poured out new refreshing of prophetic anointing that re-ignited and began restoring the church in the gift of prophecy, in prophetic ministry, and in the office of the prophet.

In 1986, He re-awakened the call to prophetic ministry that had been dormant through different stages of my life. Once again I began to dream dreams, experience various kinds of visions, and had supernatural knowledge about people, places, and things. A few years later, in 1993, I dreamed a dream that God was sending fire from heaven that would change all those it touched. In that dream, as God’s fire fell on my wife and me, I loudly exclaimed, *“We will never be the same!”* That summer, in Kansas City, Missouri, the Lord released His fire on us at a prophetic conference. Suddenly, I felt God’s presence as heat on my body, overwhelming my flesh, and I fell face down on the floor, remaining there for over an hour. During that time the Lord gave me a vision of a last day’s army.

From the Meadow to the Mountain

In the vision, I saw many children dancing in a beautiful meadow. They were dancing in great joy and delight as if celebrating a new freedom. As they continued dancing in the meadow, a transition took place. Hand in hand they turned and danced into the mountains. In the mountains, they were changed from children to young men and women. There in that higher ground they clumsily began to put on armor as preparing for war. Seeing their clumsiness in the vision, it became evident that these young people had only vague ideas as to the wearing and function of this armor. Alarmed by their dilemma I saw no one in the vision to train them in the use of the armor or in the coming warfare. They obviously needed *fathers of warfare* to take them to the next level of training.

Only a few years later did I realize the significance of this vision for my wife and me, as the interpretation began to unfold with the changes taking place in our ministry. For many years I was in awe of the prophet Joel's revelation of a prophetic army demonstrating God's power for salvation to the world. Now the vision is unfolding for the times in which we live.

We cannot equip young warriors for battle without those who have gone to battle before us. In current day military operations, it is the non-commissioned officers who train in the ways of modern warfare. Often, non-commissioned officers become commanders in the midst of battle and can address those situations because they have lived them. They are the ones who understand the training and discipline required for the strategies and tactics necessary to win on the battlefield.

The vision speaks to us of the current phase of our prophetic training and helps us see our significance in God's prophetic army. *Dancing in the meadow* takes place in times of refreshing and in the joy of our salvation. Here we are the *little children* of God's delight, basking in the presence of His love. It is often in this season of our spiritual life that we receive the call of God to go to a higher place with Him. In harmony and oneness of heart, the church must now join hand in hand, moving up to the mountain where we prepare for the battle of souls. This requires intense equipping in both the prophetic and evangelistic arenas.

On the mountain our next phase of training must take place. It is there where we are strengthened as *young men and women*. A strengthening of our spirit, soul, and body takes place when we endure the required climb to the higher levels of our walk. Not all who are called to the mountain will go to the top because of the price that must be paid. The free ride to the top, offered by much of the church, will now only take us part way. The price we must pay *bears testimony to our death with Him on the cross*, and in *our baptismal burial*, so that we may truly walk with Him in resurrection power.³ In the early 1980's, God began raising up non-commissioned officers to train us prophetically, in preparation for specific calls of future battles in the Kingdom of God. Non-commissioned officers train us in preparation for the basics of warfare. Here we learn discipline, weaponry and the chain of command. Many of these non-commissioned officers were later commissioned, as prophetic fathers, in the spirit of Elijah.

There is a place between *the calling* to the mountain and *the sending* into the battle. The Lord is now setting the pace for this final phase of training. There is in the transition of the church, a realm of apostolic groaning, where *the fathers* oversee and nurture us into the full manhood of Messiah.⁴ Without the *commissioning of the fathers*, we will remain with ten thousand instructors in Christ.⁵ God's *commissioned officers* will bring prophetic clarity to the purpose and function of all

phases of His army. It is time to go beyond the basic training of the doctrines of Messiah unto the full manhood set by the standard of His own perfection. That is the place we must stand in order to be victorious in the coming battle for souls. We are moving into an age of apostolic calling. The Lord has set aside many fathers who share in *the 14 years (or more) of wilderness training* that, in like manner prepared the apostle Paul for the groaning and travail of fatherhood.⁶

Being a father is more than reproducing oneself. True fathers nurture their children until the time of release in marriage. It is in that cycle of nurturing that the *little children* make the transition from the meadow to the mountain. The mountain is just another place of training in the higher levels of manhood. True fathers participate in every level of our growth until we reach the maturity of being sent out. Fathers correct our mistakes and help curb our passions. Their nurturing aims at increasing our moral excellence - not just in words but in character and actions. The Lord is sending a *spirit of Elijah the prophet*, in these last days that will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.⁷ Elijah was a prophet, who against great odds turned the heart of Israel back to the ways of the Father God. He became the embodiment of God's intent for Israel to return to His covenant ways and in great demonstration God's fire fell from heaven consuming the sacrifice of the prophet. At that moment the people fell on their faces exclaiming in the fear of God, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"⁸ In a sense, Elijah prepared the way of the Lord, demonstrating a type of John the Baptist. Throughout the prophetic scriptures, prophets turn the hearts of God's people back to His ways! Malachi is clear that those who carry the spirit of Elijah *will first turn the heart of the fathers* to the children. We must embrace the move of God in restoring His prophetic voice to the church. God's prophetic army will not be effective until the prophetic Elijah's stir the hearts of the fathers.

This is the church in transition described by John *the apostle and prophet* of God. In 1 John 2:12-14, he addresses God's heart to the *little children* reminding them that their sins are forgiven. Here is the place of dancing and rejoicing in the meadow of salvation. This is often the place of prophetic calling. The Lord makes this very clear by reminding us that Elisha was called in the city of his childhood. That city was, *Abel Meholah*, which means in Hebrew, *meadow of dancing*. This was a city of *the sons of Issachar who understood the times* and what to do in the times of warfare and distress. God's prophetic army must come from such a place in the Spirit.

Next, John writes to *the fathers* who knew Him from the beginning. True fathers have walked in relationship with the Lord from the beginning. That is why they are connected to the *little children* from the calling to their youth. *Elijah*, whose name means *Yah is God* was the spiritual father of *Elisha* whose name means *God is Salvation*. True fathers always move us toward God and His salvation, because they knew Him from the beginning.

John first writes to the *young men* because they have overcome the wicked one. Finding our strength in climbing the mountain only comes because *the fathers* have shown us the way and encouraged us to climb to the top. The fathers demonstrate the commitment and endurance that produces strength in climbing to the top. They participate in this climb with the *young ones*, causing them to overcome the wicked one.

Again, John addresses *the little children* in their next level of growth *because they have known the Father*. We only know the Father because our fathers have turned our hearts to Him by living and demonstrating Him in their own lives. Between each level of prophetic growth John addresses the fathers *who have known Him, who is from the beginning*. Everything starts in the

beginning - with God!

Before there can be a sending out, we must heed to John's last words to the young men. There through continual interaction and *nurturing of the fathers*, the young *become strong, the word of God abides in them* and *they have overcome the wicked one*. The signs of true spiritual fathers point to maturity in the Lord, until this prophetic army advances into, **A full manhood**, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection (Eph 4:13b CJB). The training at the top of the mountain prepares every soldier in this army for their specific function in battle. Those who endure this special forces training will lose their lives to everything that is childish, selfish, and fleshly. In our dying to these things, we are made ready to walk in the next level of warfare.

In midsummer of 1994, God poured out His Spirit, releasing new prophetic insight that brought attention to fleshly issues that hindered the spiritual life of the church. During that time, in a vision I saw thousands of sealed caskets. Suddenly God's hand swooped down from Heaven, opened the caskets and raised the dead. True prophetic vision always points us to the heart of God. In this vision, He showed His heart for the church to walk in this same power that raised Messiah from the dead.⁹ I knew by the Spirit that we must die to the deeds of our flesh before we can walk in the power of His resurrection in this lifetime. We are about to enter into that transition where we live in that power - not just talk about it. This will require the greatest sacrifice of all, that of laying down our *lives* (soul) for the sake of imparting the spiritual life that raised Messiah from the dead. This will come through the prophetic fathers who release the *Living Word* that grows out of the seed of God's resurrection power. More than prophetic maturity, it will require our living in the character and likeness of Messiah. How could the apostle Paul write about resurrection power living in us unless he himself experienced it? Resurrection power is the final phase of our preparation on the mountain.

When God's Spirit touches our temporal flesh it overwhelms us, and we lose control. We must seek such an outpouring of His Spirit because *we have controlled spiritual things in the church far too long*. Throughout the Scriptures men fell under the presence and power of God. When we are in His presence we will fall before Him as, **No flesh should glory in His presence** (1 Cor 1:29). Now is the time to release our control so that His Spirit can move upon us in full power. *The church cannot afford to keep temporal control lest we hinder a move of God in reaping the final harvest of souls!*

The Coming Move of God

Prophetic evangelism is a world wide coming move of God born from various prophetic and evangelistic streams. Within these streams, the Holy Spirit blows on His fiery forge tempering and hammering strategic tools of weaponry for the harvest of this age. This fully equipped army is illustrated through the words of Peter and the prophet Joel. Fulfillment of this prophecy began two thousand years ago when God's Spirit gave birth to the New Covenant church and continues *until the day of darkness* for " . . . many successive generations" (Joel 2:2 NKJ). As our generation hears God's voice, we must discard our own methods and programs, and take up the spiritual weapons He is forming in us.

Joel's vision portrays an *end times prophetic army*, unlike any army before it and followed by no other of its kind. The Lord of Hosts commands this army and He is the One who *gives voice* to it - leading the way to battle.¹⁰ God gives voice to His army through prophetic speaking and preaching the prophetic Gospel of the kingdom. In its formative stages, the prophetic *gifts* were activated, revealing God's purposes in restoring prophecy to the church.

This army is about to move into another stage of growth, becoming a standard of foundational ministry within the church.¹¹ Although many see it as already mature, it remains needful in character in order to grow in higher levels of revelation, interpretation, and application of prophetic vision and utterance. Our character must grow in the likeness of Messiah, so that we can better apply the commands God gives us. Maturity is not so anxious to speak until wisdom and love release the words of God's heart. Reaching this level of maturity begins with revelation and understanding of our roots, releasing again God's power and authority in the church.

A problem of past prophetic generations was a *rivaling spirit* in prophetic speaking, resulting in killing fellow soldiers. The *spirit of rivalry* and *need for recognition* has spread throughout the camps with a stench of dung. There cannot be opposing forces in God's army and such spirits must be cast outside the camp. Currently, we lack the character and holiness of our Commander and Chief. Knowing this we must add character development in equipping the prophetic *gifts* of the Spirit. The Lord will no longer tolerate the issues of poor character, competition, and self promotion in His army. True military training develops character, teamwork, and integrity along with the specific function of each soldier. This is why the Lord is restoring fathers and apostolic generals to His church. In His grace and wisdom, He continues stirring the hearts of prophetic leaders, imparting an urgency to bring us to full manhood.

As the apostolic generals step forth under the Commander and Chief, Jesus, they must demonstrate and command **A . . . the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace**" (Ephesians 4:3 NKJ). One assignment of apostolic authority is to remind the church of the Righteous Commander's judgment *before the Day of the Lord* comes. The apostle Peter proclaims, "For the time has come for the judgment to begin. It begins with the household of God; and if it starts with us, what will the outcome be for those who are disobeying God's Good News?" (I Peter 4:17 CJB) The Lord is coming first *to* His house before He comes *for* His house. God's judgments are righteous and until we embrace them we will not walk in the fullness of His Spirit. Are we willing to be judged righteously before He releases His power? If so, He will then come *to* His house so we can proclaim and do the works of the Anointed One. Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God coming in judgment. Verses 2b-3

says, **Proclaim the good news of His salvation day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.** Verse 13 proclaims, **For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.** Isaiah the prophet proclaimed the good news of a coming Servant whose name bears salvation for His people.¹² The warriors coming in this move will bear the name and likeness of Yeshua (Jesus). They will come with the intent to fulfill the great commission of the Anointed Savior before the *Day of the Lord*. Salvation and deliverance will come because this army moves in **the Spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord,**¹³ causing them to embrace His righteous judgments.

The Stirring

A work of the Holy Spirit is to bring conviction of righteous judgment.¹⁴ Historically the Holy Spirit is the manifest power of God in every new move. He is stirring a move of prophetic evangelism in us now! We cannot reap a harvest of righteous souls until we have plowed the dormant soil of Christianity. The heart of prophetic evangelism is, **The plowman shall overtake the reaper.**¹⁵ Restoration of this Kingdom principle will lead us to world revival - plowing and harrowing the ground of our hearts to receive the seeds of evangelism. God is plowing deep - overturning apathy, indifference, and religious hype; He is continually cultivating our hearts, breaking up our fleshly ideals of church growth to receive His planting of spiritual seeds for harvest. As those seeds sprout, they will grow out of Messiah's heart in us for the final harvest.

The harvesting of this field is the fulfilling of the *one new man* body and bride of Messiah.¹⁶ The name of this body is **Israel, the Kingdom of God**, where there is no longer *Jew or Gentile, Judean or Israeli, male or female*, but **a kingdom** whose Founder and Creator is God.¹⁷

Just as Abraham pioneered the way to the promised land, so must the prophetic pioneers of today lead the body to the harvest. Dissatisfied with the current shallow trends of Christianity these pioneers are obedient to blaze a trail to **the kingdom** made without hands. They see the vision God has set before them and move forward in His time and power. God's modern day Abrahams are willing to forsake their possessions, take up their stakes, and follow His voice as Abraham did.¹⁸ This trail is cut by fresh revelation from the Lord to His prophetic people. Knowing God's prophetic heart will move the church into radical transition because the Lord *multiplies visions and gives symbols through the witness of His prophets.*¹⁹ We will no longer give ourselves to idealistic idols that have crept into the church from the world. Through prophetic eyes the field God has set before us will be plowed and prepared for harvest; which requires *kingdom vision, kingdom laborers, and kingdom reapers* to bring life to fallow ground.

Fallow Ground

Before God's army is fully equipped, He will plant the *Seed of Life* in the heart of those called to prophetic evangelism. That seed fell into the ground two thousand years ago and was the seed of the Father's love for His Son and all that belongs to the Son. A seed that burst forth from the earth with power never before seen or experienced by unregenerated men. It is the seed of resurrection power and redemption for all people, the seed of God's flesh, His blood, and Spirit; seed of a King, a Priest, and a Prophet having the very life of God in it. God in His seemingly reckless mercy is once again casting this seed on the fallow ground of a church steeped in religious control. God's prophetic voice in the church today exposes this control, so this fallow ground can be cultivated for the harvest of souls.²⁰

Fallow ground is not bad ground, but ground set aside for a time to regain its usefulness. Sometimes it is plowed and left unseeded for a season to improve the soil. God instructed Israel to let their land rest on the seventh year, thus restoring the nutrients and fertility of the soil.²¹ The Lord has done a similar thing in the church setting aside prophetic evangelism for a time of restoring His nature and power in these ministries. He desires a fresh and fertile church in which to plant the *Seed of Life*. The Lord has left some fields in the church unseeded until the restoration of His prophetic ministry which will stir us to the fullness of His intent for a harvest of souls.

In the late 1940's into the early 1950's, the church experienced a profound move of God's Spirit. This movement sowed the seeds of evangelism through healing and deliverance that impacted a lost and dying world. It was a world wide movement affecting growth in the church through touching the world with the power of God. This movement stopped when *the ministries of men* began moving in a *spirit of rivalry and control*. God had stepped in, stopped the toil of man, and set the field aside as fallow ground.

As the church moves into an apostolic age, *sent ones*, with prophetic gifting, will stir up the fallow ground of evangelism. The process of *equipping the saints* will swiftly move into nurturing stages of development - prodding us to a higher level, confidently taking this gift to the world. God's prophetic army is beginning to move as the Spirit becomes the tendons holding the joints of evangelism and prophetic ministries together with His heart for the creation.²² There is a Spirit of burning in our bones knowing that, "The creation waits eagerly for the sons of God to be revealed" (Rom. 8:19 CJB). There is an urgency in these sons for *the Father of lights* to be revealed and glorified in the earth. We must take up *the weapons of our warfare which are mighty through God to the pulling down of strategic strongholds* set against the salvation of the Lord.²³ Our hearts cry together in the sonship of community that, *Now is the day of salvation* (2 Cor 6:2)! The Lord's heart burns in us an unquenchable passion to move out of the pews and into the fields of harvest.

The prophetic *gifts* are restored to Messiah's body as a catalyst and a stimulus to bring the joints into place so that the body can move forward under the command of its Head. Under the Headship of Messiah these *gifts* are not limited to only the body but become tools for evangelism. The oversight and anointing of the apostle is that of a *sent one* who will send those *set apart by the Holy Spirit* into prophetic evangelism. Where previously there has been little *setting apart for ministry* by the Holy Spirit, such authority will again become common place in Messiah's body.²⁴ It appears we are going back to the future, where warp speed and supernatural anointings of God will

sweep the earth as His army advances the kingdom.

Preparing, Planting and Reaping

Several things must happen before there can be a harvest. We first must hear God's Voice! It is He who identifies the fallow ground whether it is a city, community, state, or country. Once His chosen field is revealed by the Spirit, we must remove the rocks (hard hearts) along with other foreign objects - often physical and spiritual in nature. Frequently these are man's programs developed from pre-conceived ideas over a particular region or area.²⁵ We must realize that what works in one region or geographical area is not intended to work in ours. The spiritual soil is not the same in every area of the world. The whole point in hearing God is to do only what we see Him doing and speak only what we hear him saying. This is a prime intent of God in restoring the prophetic gifts to the church.

Before God gave Gideon an army, He commanded him to *tear down the altar of Baal and cut down the images around it*. This was a physical idol blocking a spiritual victory. God will command similar things of us before we begin to work the field for harvest. Then we must plow and till the ground, breaking up the soil into small granules for planting. (This requires the spiritual cultivation of prayer and intercession with God's heart, breaking the spiritual soil of apathy and indifference in the ground we plant.) Plowing and tilling the field prepares it for planting the *Seed of Life*. In the planting, we strategically intercede with proclamations of God's written and prophetic words for salvation, deliverance, healing and resurrection power. These proclamations are specific for the kingdom field to which He has called us.

Once the planting takes place, the soil needs two essential things for growth until the harvest: water and sunlight. The Holy Spirit is the water, the Son of God is the light, and prophetic intercession germinates the seed. Continual intercession is required to keep the sprouts from being choked by the weeds and thorns that grow up around them. In Jesus' parable of the sower, He says that the weeds and thorns are, *the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in [which] choke the word and it becomes unfruitful* (Mark 4:19 NKJ emphasis added). Our intercession must be more than repetitive rote prayers. It must be intercession of prophetic clarity springing forth from the very heart of God because of our oneness with Him, seeking only His pleasure for the harvest. This intercession will carry the burden and power to birth life that cannot be choked by the pulling of the world. We cannot harvest a field where weeds and thorns snuff the life out of the planting. God's presence in the intercession pushes the spiritual sprout to maturity for the harvest of souls. He is the Vine of the harvest, and we are the branches. There will be no true harvest in resurrection power unless we abide in the Resurrected Vine. Jesus is the Resurrected Vine and the Anointed One who exudes the fullness of God's intent for His church.

Jesus is an English name derived from the Hebrew name *Ye-shu-ah* which means *salvation and deliverance*¹² and *Yhoshua* meaning *Y-H-V-H saves, Y-H-V-H delivers*. Therefore His Hebrew name is the explanation of what He does - *Yahveh saves and delivers*. We must realize that Jesus is the very seed of resurrection life which God Himself planted in the soil of darkness and raised in the working of His own power. Through this supernatural event He disarmed the principalities and

powers of darkness, exposing their futile works in the world.²⁶

As a result, clearing the land by plowing and tilling the soil in intercession precedes planting the redemptive seed of Yeshua (Jesus) into the harvest field. ". . . a person reaps what he sows" (Gal. 6:7b, CJB). The church can only sow the seed of redemption into soil prepared through intercession. The reaping of the harvest only comes after sufficient watering and sunlight until the planting is mature.

Many souls were harvested in the Welsh Revival because of the intercession that occurred for years prior to that event.²⁷ Receiving prophetic insight, along with scriptural principles alone, will not produce this coming harvest of souls. Producing a harvest of souls requires the team-work of prophets, evangelists, intercessors, shepherds and teachers, all with apostolic *kingdom vision and purpose*.

Intercessors and prophets are the forward observers of God's prophetic army, united with His heart for the reconciliation of His creation. They break up the soil and hard places in the targeted harvest field. Through proclamation prayer, they plant the redemptive Word of Jesus into the tilled soil of intercession. The prophetic minister, joined with intercessors, can then proclaim the Word of Life as the fruit of the harvest to come. Because of the prophetic nature of this army, God will speak today in similar ways as He did to the Old Covenant prophets. They will receive strategic dreams, visions, and revelations during the intercessory stages as to what, when, and how to pray, and how to proclaim the heart of God. These proclamations of prophetic prayer, preaching, and teaching cannot be fruitful without the oneness of Messiah's body. We must listen to what the Spirit is speaking through this army.

There is warfare in preparing a harvest of souls for His kingdom. The function of the prophet in this warfare is to point us to the Son who points us to the ways of the Father. The Father anoints the Son as the Commanding Warrior in this coming battle. He only does what He sees the Father doing. We will have no victory in this battle unless *we know the Voice of our Commander*. Jesus is the High Priest and Model Intercessor who pioneered the way of the harvest at the end of the age. Nevertheless, His heart longs for a harvest in every generation, but now we stand at the threshold of the end of the age. On the other side of that threshold, He is knocking - waiting for our response. We can only respond *if we know His voice* and open the door with expectation of a relationship. The Messiah of God wants to break bread with us. In the breaking of bread with Him, intimacy with the whole body will come.²⁸ As we dine daily in our discourse with Him, the anointing of prophetic evangelism for the coming harvest will flow into us. Through intimacy with our God and Messiah, we enter into His realm of life - resurrection life. We can then proclaim the truth, "Therefore if anyone is united with the Messiah, he is a new creation - the old has passed; look, what has come is fresh and new" (II Cor. 5:17, CJB). Our often fruitless ways of evangelism and preaching a shallow and powerless Gospel *we believe to be acceptable* will dissipate. In our intimacy and oneness with Messiah, God unveils his plan for the harvest.

The Marriage

According to the prophet Joel, God's last day's army are prophetic people skilled in the weapons of deliverance-deliverance utterly from death, the final enemy God defeats. In verses 28 through 32 of Chapter 2 of Joel's account of this army, two things are clear. One is that the Lord will pour out *the spirit of prophecy* on all believing flesh. And secondly, God will show *signs, wonders, and deliverance* in the *heavens* and *earth* through this army. These characteristics point to *prophetic evangelism*. This kind of ministry cannot be done in our haste to do something for God, but must come from the depth of eternal vision. Eternity is now; it has no beginning and no end. It is not a place we go, but a realm in which we abide. In that habitation, is the very life God has in Himself, which He granted to Jesus as having in Himself, life in the absolute sense.²⁹ The Lord will require of us a complete dying to the flesh and programs of man, causing us to turn and look at that which is eternal. In turn, He is sending those in the *spirit of Elijah* to return us to the holiness of God.

Because time is short, the Holy Spirit will point us to a greater intensity of holiness never before experienced in our generation. In His intent for holiness, the Lord reminds us that our earthly gifts and callings affect eternal things, but our *priestly call* to holiness *is* eternal.³⁰ We can only be holy to the degree we abide in the Holy One. The result of this coming move of God is, ". . . whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Joel 2:32 NKJ). It will come from abiding in the Eternal One, who is Holy, causing eternal vision in the works of God. This will happen worldwide from Mount Zion, (Jerusalem) to the remnant whom the Lord will call.³¹

The marriage of the prophetic and evangelistic ministry functions in the body will be a primary way of salvation for the whole creation of God. It will not only be the manifestation of God's sons, but a release of resurrection power in the earth which no foe can withstand. Together these ministries point to, preach, and demonstrate the Gospel of God's Eternal kingdom.

What can we expect to see in this soon coming event? First, we will see the final touch in restoration of the prophetic ministry that, beyond its initial call, will ignite the fires of evangelism in the church. The ignition of prophetic evangelism will cause a conflagration of revival fires in the earth. As the evangelist and the prophet come together in the oneness of equipping and nurturing God's army, the soldiers who sow and reap in this harvest will stand in unbroken ranks. Conjoined in oneness and purpose of God's heart for His creation, no foe can kill, steal, or destroy this army of His love.

In this same transitional phase, congregations will be restored to the original intent of God. A body where kings and priests reside with a kingdom focus of community that is supported by all saints *being* and *doing* the work of the ministry. In this aspect of restoration, all ministry gifts must actively work together in local bodies. Satellite home ministries set in communities by the *setting apart of the Spirit* will replace programmatic ideals of the past. These ministries will carry the manifest presence of God's sons who live in unity and resurrection power. Such apostolic communities will function with renewed prophetic, pastoral, and teaching anointings and will be the primary place of discipling, equipping, and nurturing those reaped in the harvest. Corporate meetings will transition into places of celebration, prayer, and worship; all ministering to the Lord as we present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to Him, dwelling places of the Holy Spirit, arks of the New Covenant.

When the evangelist and prophets come together we will experience *prophetic insight from God's heart for the lost*.³² The power to save will be expressed by *revealing the secrets of men's hearts*.³³ Healing, deliverance, and evangelism will come through words of knowledge, discerning of spirits, and the gift of prophecy. *Signs, wonders, and miracles* will be common victories of a prophetic church equipped in the weapons of God's warfare. ***The Gospel of the Kingdom*** will be preached without compromise.

From the church in Antioch there was *a sending to preach* the Gospel of the Kingdom that came from an eternal foundation. This sending did not come from a need to do good works, but came from a time of fasting and prayer and seeking the full counsel of God. In that time of waiting, the prophets and teachers, **A** ministered to the Lord and fasted. Then the Holy spirit spoke to them saying, **Now** separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them, again before the final sending, **A**... having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away (see Acts 13:2,3). This is a pattern lost in time that must be restored in the sending out of prophetic evangelists, preachers, and teachers.

In this type of sending, we will encounter confrontational warfare just as those in the early church. Immediately, the Gospel which they carried was perverted by a false prophet named Bar-Jesus. When we carry such an *anointing* and *sending* we will also be confronted and therefore must be sent out in the same manner - prepared to deal with an adversary. We must realize that the early church was equipped, set apart, and sent out by the Living God. Barnabas and Saul were equipped with the gifts necessary for prophetic evangelism and could deal with the confrontation in the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit. The two gifts necessary in their situation were: the *gift of a word of knowledge* and the *gift of discerning of spirits*. In order to take authority over that *spirit of deceit* and *fraud* there had to be an authoritative sending by the Holy Spirit. We cannot assume a sending out without prayer and fasting, seeking the authority of the Living God. Therefore, Paul filled with the Holy Spirit, was able to address the spirit in Bar-Jesus saying, **O** full of all deceit and all fraud you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time (Acts 13:10,11). Immediately, Bar-Jesus sought someone to lead him by the hand. Through this, the power and love of God was demonstrated and Sergious Paulas, the proconsul, believed! Those in God's coming prophetic army must be equipped and prepared to present the Gospel in no less a manner than demonstrated by Paul and Barnabas!

As God restores apostolic authority to the church, the marriage of the five ministry gifts will bring new life to a now crippled body. In that life all members will function exclusively in their given anointed and commissioned roles. No one will desire to break ranks because they know their place and function of God's life in the body.³⁴ The spirit of rivalry and competition will cease because the Spirit of Truth prevails in those called, equipped, and commissioned by God.

A Kingdom Army

Prophetic evangelism is the union of the revelatory gifts that bring utterance to the evangelistic power of God's heart for the creation.

Prophetic evangelists are people specifically called and commissioned by God who carry both the prophetic and evangelistic anointing for ministry. One way they will minister is through words of knowledge specifically for healing or deliverance as demonstrated in the lives of Paul and Barnabas. Another will be disclosure of the secrets of men's hearts revealed by God through the prophetic gifts. This may be through preaching, teaching, or one on one ministry. Conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment will flow from the lifestyle and voice of this army. Prophetic evangelists may interpret a person's dream, thus revealing God's purpose for them in the dream. Such supernatural wisdom and power can point those people to the salvation of the Lord. Signs, wonders, and miracles like those of Old Covenant times will take place as this army moves, speaks, and has its being in Messiah. In whatever way God chooses to speak, prophetic gifting will be a tool to evangelize a lost, deceived, and dying world.

Many will preach *the prophetic gospel of the kingdom* with repentance as a forerunner message. The prophetic gospel carries the anointing of repentance, and faith towards God in resurrection power. Those called to preach this message will come forth as forerunners in the spirit of Elijah. Their message will be in the manner of John the Baptist, *Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight* (Matt 3:3b). They will preach the gospel with prophetic authority, making the paths straight: speaking in the Spirit and testimony of Jesus, and bringing clarity of God's coming judgments to the earth.

It is the heart of God *that none be lost but that all would be saved.*³⁵ We have a mandate from the Father who is calling, gathering, equipping, and commissioning a last day's prophetic army. He continues to awaken us to the reveille call that unites us in the ranks of oneness. In unity the body of Messiah will stand together, fully clothed in the likeness of His Son, the image of God, following love, zealous for the gifts of the Spirit, but desiring more that we may prophesy.³⁶

Observing the ages of time we see that God fully desires a prophetic people. Moreover, in these last days, He wants to engage and commission a prophetic army. This army will not have a church mentality, but will be *a kingdom army* with Jesus as Commander in Chief. It will come from the ranks of Messiah's body and be dispersed into various parts of the world, proclaiming the God of Israel, the *one new man* worldwide kingdom of God. This will be *a sending out* from the ecclesia - *the called out ones* - who are predestined, enlisted, and kingdom volunteers bought by the redemptive blood of Jesus.

The Call

The initial prophetic call came in the Old Covenant from Moses's heart cry, "Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them" (Num. 11:29 NKJ). Later, the prophet Joel declared God's heart cry, "I will *pour out my spirit* upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall *prophesy*, your old men shall *dream dreams*, your young men shall *see visions*" (Joel 2:28-29 NKJ emphasis mine). The cry of Moses and Joel is the very voice of God's heart for a prophetic people. An embodiment of *the testimony of Jesus as the spirit of prophecy*³⁷ will be the watermark of this army.

As history approaches the fulfilling of God's New Covenant, we recognize the manifestation of Moses and Joel's prophetic words. We find an assembly of *called out ones* upon whom God has poured out His Spirit. The day of Pentecost (*Shavuot*) was the active sealing of the New Covenant nearly two thousand years ago.

The Lord Himself said *that He would first send prophets, wisemen, and apostles who would be persecuted and even killed because they carry the heart of His testimony*.³⁸ Thus, as He continually pours out His Spirit on each new generation, we sense a greater prophetic anointing for the work of God in that generation.

The Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to express the heart of Moses and Joel in his letter to the church at Corinth. He wrote that we must pursue love first, and zealously desire *the things of the Spirit* - but *more so to prophesy*. In the forthcoming apostolic age, we will see, proclaim and have the wisdom of God's plan for His last day's prophetic army. Part of that wisdom came from the apostle Paul's heart when he wrote, "But if *all prophesy*, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, *he is convinced by all*, he is *convicted by all*. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you" (1 Cor. 14:24-25, NKJ, emphasis mine). Here is the heart of prophetic evangelism that is yet to be seen in the way we assemble today.

What were they all prophesying? It was *the testimony of Jesus in the spirit of prophecy* that revealed the secret of men's hearts, secrets only God could know. He reveals secrets through His people who prophesy in an assembly. These prophetic utterances not only reveal personal secrets, but bring conviction of sin through the work of the Holy Spirit. Paul, the apostle, reveals the intent of God's heart in two ways: The first is that all (God's people) can prophesy as the apostle urges them to do. Secondly, in the activity of prophesying, God - through the *gifts of the Spirit* - reveals the secrets of the heart as a means of bringing men into the Kingdom. This was done in the assembly where *unbelievers* and *unlearned* people were welcomed in love. As God's prophetic army continues to mature, the walls of the church will not hold them back as the Lord of Hosts beckons them into the ripe harvest fields.

The Equipping

Prophets, prophetic ministers, and evangelists have a mandate from God to equip and nurture God's prophetic army. My heart burns with a vision of this last day's army of love. In order for us to be equipped in prophetic evangelism, we must fully understand the heart of God for His people. The meaning and purpose of equipping is not only to train, but also to *completely furnish*,³⁹ *to complete thoroughly, repair, adjust, fit, frame or mend, join together, prepare and restore*,⁴⁰ like a doctor who sets a broken bone back into its proper place. Equipping is a *restoration of part of the body* which has been fragmented and malfunctioning, then is set back in place for healing and full use. All of this takes place so that we may walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh. One could examine almost any local body and see that most members would have no idea of their gift, calling, or place of activity in the body. This will change as the Lord adjusts and restores through His called and commissioned ministry gifts.

For the purpose, then, of equipping prophetic evangelists, we will need those commissioned by the Lord in these two ministry functions. They in turn will equip the saints for the work of prophetic evangelism. Often in a futile attempt to equip people, we invite special guests to stir us up. Generally what happens in these meetings is we end up supporting their work. While this is good for missions, no equipping takes place in the local body. It remains mere helpers who spend the rest of their days pew-sitting, rather than saints equipped *to do the work of the ministry*. In the coming move, equipping ministries must come as *sent ones* to stir up, impart, and equip us to co-labor with them in the harvest. The Lord will send true equippers if we really desire to be trained. They must release words of Life; giving vision and purpose, producing activation in an *ongoing ministry* in the local bodies, until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection (Ephesians 4:13b CJB). We cannot accept any lesser standard for this army. In my book, *Nurturing God's Prophetic Army*, I expound on how to disciple, equip, mentor, and nurture this last day's army.

Often the Lord may gift one minister in both the prophetic and the evangelistic areas. My observation is that currently we see one in the office of an evangelist, who has a burning heart for the lost, whom God uses effectively through their prophetic gift. As we move toward the equipping of prophetic evangelists, God will use these people to ignite the great commission in us. Through prayer we must seek them out, and build relationship with them. Then invite them into our local bodies, conferences, and seminars to spur the prophetically gifted toward the evangelistic heart of God. The equipping evangelist must impart God's heart for the lost and demonstrate the ways God releases His power to the saints through the evangelistic and prophetic *gifts* of the Spirit. As part of the equipping, there must be mentoring, nurturing, and *practical application in the field of harvest*. While the evangelists impart and stir up God's heart for the lost, the prophetic minister has another part of equipping the church.

Today, God is raising up prophetic ministers to whom He has imparted an evangelistic fire. They may also have a strong anointing in healing and deliverance. Here again we must seek them out through prayer so that they may help in the equipping of prophetic evangelism in our assemblies. The prophetic equipper must also bring impartation of their gift, while demonstrating the various ways in which God speaks to the believer, through ongoing training, mentoring, and nurturing in

harvest field workshops.

The end result requires the oneness of the five ascension gifts.⁴¹ All five ministry gifts must work together moving us into the last day's harvest. This simply means that apostles must equip and encourage in their sphere of authority; prophets, evangelists, and teachers in theirs; all working together with local body pastors to reap God's harvest. They must be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3 NKJ).

Clay in His Hands

The Lord gave us a prophetic mandate in John 14:12 that, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to my Father" (NKJ). When Messiah was crucified, He died as the Son of Man and the Son of God. In the same manner, our lives must reflect this process in the spirit. This means we must die to our flesh and soul, and live this life in resurrection power. As sons of men, we are conformed to His image as the Son of God; remembering that the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead makes His home in us. We can only bear fruit in the harvest if we remain united with the resurrected Messiah. This last day's prophetic army must *move and live and have its being in His resurrection power and glory*.⁴² His mandate to us is that we do the same works and even greater ones than He Himself did. These works should be part of the normal Christian life - individually and corporately.

Phillip, the evangelist, embraced the works of Jesus as a lifestyle. During a time of great persecution toward the church, God sent him to a church in Samaria where he preached the Gospel with signs, wonders, and miracles following. The scriptures say, "And there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:8 NKJ). Later *an angel of the Lord told him to go* to the desert south of Gaza, there he would find an Ethiopian eunuch sitting in a chariot reading the book of Isaiah. Upon his arrival, *he heard the Spirit of the Lord speak, "Go near and overtake this chariot"* (Acts 8:29 NKJ). In obedience to the Lord's prophetic leading, he went and interpreted the Scriptures that revealed Jesus as the Messiah. Upon his believing the Gospel, Phillip *immediately baptized* the eunuch in water. Then, supernaturally, Phillip was caught away by the Spirit and the eunuch *saw him no more*. Phillip was later found preaching in Ashdod, continuing up the coast of Israel to Caesarea obeying the Lord's command to preach the Gospel in every city. We see in this biblical account that Phillip was an evangelist who was conformed to the image of Messiah and prophetically led by the Spirit of God. God's prophetic army will be led by the Spirit in similar ways in this coming move. Phillip's lifestyle illustrates that we need prophetic equipping to help us move with the Spirit in evangelism.

Jesus' life as a man is the pattern or mold into which God is forming us. God shapes us to His image, activating our gifts and callings as specific characteristics of His likeness. It is in that likeness that we minister as parts of his body, bringing honor to His glory in the whole body. Our whole spirit, soul, and body must be clay in His hands. Obeying the prophetic mandate to do the things He did, we must examine the work of Jesus, the prophetic evangelist.

Jacob's Well

Looking again at a principle of prophetic evangelism in 1 Cor. 14:24-25, we find those who *prophesy to one unlearned or an unbeliever reveal the secret of their hearts*. This is the Spirit of God speaking through the prophetic person into the life of the recipients, revealing the secret issues of their hearts. Thus, by the spirit of prophecy, they are convinced and convicted that God is truly among us, which causes the unlearned or unbeliever to fall down (be broken) and worship God. What a mighty tool the Lord has released to His body! This tool is the same Spirit, mind, heart, and prophetic authority that was in the Lord. The tool of prophecy is, without a doubt, a part of the image to which we are being conformed.

No where in scripture is prophetic evangelism more descriptive than in Jesus' experience with the woman at Jacob's well. When Jesus came to Sychar in Samaria, the Northern Kingdom, He went directly to the well. There He met a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water. The first thing the Lord did was ask her for a drink. It was upon this common ground that their conversation began. Both came to the well thirsting for water! *Common ground is the beginning place of prophetic evangelism*.

Establishing common needs or interest removes the stone that covers the deep wells of God. Though the woman questioned His motive by stating that *the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans*,⁴³ the Lord boldly took the conversation to a spiritual level. Taking the conversation to this level is where we often fail, because of fear of man. The Lord did not give place to the fear of man and neither should we. He only did what He saw the Father doing. The Father had revealed this woman's life to the Son. He only reveals the secret issues of the heart to those He can trust, those who can assimilate the solid food of God, whose senses have been trained to discern both good and evil.⁴⁴ In order for us to boldly move into such a place, we must keep in mind that *the same Spirit* in the Son of Man dwells in us. "For God *has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind*" (II Tim. 1:7 NKJ emphasis mine). We can hear the Father as clearly as Jesus did and move from natural thirst to thirsting for the deep wells of God's salvation.

Thirst was *the common ground* that opened the door to the spiritual level. The things of the world can never satisfy our deepest thirst. Jesus exclaimed that the water from Jacob's well would only quench one's thirst temporarily, but that He had *living water* and that whoever drank of this water would never thirst again. The *compassion* and authority in which He spoke to the woman severed the differences between Jew and Samaritan. Once that barrier was broken and she saw that this *living water* was a source of power and love, which no husband, lover, or friend could satisfy, her only resort was to ask for this water. When we know prophetically God's heart, mind, and purpose for individuals to whom we minister, then only *living water* flows when we speak.

Compassion is the key that unlocks the door to power and authority in the Lord. It is the igniting of love that pushes the prophetic word from our mouths. The Lord's next challenge stood at the threshold of the prophetic word. "Go, call your husband, and come here" (John 4:16 NKJ). The woman then stated that she had no husband, and Jesus responded, "You have well said, I have no husband, for you have had five husbands and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly" (John 4:18 NKJ).

This prophetic word revealed the secrets of her heart, causing her to drink of *the Living Water*

from the well of salvation. In hearing a word of knowledge (divine information) that only God knew, the woman "perceived" that Jesus was a prophet.

What was the purpose in this word? Was it for Jesus to be proclaimed a prophet? No! Nor is it for the acknowledgment of our prophetic gift. The purpose was to bring her into the kingdom of God, so that she, along with others, could *worship the Father in spirit and truth*.⁴⁵ The Father is still seeking those worshipers today, and He is preparing a prophetic army to take the enemy's ground, because the enemy has no ground in them. Jesus=prophetic word removed the stone from the well of *living water* for the Samaritan woman's salvation and many others in her village.

Since the scattering of the northern tribes in Samaria, there remains a remnant who remembers the God of Israel. Because a Messianic redemptive seed was planted in her heart in previous years, she could say, "I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, *He will tell us all things*" (John 4:25, NKJ emphasis mine). Not only did He reveal the secrets of her heart, Jesus then affirmed that the Messiah is the One to whom she was speaking. Herein is the heart of prophetic speaking: **A**the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy@ (Rev. 19:10b, CJB). This is the goal of prophetic evangelism - to reveal the secrets of the heart, declaring the testimony of the salvation of our God. With this as our goal, many will enter the kingdom by the pouring out of *living water* through *our prophetic words*.⁴⁶

Jesus is Truth and when we abide in Him, His words abide in us. His prophetic proclamation to us is, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to my Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:12-14, NKJ).

His prophetic promise assures us that He stands behind His Word. *If we stand in all that He is, and ask anything - concerning the task of the kingdom harvest - He will do it*. It is the Father's will that we do the works of the Son, abiding in Him and all that He is to bring glory to the Father. We then have a mandate to speak the secrets of men's hearts at the wells of salvation. We must *ask* for His compassion in agreement with the above scripture, wait, and listen for the Spirit to speak the Father's heart and purpose in the situation, then *act* by speaking the prophetic word, thereby doing the works that bring salvation.

The Pure Heart of Nathaniel

Through of a word of knowledge Jesus revealed the secret heart of Nathaniel. In the Spirit, the Lord saw him sitting under the fig tree before Phillip called him, and saw the purity of Nathaniel's heart. When Nathaniel walked toward the Lord with Phillip, Jesus proclaimed these words about him, "Here is a true son of Israel - nothing false in him!" (John 1:47, CJB) Unlike the woman at Jacob's well who perceived Jesus as a prophet, Nathaniel proclaimed Him as, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (John 1:49, CJB) Nathaniel saw Him as Messiah even before Peter's revelation.⁴⁷ Because Jesus was endowed with the prophetic *gifts* of the Spirit, He knew and revealed Nathaniel's innocence and purity toward the God of Israel.

By the Spirit, Jesus knew the integrity of Nathaniel's heart toward God, therefore He exclaimed, **A**Because I said to you, >I saw you under the fig tree,=do you believe? You will see greater

things than these (John 1:50 NKJ). Nathaniel's belief in Jesus as the Son of God and King of Israel caused him to follow Him as Lord. His promise was that *in following Him*, the Lord *would show him greater things*. The greater things are prophesied by Jesus in verse 51. The Lord proclaims an open heaven for Nathaniel to see and experience the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of God. Being part of the eleven, Nathaniel experienced this open heaven at Bethany in seeing the ascension of Messiah to the right hand of God. Revealing the secrets of the heart through the prophetic *gifts* of the Spirit releases the revelation of Jesus as Messiah and draws us into following Him, which opens a door to the greater things of God. Opening that door takes us to the supernatural realm and the power of God for kingdom purposes. This brings glory to God and changes our lives as well as those around us. A primary step in prophetic evangelism, as we see in Nathaniel's life, is the Lord's further revelation about our future in the kingdom of God. Nathaniel followed Him and was subsequently discipled and equipped by Him to do the works that He did and even greater things. Prophetic evangelism brings men into the kingdom, thereby finding eternal destiny in God. This is *the same gift and Spirit* that dwells in those called to prophetic evangelism today.

The Excellent Spirit of Daniel and Joseph

Looking at the lives of Daniel and Joseph, we find a type of prophetic evangelism through the gift of dream interpretation. More important than their gift was their character of *an excellent spirit*. In the second chapter of the book of Daniel, the heart of King Nebuchadnezzar is changed through the interpretation of a dream given by God.

The king called for his own wise men but they could not recall or interpret the dream that tormented him. When Daniel was called, he sought the wisdom of God and the king favored him to search the matter out. In verses 19-26 of Daniel Chapter 2, the secret of the dream was revealed in a night vision, wherein God gave Daniel the dream and interpretation in full detail. As Daniel revealed the secret meaning of the dream to the king, Nebuchadnezzar *fell on his face and proclaimed*, "Your God is indeed the *God* of gods, the *Lord* of kings and a *revealer of secrets*, since you have been able to reveal this secret" (Dan. 2:47, CJB emphasis mine). Then the king promoted Daniel and made him governor over the province of Babylon.

Joseph had a similar experience in knowing and interpreting Pharaoh's dreams. Joseph was also a man who sought God's wisdom. After interpreting Pharaoh's dream, the Lord God of Israel was exalted in the eyes of all Egypt. Then Pharaoh promoted Joseph as overseer of all his affairs.⁴⁸

God used these two men in changing the hearts of kings because they sought the wisdom of God and obeyed His ways. Tenaciously seeking God builds and establishes a trusting relationship. They were friends of God. The Lord changes the hearts of men by *revealing secrets* to us through prophetic *gifts* of the Spirit. We must, therefore, pursue love first, zealously desire the *gifts of the Spirit - but more that we might prophesy*. Dreams and interpretation of dreams are part of the prophetic flow that Joel foretells in chapters 2 and 3 of that book. The Lord draws all men to Himself when He is lifted up and when He speaks through us. He gives us words of knowledge, words of wisdom, prophecies, dreams and interpretation when we separate the precious from the vile in our

lives. We must continually pray and prepare to give ourselves in prophetic evangelism for the kingdom's sake. We must become a friend of God.⁴⁹

The Preparation

Preparation for prophetic evangelism is the same as preparation for any ministry. *Worship* and *prayer* produce intimacy with the Lord. Intimacy produces a hunger in us for the Word and the Spirit. The Word and the Spirit stir God's life in us. This releases purity in prophetic speaking from His Spirit to our spirit. God speaks to the spirits of His prophets by His Spirit in them! Nehemiah confirms this in verse 30b of chapter 9, **A** And testified against them by *Your Spirit in Your prophets.* Prophetic preparation is first spiritual in aligning our spirits with God's Spirit. This means shutting down the clamoring of fleshly events that disrupt our time with God. Much discipline is required in learning how to do this. It is a daily sacrifice in the discipline of prayer, reading the word and meditation with His Spirit *in* us. Our prayer life must have dialogue with the Lord so that the Holy Spirit may speak to us prophetic thoughts and words of salvation. In our hearing and seeing what the Father desires, we must then wait for His timing and way to deliver the word or act of God. We must allow the Father to prune us so that our roots can go deeper into the Spirit and the Word, causing the written Word in us to become life through the Spirit. The pruning of our flesh is not a light experience; but when we yield, our roots go deeper in the things of God and our ministries produce fruit that pleases the Father. When we apply the principles of prophetic preparation, we can speak prophetically to the lost and unlearned in our midst and the world.

As we pursue an intimate relationship with the Lord, He will begin to use us in our various places of service to Him. We will release the tool of prophetic gifting in the assembly, the home (church) group, the work place, places of recreation, and various places of activity in the world.

Home (church) groups will have a greater impact than in the past. They can become evangelistic and discipleship oriented, centered around the community as the Lord knows the secrets of every heart in the surrounding community of the home group. The ground of the community which has been selected must be plowed through intercession. Prophetic evangelism can begin planting seeds of salvation in the places of prepared soil. It is time to begin reaping the harvest of souls for the kingdom of God in this generation.

The Wheat Field

In 1997 the Lord gave me a vision for the city of Ashkelon, Israel. We prayed scriptural promises and interceded for this coastal city in Israel for over three months. While on a daily prayer walk near a community of Russian Jewish immigrants, I had a vision of a large wheat field. As I stepped into a nearby park, I literally stepped into the vision. The vision revealed the Lord's plan of prophetic evangelism for this city. I asked the Lord what this vision meant? His reply was that. **A** *This is a place of the harvest.* He then instructed me to do certain things in preparation for a time yet to come.

First, I was to begin praying (along with other team members) for the establishment of two and three-person prophetic evangelistic teams. The specific emphasis of the ministry was to speak

prophetically into people's lives according to 1 Corinthians 14:24,25, applying the principles seen in the examples of Barnabus and Saul, Phillip, Nathaniel, Daniel, Joseph, and Jesus with the woman at the well.

Second, the Lord gave instructions that specific prayer warriors (intercessors) who knew the region by the Spirit, would pray for hard hearts to be softened and give *living water* to these dry, thirsty souls who did not know their Messiah. Through this, the spiritual soil would be plowed, tilled, and then planted with the seed of Resurrection life. This intercession would help leaders guide and sustain these prophetic teams.

Third, as this move of God brought people into the kingdom, discipling, equipping and nurturing was to be done in home group settings. He would establish *leaders* through the apostolic teams of prophetic evangelists. These people would be *elders* appointed by the apostolic teams through the Spirit, to establish and develop home churches, in the different communities. The elders would oversee the work of the church in these groups. This was to be an ongoing process of discipling, equipping, and nurturing the saints to do the continuous work of building the kingdom in apostolic authority. It was to be a work of the Spirit, reproducing ministries in other groups.

Part of this work has been established in Ashkelon and believers in this city of 90,000 have increased from fifteen to over one hundred. Interestingly, in early 1999, they began meeting in various homes. These meetings are in agreement with God's word for that city in the last days: *¶The seacoast shall be for pastures, with shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks. The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will (visit them) intervene for them, and return their captives* (Zephaniah 2:6,7 NKJ emphasis mine). The Lord is now raising up prophetic evangelists for the final harvest in that land.⁵⁰ The timing for the fullness of this event is yet to be determined by the Spirit of God.

In conclusion, as the *Day of the Lord* draws closer, God is nurturing His prophetic army in the battle for kingdom souls. We must bow before our King in humility and fervent prayer to do our part in bringing this army to maturity. *His heart is that none be lost, but that all would be saved.*⁵¹ Now is the time to listen to the words of His command:

¶This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you. These things I command you that you love one another (John 15:12-17, NKJ emphasis mine).

Prayer

Father, we stand ready to be discipled, equipped, and nurtured into mature sons. We give You our lives, that we might have the life of Your Son. Thank you for sending us fathers and mothers in the Spirit. Thank you for giving us weapons to fight the good fight, teaching us to war for souls for the kingdom. Thank you, Father, for instructing us in the Kingdom use of Your

prophetic ministry and gifts. May we soon stand before You as mature sons and daughters, hearing Your words, well done, good and faithful servants. @ Amen.