



God's Voice

PART THIRTEEN | PROPHECIES OF PURPOSE

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ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

2. How does God speak?

No limit in how He speaks –

2.1 God's Word:

It is the foundation, filter and first tester of all that God says to us...

2.2 Holy Spirit and Prayer:

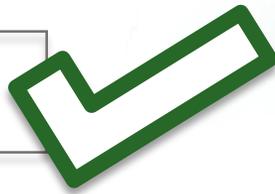
Indwelling Spirit of God in all of us as believers -

Prayer | talking to God and hearing Him speak

1 Kings 19:12 [Elijah] ...there was a voice, a soft whisper.

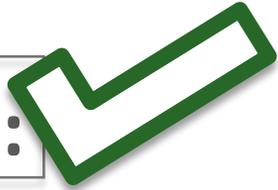
How He Speaks

2.3 Dreams and Visions:



Joel 2:28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”

2.4 Creation:



Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world...

2.5 The Body:

- Believers and other people:

God speaks through others: Fellow disciples, friends and family, leaders

A. Parents and Children:

B. Wise counsel:

C. Teaching and Gifts:

D. Prophecy:

God Speaks



D. Prophetic

What is prophecy?

“MESSAGE FROM GOD”

Can be -

- ✓ **Foretelling** [knowing or predicting the future] [*NORMALLY*] and
- ✓ **Forth-telling** [causing the future through declaration – proclaiming God’s truth in a situation and calling it forth] with authority | *As good as His voice through you...*

Testimonies

prophéteia: prophecy | GREEK | ‘clarified beforehand’

Prophetic

Revelation 19:10 ...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Prophecy: A Superior Gift Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and above all that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Last week... Purity in Prophecy:

John 18:37 "...Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

Prophetic

Purity in Prophecy:

Matthew 7:15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits.

- Character and fruit of prophet matters

1 Corinthians 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...” NKJV AND

1 Corinthians 14:12 So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

3. Prophecies of Purpose:

So: *God Speaks*

Speaks to us by His Spirit inline with the Word



He speaks through other people to us through prophecies



It changes lives and gives great faith and enables the Kingdom to come. More of Jesus



It needs to be pure and accurate and in love



For the benefit of all and not just the hearer...

So, what else can we possibly still say?

Your prophecy is a
weapon that God has
given you



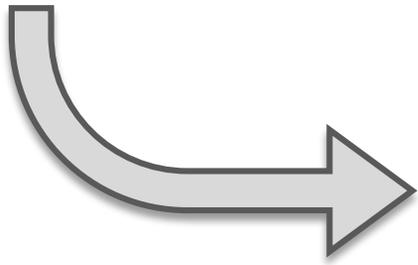
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3.1 Faith leads the Way:

Let's quickly check our basics...

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. *Rhema word – Scripture, prophecy*

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.



Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Faith

We win the battle through faithful,
purposeful, pure prophecies in our
lives - with which we actively engage
in the battle...



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3.2 Fight the faith fight:

Paul is discipling Timothy and write to him – great discipling. Through it we learn and we are disciplined:

1 Timothy 1: Engage in Battle

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by them you may strongly engage in battle, 19 having faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and have suffered the shipwreck of their faith. 20 Hymenaeus and Alexander are among them, and I have delivered them to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

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NKJV “according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare”

Engage in battle

Your prophecies become a
weapon to fight with
and engage in battle



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How?

'by them' – use your prophecies as weapon –

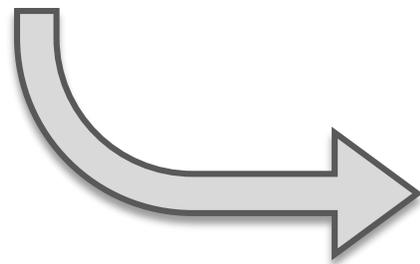


Spiritual battle
of the mind

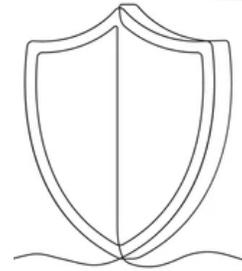
Ephesians 6 Christian Warfare 10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. 12 For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. 13 This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. 14 Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, 15 and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. 16 In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

My prophecy →

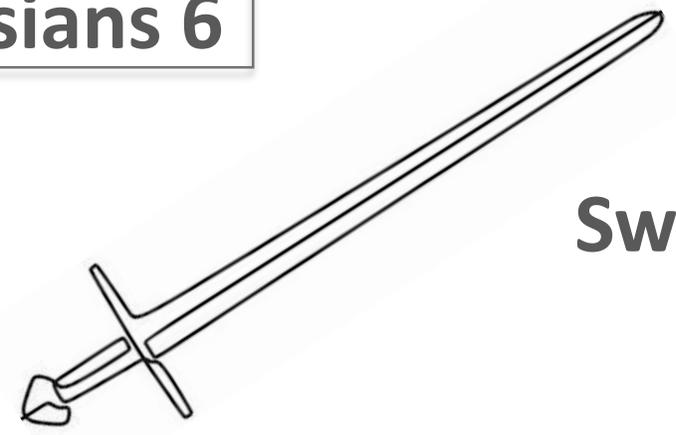
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Ephesians 6



Shield of faith



Sword of the rhema word



Take care

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Righteous living NB

A seared conscience undermines a strong faith

Righteous living ensures the pure living to fight boldly with and for your faith



ISAIAH 60:1

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Let's Pray