

Purpose of Prophetic Ministry

I. Prophetic Ministry is looking for treasure in people

A. Simon = “broken reed”

B. Peter = “rock”

1. I’m going to build upon how I see you

II. Finding Treasure in the Life of sinners

A. *I Cor 14:24-25²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.²⁵ 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.*

B. *Romans 3:23 “we all fall short of the glory of God”*

1. Prophecy brings people to a revelation of the glory of God has come to them.
2. They are living below the glory God has for them

III. Prophetic Ministry Changes People’s Hearts

A. *I Sam 9:19-20, I Sam 10:5-6*

1. Who Saul could not see who he was by low self-esteem
 - a. “I’m a Benjamite, smallest tribe, my family is the least.” “Why do you speak to me this way?”
 - b. “You will be changed into another man”
 - c. Prophetic ministry reveals and restore the real man

IV. Does Greatness promote Pride

A. The truth of God’s Grace humbles a man without degrading him, exalts a man without inflating him

B. * story of an artist and his painting

C. God is glorified when we become who we are supposed to be.

V. The Fivefold Ministry

A. *Apostles* – govern

1. Apostles are similar to the general contractor who oversees the project and see the overall picture

B. *Prophets* – guide

1. Prophets are the architects who assist the general contractor to know what the project should look like
- C. **Evangelists** – gather
 1. Evangelists' concern is for the lost
- D. **Pastors** – guard
 1. A pastor's heart is for the saved
- E. **Teachers** – ground
 1. A teacher's primary role is to help the flock understand the Word of God.

VI. The Difference Between Prophets and Prophecy

- A. To be a prophet is a *calling*
- B. To minister in prophecy is a *gift*
- C. **Calling**
 1. Gives identity
 2. *I Cor 1:1* “*Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God*”
- D. **Gifting**
 1. Gives ability
 2. *I Peter 4:10* “*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God*”
- E. **Anointing**
 1. Gives purpose
 2. *Isa 61:1* “*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to prisoners*”

VII. Prophecy Defined

- A. Prophecy in the purist sense is *foretelling* and *forthtelling*
- B. **Foretelling** – to *know* the future
- C. **Forthtelling** – to *cause* the future
- D. *Ezekiel 37*

VIII. Word of Knowledge

- A. Word of knowledge

1. Describes something that took place in the past, a current circumstance, or a fact about someone's life

B. Pure prophecy is about the *future*

IX. Levels of Prophecy

A. *Level 1 – Prophetic Culture*

1. Takes place when a prophet or high level prophetic anointing is present in a geographic location
 - a. within this atmosphere even non-prophetic people can prophecy
 - b. demonstrated in the life of King Saul

B. *Level 2 – The Gift of Prophecy*

1. The Holy Spirit's gifts working in and through a person

C. *Level 3 – Prophetic People*

1. These people are not prophets because that is not the call on their lives, but they operate in the Holy Spirit's gift at a high level.
2. They also have a proven prophetic ministry and they have a strong relationship with the church leadership

D. *Level 4 – Prophets and Prophetesses*

1. This is the highest level of prophetic ministry

X. The Three Parts of Prophecy

A. *Revelation*

1. The person who gives the prophetic word is responsible for the revelation of the word.

B. *Interpretation*

1. What does the revelation mean? Prophetic people need to realize that just because they had a revelation does not mean that they have the interpretation.
2. We can get into trouble when we try to interpret a vision or some other form of God's voice

C. *Application*

1. What should we do with the word once we know what it means?
2. Our pastor or overseer should always be involved when the prophetic word includes direction.

D. When God stops speaking, we should too!