Title: Unblocking the wells – the voice of Heaven

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When God speaks

One word of God is more powerful than a hundred books of man's knowledge.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) ¹ Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, **especially** that you **may prophesy**.

We are each called to become a burning bush and to facilitate a burning bush experience for others.

Prophesy? The voice of Heaven speaking through us

Understand what this means:

- God's Word + the Spirit = truth [The Voice of Heaven]
- God's Word + the devil = dead religion [Voice of hell]
- God's Word + man's spirit = philosophy [Voice of the earth]

Prophecy unlocks all the other gifts.

Prophecy is like a flashlight that gives us light to find the other gifts in a dark room.

Prophecy:

- (1) Shows us the way to the other gifts
- (2) Shows us who we are
- (3) Reveals God's heavenly blueprint

When heaven speaks, then heaven comes

- The voice of heaven is followed by the reality of heaven.
- Heaven comes in the moment, but ultimately when the Word is fulfilled.
- The Presence of God follows the prophetic word.
- Breaks open the sluice gates of Heaven.

When heaven speaks, we are empowered

1 Corinthians 14:2–3 (NLT) ² For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. ³ But one **who prophesies** strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

Key shift: Love the glory that comes from God, not man.

John 12:42–43 (ESV) ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities <u>believed in him</u>, but for fear of the Pharisees <u>they</u> <u>did not confess it</u>, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ **for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God**.

- Loving the glory that comes from man will lead us into the fear of man.
- What are we after? Glory of God or glory that comes from man?

Hebrews 10:19–20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, <u>having boldness</u> **to enter** the Holiest <u>by the blood of Jesus</u>, ²⁰ by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

We must enter boldly.

The throne of God

Revelation 4:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." ² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

- Come up here: Taking up our place at the right hand of God
- I will show you: God desires to reveal things to us.

Revelation 4:5 (NKJV) ⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, <u>thunderings</u>, **and voices**. <u>Seven lamps of fire</u> were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

The voice of heaven proceeds from the throne of God.

Raising up an army

Ezekiel 37:3–5 (ESV) ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GoD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "<u>Prophesy over these bones</u>, and say to them, O dry bones, <u>hear the word of the LORD</u>. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GoD to these bones: Behold, <u>I will cause breath to enter you</u>, and you shall live.

- Can these bones live? Faith is the key ingredient.
- **Power of prophecy:** it releases the resources of heaven.

Ezekiel 37:10 (ESV) 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and <u>the breath came into them</u>, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.