The Seed of Destiny

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Giving birth to the prophetic word can be paralleled to the seed of man, sown in woman, that develops in secret and is made manifest at the time of delivery. It is easy to spot a woman who is pregnant and expecting a child. Her shape changes, and she experiences great discomfort while she is carrying the child. The prophetic word is a seed sown that defines God’s purpose. During the time of its growth, the ordeal of expansion must be endured. Yet even as a pregnant woman must submit to prenatal care to aid in the development of a healthy fetus, so also should those that receive the Word of the Lord.

“Prenatal care” is the proper milieu or environment necessary for the Word of the Lord to come to pass. There is a certain atmosphere necessary to nurture the Word of the Lord into its function. Communion with the Father, the sacrifice of praise and an obedient heart will saturate our lives with the Presence of God. It is in His Presence that the Word of the Lord is cultivated and brought forth to maturity.

The process of giving birth to an infant requires a woman to pass through four basic stages of labor. During the first stage, her bag of waters that has
cushioned the child must break and the cervix open to allow the fetus to be born. She endures involuntary contractions of her muscles as her body responds to the inborn signal that it's time for this child to be delivered.

When the prophetic word has come to a place where fulfillment is imminent, the "bag of waters" or the confession of your faith that has cushioned or protected the Word of the Lord that you have been carrying must break forth out of your mouth at a time where involuntary contractions exert tremendous pressure in your life. This is the place where many become discouraged, and feel like they would rather do anything other than complete the task at hand, and give birth! How many mothers have said the words "I've changed my mind! Stop this thing! I don't want it!?" How many women have glared at their mates and said, "It's all your fault!?" How many of us, when nearing the birth of a prophetic word, have found ourselves in a place of frustration where our cry is "Never mind, God! Stop this thing! This is all Your fault!!"? We find ourselves in a place of great discomfort, and yet God's blessing is about to be made manifest. All truths are parallel!

The pain of dilation evokes an automatic response--your mouth opens, and a cry is made. This cry will be one of two things--either a cry of self-pity, or a cry of victory. When the cervix dilates, it
becomes thinner and is drawn upwards. As we cry out in victory, the barrier between the word and its subsequent manifestation becomes insufficient to prevent the fulfillment of that which God has spoken, and we are "drawn upwards"! Our eyes become fixed upon the ability of our Lord Jesus Christ to impart the strength and ability necessary to achieve delivery.

In the second stage of labor, a mother is instructed to bear down and push with each contraction. As she relaxes and maintains her focus on the task at hand, she can then utilize the contractions as a force that will help her achieve her goal, rather than her opposition. Those who have received a prophetic word will come to a place where the realization that "all things work together for good to those who love God, and who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). Relaxation causes them to cease from exerting their spiritual resources in frustration, and they begin to understand that their "life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). It is at this time, when they have relaxed in the face of adversity, that the Word of the Lord begins to come forth, and the baby is born. This is a time of great rejoicing, as the Word of the Lord becomes a tangible reality. Just as a new mother, the testimony of God is touched, handled, loved and explored as we marvel at the handiwork of God.
The third stage involves the delivery of the afterbirth, otherwise called the placenta, which the fetus has been feeding upon during its development. There are two basic ways that the placenta will present itself—either shiny side up, (Schultz’s presentation), or jagged side up (Duncan’s presentation). After one gives birth to a prophetic word, one should esteem the trials of labor as that which was but a trivial necessity that was just a stepping stone to their ultimate goal—the promise!! They realize that everything simply came to pass. The pain and struggle came, and passed! Its over! But there are many individuals who have given birth to prophetic words in their lives, yet are tinged with the scars of unforgiveness, jealousy, bitterness and resentment, leaving a jagged edge that mars their perception of the sovereign workings of God. It is important to “forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before, pressing towards the mark of the high calling in Jesus Christ!” (Philippians 3:13 pp)

THE SEED OF DESTINY was designed to assist individuals who become perplexed when the Word of the Lord begins to place a demand for expression in their lives, resulting in tremendous pressure and contrary circumstances that appear to negate what God has said. There are certain principles and guidelines that one must incorporate into their lives
to make their seasons of transition easier. I pray that as you read this book, you'll be able to assimilate the truths contained therein. May you wholeheartedly embrace the Word of the Lord as He speaks to you, and give birth to your purpose and destiny in God!
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CHAPTER 1
BECOMING IMPREGNATED WITH THE WORD OF THE LORD

"The Prophetic Word is a Seed of Life"

Jeremiah 1:4-5

"Then the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou came forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Prophetic Principle #1

Don't miss your day of conception.
Often, we aren’t able to comprehend what the Word of the Lord is addressing when it begins to come. If we don’t understand what God is saying, we’ll begin to look at the prophetic word in a negative way, and miss our day of conception. It will appear that the individual who is prophesying is “aimlessly rambling” again, and we will lack the ability to receive the wisdom that the Word of the Lord discloses.

**Prophetic Principle #2**

The prophetic word brings forth divine order.

The Word of the Lord is a precious commodity and very effective in bringing forth order out of the chaos that is preeminent in individual’s lives. The inherent power of the prophetic word relentlessly pursues its fulfillment in the life in which it is sown. When the Word of the Lord impacts your situation, complacency disappears, pandemonium occurs, and then you’ll see your dilemma resolved as Divine order emerges.

**Prophetic Principle #3**

If you’re not ready for change, then you’re not ready for the Word of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord has the power to propel you to the next level or location that is destined by the Father. If you’re not ready for change, then you’re not ready for the Word of the Lord.

**Prophetic Principle #4**

The move of God is in your midst.

The Word of the Lord comes to bring transformation—it comes to bring change. As the Lord speaks into our lives, His Words will change your direction. It can take you into another course or path that God has decreed for your life.

Many people spend time searching the horizon for “the move of God”, when, in actuality, the move of God will manifest in your life whenever you’re going to be moved from one setting to another. When the prophet of God appears on the scene of your life, understand that the move of God has arrived in your life. The move of God is not something that is happening somewhere in the galaxy, but the move of God is in your midst. Many of us do not realize when the move of God descends upon us.

**Prophetic Principle #5**

God has a purpose for your birth.
It’s fascinating to realize that before your conception, God knew you! Though you were in the bosom of your forefathers, God saw you! God orchestrates the union of individuals. He knew who your parents would be and when you would arrive! God knew you before you were even formed!

Generations ago, God had a purpose for your birth. God knew the timing of your emergence on the earth, and all the distinctions that define your identity were already planned by Him. Your race and culture is not an accident! The locality of your birth isn’t an accident, either....it’s simply orchestrated by Almighty God!

Prophetic Principle #6

Predestination means "to be destined before connected".
God has already orchestrated our purpose!

There are many factors concerning our lives that were left to the sovereign will of God, circumventing our natural choice. Instead of succumbing to frustration concerning the things that cannot be changed, it behooves you to understand that the Lord had a purpose in mind precisely for you. You’ve been predestinated before the foundations of the world. Predestination means “to be destined before
connected." God has already orchestrated our purpose!

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Contrary to popular opinion, sanctification has nothing whatsoever to do with clothing, hairstyle or makeup. Sanctification means "a setting apart". We are "set apart" for the purposes of God.

God has already set up a blueprint concerning your life. This is why a child born out of wedlock should never be viewed as an illegitimate child. The act of the parents may have been illegitimate, but that does not make the child illegitimate in the eyes of the Lord.

**Prophetic Principle #7**

We are "set apart" for the purposes of God.

The prophetic anointing can unlock this dimension and cause us to hear a child's destiny and purpose from the Lord. This is why it is important to call forth the prophets during baby dedications. The parents need to hear and witness the Word of the Lord spoken over their children. To raise a seed and not to know what you are raising can be very
frustrating, and usually leads to fragmented preparation for the ultimate destiny that the child is called to fulfill.

We, as Christians, are not to be crippled by the effects of condemnation over whatever breach of righteousness that occurs in our lives. The miraculous and loving grace of God can weave what appears to be a mistake right into the pattern of our lives. The best oriental rugs are those that have a mistake woven into their pattern. As we look in the Scriptures at a man named Jacob, we find him in a relationship that he was not believing God for nor was it the desire of his heart. Even Jacob thought he was making a mistake with Leah, but if it wasn’t for Leah, there would have never been a child named “Judah”. God has your life all mapped out!

Your life may appear to be out of balance. It may seem confused and mixed up. You may have lost your purpose but, God has a place for you! As you learn to spend time in His Presence, you will discover the placement of the Lord in your life! Though society may speak disparagingly concerning your life,

**Prophetic Principle #8**

Judas was ordained to accompany Jesus.
and though you may feel that you’re better off dead, God wants you to know that in His sight, you are loved, accepted, and sanctified to fulfill His purposes.

God ordained Jeremiah to influence particular nations with the Word of the Lord. God even knew the nations that Jeremiah was supposed to touch. Do you not know that God has ordained you to come in contact with specific individuals that will be the determining factor in assisting you towards the fulfillment of your destiny? Judas was ordained to

Prophetic Principle #9

Adversity brings growth.

accompany Jesus. Judas was used as the catalyst to propel Jesus to His appointment with Calvary. That’s why every recognized “Judas” that confronts you is not to be hastily prayed away from you. Some are needed to bring you to your ordained rendezvous with Calvary.

As you begin to explore the sovereign decisions of a loving God, you will no longer despise your family and/or your physical countenance. To do so is equated with despising your Creator and your Maker. You are made in the image of God--not only in form, but also in the image that He destined
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expressly for you to walk in. God knows the exact environment you need in order to bring you into the full perfection of His will for your life.

Seeds do not come into their full maturity until they’re able to break through the ground. There are some hard places you’ve got to be able to break through, before you begin to rise up into the full stature that God has ordained for you.

Prophetic Principle #10

You are preprogrammed for success.

Some of your lives are a study in futility as you search for someone to give you a primrose path to maturity and relieve you of the challenge of coming forth on your own. There are some struggles that you absolutely must pass through. Every seed has been programmed to pass through hard, rocky places. That’s why the seed of your life must fall to the ground, die and resurrect in the puissance of God.

Notice that since the fall of man, when God puts something in the earth, He never puts it in full grown. He deposits it as a seed with the ability to develop and fulfill its full potential if placed in the right circumstances and environment. You are preprogrammed for success! The only person on earth that can prevent you from achieving God’s best in
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your life is YOU!! As you exercise your inviolate will to embrace mediocrity as a way of life, you become your own worst enemy.

Jeremiah 1:6

"Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak".

Jeremiah’s age was distorting his perception of his ability to execute God’s command. He was consumed with his imaginary inability. He began to believe the lie that was echoing in his mind; “But God...I don’t have all the qualifications. I’m too young.” Yet these are things that do not faze God. He is the Master of the universe, and we can accomplish anything through His strength and ability that flows through us. Whenever the Lord calls you to a task, He also equips you for the job He has commissioned you to perform. God does ALL things well!

Prophetic Principle #11

Your sense of inability is a product of your imagination.
God will challenge you to do many things for His glory. Whenever He authorizes you to proceed with an assignment, you must move by faith and not by your natural sight. Evidently, Jeremiah did not want to be launched into the things of God, or perhaps he felt that when he grew up he would be better prepared for the enormous responsibility of being an oracle of the Lord. Yet we see that the Lord rebuked his attitude and said “say not that I am a child.” How many of us have besmirched our walk with the Lord by reasoning our way into disobedience? We offer lame excuses to God, utilizing our age, our sex, our color, etc. as viable barriers to our compliance with God. We frequently attempt to convince ourselves that we are incapable of fulfilling what He has asked us to do, yet all the while a nagging uncertainty remains in our spirit as our conscience exposes the disloyalty in our hearts. Our excuses are nothing more than guarded lies that attempt to camouflage our blatant rebellion against the acknowledged mandate of God that confronts us.

We must look to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. We tend to make the mistake of focusing
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on our paltry ability and strength instead of beholding the munificence of God. When we fail to cultivate an accurate realization of the true character of God, then our unbelief causes us to abort the Word of the Lord that impregnated our lives. By the exercise of our will, we speak contrary words of death that oppose and demolish the life of the prophetic word that has been sown in our lives. God has given us the power of decision. We can agree with Him, and see His Word come to pass in our lives, or we can resist Him, and permit our designation for purpose to descend into oblivion. I heard one individual say that “we have to stop looking at the greatness of our need and begin to look at the greatness of our God”. We are not to ever allow our focus to fix upon that which fosters doubt and unbelief, but rather, we’re to focus on the truth of God’s Word and perceive the greatness of our God!

Jeremiah 1:8

“Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord”.

Prophetic Principle #13

God has given us the power of decision.
The Lord does not want you to be afraid of what you’re looking at. He wants to build your confidence in Him. The fact that God is with you should dispel all fear. One way to look at fear is to understand it as an acronym:

F False
E Evidence
A Appearing
R Real

Prophetic Principle #15

Cease being affected by the power of want.

God has caused you to walk in truth, and His love will cause the false evidence that appears real to die in your life!

Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want".

God, being multifaceted, reveals Himself here as Jehovah Jireh, the One that will see to His Word; the One that will provide for you. When you come to the realization that the Lord is your Shepherd, you will cease being affected by the power of want and prosperity will become your portion.
Psalm 23:2

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

Green pastures implies a sheltered habitation of peace. When Jehovah Shalom, the Lord which is your peace, manifests Himself in your life, the torment of worry and misery will dissipate from your thoughts, and you'll find refuge in the cradle of His arms.

**Prophetic Principle #16**

**Drink from still waters.**

Jesus referred to us as His sheep. It is interesting to note the characteristics of sheep, for in doing so, you'll understand why He made the comparison. A sheep is incapable of drinking when led to rough waters, but can only drink from still waters. As sheep, we are unable to drink of the goodness of God when we are consumed with rough waters in our lives. This is why Jesus was revealed to us as the Prince of Peace, that we may allow Him to speak to the storms of our lives and lead us to green pastures. In His mercy, He restores your soul.

Psalm 23:4

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me."
Jehovah Shammah, the Lord which is ever present, gives us the security of knowing that though the valley of the shadows of death encompasses us, we need not fear being consumed by evil. In the presence of light, darkness can only stand as shadows which are incapable of harming you. You will not be able to enter into your promised land until you are able to walk through your valley of the shadows of death. You must cross your Jordan. Every great man and every great woman of God; everyone that’s going to be used of God, must have a revelation of Him as Jehovah Shammah, because that’s the only truth that will keep you from being sidetracked by the illusions of the shadows. Fear no evil, because He is with you!

Psalms 23:4

".....Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

The rod represents authority, and the shepherd’s

Prophetic Principle #18

You must cross your Jordan.
staff denotes guidance. His paramount authority induces comfort in times of need. Knowing that our God reigns over all settles the issues of our hearts. His guidance and interest in the minutest detail of our life brings consolation during times when we feel abandoned and deserted. Authority shall comfort me.

Psalms 23:5

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

Prophetic Principle #19

Authority induces comfort in times of need.

In the face of your enemies, God flagrantly extends a table of blessings and riches unto you that you may partake and be filled. He anoints your head with oil so that you are smeared with His purposes for your life. Your cup runneth over with the joy of your salvation, for he that hungers and thirsts after righteousness shall surely be filled with the knowledge of Him.

Prophetic Principle #20

You are smeared with His purposes.
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Prophetic Principle #21

Death will not sneak upon you unawares.

Psalms 23:6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

God has given you two angels named Goodness and Mercy. You will be able to detect their tangible presence as you promenade down the pathway of your life. Occasionally, you need to get up in the morning and say, "Good Morning, Goodness and Mercy", for you will see the evidence of their activity as you look back at the course of your existence.

God gave us His Word so that we wouldn't be paralyzed with fear of the enemy. As long as you dwell upon the earth, satan will always be present to bring opposition before your face. No one is exempt! You're not devil-proof! Just like the psalmist David, we must encounter and confront any

Prophetic Principle #22

God has to touch your mouth.
“Goliath” that dares to exalt itself above the order of God in our lives! In boldness you’ll be able to declare “Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?” In other words, you’ll move in such a degree of confidence in God and become so motivated by and connected to destiny that you will lose your innate fear of death, and accept it as an inevitability that you make an appointment with at your convenience. Death will not sneak upon you unawares. You’ll have understanding of the season and time of your departure, and you will not leave this earth until your work is complete.

The Scripture says that Simeon would not die until he saw the Lord. Simeon walked in the fullness of the rhema which he received from God. The Word of the Lord impacted his life and empowered his mortal being to fulfill his commission to live and not die, until his eyes beheld the Lord. When the Word of the Lord is sown in your life, and you begin to fulfill the conditions specified by God, you will experience the sustaining power of the prophetic word; you cannot die until the Word is fulfilled. Think about it! If the Lord arbitrarily decided to
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wait another 1,000 years before allowing Jesus to be born on the earth, then Simeon would have lived to be as old as Methuselah! His prophetic word would have quickened him daily and would not cease until the will of God was accomplished. It behooves each of us to take heed to our rhema!

**Jeremiah 1:9**

"Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth".

Because of the havoc that is wrought by an uncontrolled tongue, God has to touch your mouth. The touch of God upon your lips will cause you to speak in unanimity with His purposes, and will instill the discipline of silence. When the nation of Israel, under the leadership of Joshua, began about to experience a fresh move of God, they were instructed to march around Jericho. But, unlike their forefathers, they felt the touch of God upon their mouths. They were commanded to silence. Their forefathers aborted the promise of God in their lives by complaining and murmuring against their leadership, Moses and Aaron. Their words of death led them into rebellion, idolatry, judgment and death. Yet
Joshua’s generation experienced the touch of God upon their lips. They learned obedience, and by putting themselves in agreement with God, they experienced the blessing of the Lord.

It is imperative that you determine which word of which lord you’re going to speak! God wants you to prophesy to your circumstances...to your “valley of dry bones”. He will anoint you to speak and life will come forth. He doesn’t want us to proclaim what satan is saying. That’s the wrong lord that’s speaking! When you articulate your lack, abilities, defeats and failures, you express the negative force that is intrinsic to vacillating faith and you empower satan to fulfill your words. This is why God considered it an affront when He sent 10 men to spy out the promised land of Canaan, and they returned saying “we be not able to take this land”. God called their words “an evil report”. Their words released a malevolent stench that claimed that Almighty God was insufficient. Their words besmirched the character of God before the rest of the Israelites and gave blatant praise and faith to satan. It is crucial

Prophetic Principle #25

Comprehend the power of our words.
for us to comprehend the power of our words.

Jeremiah 1:10

"Behold I have put my words in thy mouth".

The Hebrew translation for word is “dabar”, which carries an implied meaning of “action; an ability to drive forward that which is behind”. When

Prophetic Principle #26

The Word of the Lord has the ability to push forward that which is behind.

the Word of the Lord comes, it has the ability to push forward that which is behind. That’s why one translation of the Bible quotes II Chronicles 20:20 as stating “believe his prophets so shall ye leap forward”. The Word of the Lord will thrust you into the level or into the position that God wants to place you. When the Word of the Lord came unto the virgin

Prophetic Principle #27

The God-given idea that will produce wealth.
Money chases good ideas!

Mary, she had to hear it spoken in her ears. The seed of the Word moved throughout her entire being, settled in her womb, and enabled her to do the impossible and give birth to the infant Jesus. This
was a clear demonstration of the Word becoming flesh. Every true prophetic word becomes flesh in your life, if you place yourself in agreement with His word.

We need to understand that all thoughts are things waiting for the opportunity to manifest. The thoughts of God expressed through His prophets are awaiting the precise occasion to become a reality in the earth. Before an architect builds a building or draws his plan, the building is a thought, first seen in his mind, and persists in seeking its place of expression.

Prophetic Principle #28

There is a difference between seeking first the Kingdom of God and seeking God.

So many of us are hindered by our perception of lack in our lives, especially financially. There are a multitude of things that God has given you. In actuality, you don’t really have a money problem but what you have is an “idea problem”. Money is waiting to become glued to you, but it must continue its sojourn until you take hold of a thought...the God-given idea that will produce wealth. Money chases good ideas! We, as Christians, are exhorted to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things would be added”. There’s a difference between seeking first the Kingdom of God and
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Prophetic Principle #29

Search the Scriptures and discover His principles.

seeking God. To seek first the Kingdom of God is to seek for the rule and reign of God...to seek for His government and consciousness. We're to seek for His righteousness...to be in right standing and right relationship both with Him and the members of His Body. If you fulfill this mandate, guess what? All of these things shall be added unto you! God is waiting for you to comprehend how His law works so that you can operate under His government and stay in right standing with Him. Once you begin to walk according to the dictates of His Word, you will see a palpable difference in the quality of your life.

There are a lot of individuals that begin to seek God, but they fail to seek for His government. They beseech God daily with requests for Him to do this, or do that, but they never place themselves under His rulership or authority. God desires for all of us to search the Scriptures and discover His principles. As we operate in obedience to His Word, we'll begin to see remarkable results.
CHAPTER II.
BORN INTO PURPOSE
"A Child of Destiny"

In examining the matter of being ordained, we find that God has a place reserved expressly for you to fulfill. Your assignment was determined before you were born. Often, we harbor an inflated ego that tells us that we decided to “make a decision for God”....“we decided to get saved”. As I search the Scriptures, I am finding that this is not the case. The invitation to come to Jesus Christ is simply the time

Prophetic Principle #30
Your assignment was determined before you were born.
for you to acknowledge the call of the Lord which has been there before you were born. We are drawn to the feet of Jesus by the wooing of the Holy Spirit, and would never come of our own accord. Jesus told His disciples, "you have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". You could not even believe unless He revealed Himself to you.

**Prophetic Principle #31**

"You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you"...

Jesus, in talking with His disciples, asked them a pointed question; "Who do men say that I am?" Their replies varied from Jeremiah, Elijah, Moses, or one of the other prophets of old. Then Jesus challenged them with yet another question, "Who do you say that I am?" Out of all the disciples, Peter received the revelation from the Holy Spirit that identified Jesus as "The Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus confirmed that this was unveiled by the power of God when He answered and said, "flesh and blood has not revealed that unto you, but My Father which is in heaven."

**Prophetic Principle #32**

What revelation you have of Jesus will build the foundations of your life.
Peter was then told that “upon this rock (which was the foundation of this revelation) I will build My church...”. In other words, Jesus was saying “Peter, based upon the revelation that you’ve had, that I am the Christ, the Son of the living God, which has been revealed to you by My Father, I’m going to build My church.”

Whatever revelation you have of Jesus will build the foundations of your life. God wants to reveal His eternal magnificence to us continually. He reveals Himself as a healer, then He builds healing in us. When He reveals Himself as a protector, then we walk in divine protection. Whatever facet of God you’ve perceived will determine the degree that you’ll receive from His manifested Presence. You need to allow the Holy Spirit to give a fresh and unencumbered revelation of Jesus.

**Prophetic Principle #33**

Defying God will change the place of your habitation.

There are a lot of people who talk about Jesus, yet still haven’t received a revelation of who He is. They’ve read various books about Him from a historical viewpoint, yet lack the experience of a true encounter. Judas lived in the Presence of Jesus on a daily basis, yet Satan was able to enter since Judas
did not have a revelation of His identity. Some will
acknowledge that Jesus was a good teacher. The
Muslim sect identifies Him as a prophet. These
misnomers occur because individuals have never
been impacted by the reality of Christ....they’ve never
had a revelation or true encounter with His
Personhood. You can argue with them, and you can
debate with them for hours on end, but they can not
see Jesus until the Holy Spirit removes the veil.

Jeremiah 1:7

“But the Lord said unto him, Say not I am a
child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send
thee and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt
speak”.

God was telling Jeremiah that “Whatever I tell
you to say, that is what you are going to echo.
Whatever I tell you to say you are going to say it.
Wherever I tell you to go—you will go. Wherever I
direct you, you will follow My direction. You will
be bound by complete obedience to My commands.”
All of us have a choice...we can either obey God and
walk in His blessings, or we can defy Him as Jonah
did, and land in the belly of a whale.

We must understand the importance of fulfilling
the purposes of God. There are many individuals
that God designated to be joined to me so that
together we can fulfill the vision of the Lord. Yet so
many are sitting in other places, wandering aimlessly
in other directions or blatantly walking in disobedience to God.

You must make a decision to follow the way of the Lord. To experience Godly success, you must be in the place of His assignment. The Lord desires to bring Divine connections in your life. When you arrive at the place that God has designated, you will experience true fulfillment that will surpass your wildest desires.

The place of assignment comes during the season of uncertainty. Therefore, your understanding may be dim, but as you stand in the place of revelation, clarity will come. Usually, when you get to where God has told you to go it will produce a new day in your life. The evening and the morning made the first day, so remember that darkness will always precede light.

**Prophetic Principle #34**

Name your situation.

Notice the principle; first the seed is planted in the darkness of the earth, and then it emerges into the light of day. Every new beginning originates in darkness. Typically, when you arrive at the predestinated place, it will demand adjustments to be made in your life and attitude.
Every call of God that marks the beginning of His movement in your life will be comparative to the days of creation, when God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void. The Hebrew interpretation of "was" says that the earth became, or came without form and was void. How many things in your life can you classify as appearing to be without form and void? Although those very things possess a meaning and purpose in God, you're tempted to say "what is this?" Be encouraged, for the Father loves to take chaotic, fragmented situations that mankind deems hopeless and cause it to flourish for His glory!

Prophetic Principle #35

Don't let the devil steal your authority.

Even as He did Adam, God sets you in those contrary situations and tell you to dress, keep and take dominion over it. He expects you to give it a name. Will you call it failure, or will you call it a learning experience? Will you call it death, or will you name it life? You’ve been given the authority to exercise your measure of rule over it, and God counts it as your responsibility. Many of us harbor a desire for God to stop what He’s doing in Heaven and personally attend to our situation. We fail to realize that God wants us to be workers together with
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Him...He will sanction and augment the authority that we exercise in His name. Whenever we succumb to the pressure of our predicament, and abdicate our rule to the enemy, then satan is able to bring great hardship and devastation to our lives. Don’t let the devil steal your authority!

Jeremiah 1:10

"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant."

God installed Jeremiah in a place of authority that would address nations and kingdoms. And why did He placed him there? Notice - He put him there to root out, to pull down, to destroy, to throw down. Likewise, God set you over the kingdoms of your situations so that you may do the exact same thing. God puts you in situations that are unkempt so that you can begin to establish an authority that would bring things into Divine order. We’ve embraced passivity as a direct result of believing the lie of the enemy that we didn’t have to fulfill any of our God-given responsibilities since “Jesus is coming back any minute.” We’ve espoused escapism as the standard for the Christian, and the enemy has lured us into a dangerous lethargy. This is why the Church has lost her impact as a viable voice in this nation. When the infamous transgressions of abortion and racism began
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to permeate this society, and when acknowledgement of the God was being stripped from our children by taking prayer out of the schools, the Church should have aggressively arisen to the occasion to take an intractable stand for righteousness, but the languid sleep of passivity kept her silent.

Our perception of the role of the Church needs adjustment. Most of us foster a vision of this weak, scared, defeated church whose membership is barely qualifying for salvation. Yet even our forefathers understood the magnitude of victory and authority that we’re called to walk in. They were willing to die for their convictions. With the mentality that the Church is operating in today, how many could stand in a time of persecution without forfeiting their faith in Christ?

Prophetic Principle #36  
Passivity will silence your voice.

We need to understand that we are placed in the earth to bring about change. The Bible calls us “the salt of the earth”. As salt alters and enhances the flavor of food, we are to transform and augment our circumstances. Salt is also a preservative. We are to maintain that which is in alignment with the will of God and protect it from satan’s caveat. Salt
also has the ability to melt ice. We have the ability to permeate the hard places with the power of the Word of the Lord that issues from our mouths. Salt doesn’t exert any effort, but just lays upon the ice which yields to its presence. There are some situations that are just like that. All you’re called to do is be there so that your presence can corrode the walls of adversity.

**Prophetic Principle #37**

*Sow in famine.*

The ability of God causes our lives to be marked with fruitfulness. By placing us in barren predicaments, he causes a rose to bloom in the desert of our lives. As we stand in our valleys—the low periods of growth—He desires to reveal Himself as the Lily of the Valley. We are called to build and to plant, especially in times of famine. When Isaac experienced a time of famine, he began to sow, he received a hundredfold in the same year. Are you in famine? Start sowing and watch Him begin to bring forth a kingdom of prosperity out of your kingdom of poverty!

As the kingdom of God emerges in your life, it will eclipse the kingdom of darkness that already exists.
As the Church begins to shake off the cloak of apathy that has weighed her down, we’re going to witness a surge of God’s anointing come upon the Body of Christ as never before. We are living in a time where we are confronted on every side with perplexing dilemmas that will cause this country to fall on her knees. The government cannot find answers to the crack problem. The government cannot find answers to teenage pregnancy. The government cannot find answers to the economic crisis, racism, or a myriad of other problems that are howling for attention. Guess who has the solution? It’s the Church: God in His infinite wisdom is not unprepared, but He is raising up a generation that would accept the weight of responsibility to speak His Word to a rebellious nation.
CHAPTER III.
THE DILATION OF
YOUR MIND
"Understanding your Identity"

When God gets ready to address a nation of people, He sovereignly raises up a company of prophets that will have knowledge and understanding of that which He is about to do. Amos 3:7 states "Surely the Lord God would do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets". God is not a God that delights in mystification. He will

Prophetic Principle #38

God is not a God that delights in mystification.
openly state what He is about to do in the earth, and will reveal it unto those whom He designates to carry the revelation. He speaks that which is divulged through his prophets, and he that has an ear to hear, will hear. The Church is to be a prophetic institution that has knowledge and understanding of the events that are taking place. We should never be caught in the morass of ignorance, lacking an intelligent and Divinely informed answer for that which is happening around us. In examining the prophetic mandate that rests upon the shoulders of the Church, we realize that God doesn’t activate His will in the earth until the Church is speaking it and declaring it out of its mouth.

As I’ve stated before, the prophetic word is powerful! When it is spoken, regardless of what things look like naturally, there is an underlying surge of energy that is propelling the Word of the Lord towards its fulfillment.

Unfortunately, the Church as a whole can be likened to the fig tree that Jesus encountered. The tree had lavish foliage, yet stood in the Lord’s Presence without bearing fruit. The tree was then cursed by Jesus, and the true state of its character was revealed for all to see. The Body of Christ has been all dressed up in the regalia of religiosity, yet doesn’t comprehend it’s purpose. The church has been an institution in this particular age that’s been
all dressed up, listening to all the "nice" messages, and all the "nice" sermons; we've heard all the things we should and should not do, yet because we have not understood our destiny and purpose, we've become as the fig tree—all leaves and no substance. At the visitation of the Lord, we are called to produce fruit.

**Prophetic Principle #39**

*Kingdom is not eschatology, but Kingdom is lifestyle.*

God is raising up the Church in this hour to be a prophetic generation that will grasp the responsibility of carrying the baton so that we can demonstrate the Kingdom of God on earth. Many people become confused when the word "Kingdom" is mentioned. Kingdom, by definition, is simply "The King's domain". Kingdom is not eschatology, Kingdom is lifestyle. Kingdom means that all things become subject to the Lordship of Christ, and that the Church becomes active in bringing earthly matters into the order of God. Some individuals have no further knowledge of Scripture than the new birth; being "born again". Yet Jesus only mentioned the new birth a couple of times. He spoke more about the Kingdom of God than he did the new birth because the new birth only gives you the ability to see the kingdom,
and seeing is not the same as entering. There are a lot of people who are standing outside the doorway to the Kingdom yet have never discovered the keys Jesus gave them to unlock the door to His fullness.

There is so much more to this Christian walk than just saying “Lord Jesus, come into my life”. He has given us the keys to His Kingdom in the Scriptures, and it's up to us to dig for His treasures that we may thrive in the wealth of His Word.

Many believers are living beneath their privileges and haven't entered into the reality of the Kingdom. They've been taught to think that the Kingdom is Heaven. But the truth is that the Kingdom is now, a present actuality. The Kingdom is here. Wherever Jesus is Lord; wherever the King exercises dominion, that is a manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said, “I am the door....” Yet many of us are still searching for Him, at the cross. Some see the door and stand afar watching and yearning for entrance. Others worship at the door, but the abundant life that Jesus promised begins when you cross the threshold of the Kingdom. God set Adam in the kingdom of Eden. Eden means “the place of pleasure”. It was the place where Adam was called to decree the government of God.

Genesis 3 states that God would come down in the cool of the day to visit with Adam and walk in the garden. Yet on another occasion we read that
Adam heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden. Adam had an encounter with Jesus. How do we reach this conclusion? Simply because Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is the Voice of the Lord God walking.

I believe the voice of the Lord is still walking in the earth through His Body. He is the Head, and we are the Body. The Head continuously gives instructions to the Body, through the Scriptures, by impulse of the Spirit and the spoken Prophetic Word.

Prophetic Principle #40

Learn the ways of God.

I Kings 17:1

"And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

The very name “Elijah” includes the two names of God. “El” is a derivative of “Elohim”, and “Jah” is the shortened form of “Jehovah”. It’s interesting to note that Elijah’s name declares his purpose by saying “God is God”. Elijah’s whole ministry is marked by situations that bore witness to the
character of God. In examining Elijah's terminology, "before whom I stand", we interpret that as denoting that Elijah was a priest that sits in the Presence of God. If you are going the declare to oracles of the Lord, then it is imperative that you dwell in His Presence. There are a lot of individuals that seek God's hand--they seek for His action--but very few seek His face--the place of conversation. Still others seek of His power, but know little of His Person. It is quite possible to minister in His power and lack His Presence. Samson did it--he was quite adept at wielding God's power, yet strayed far from His Presence. Staying out of His Presence will rob us of Godly wisdom, and cause us to make both presumptuous and foolish decisions.

Prophetic Principle #41

Develop the habit of prayer.

You can still be anointed, and yet be out of the Presence of the Lord. The Bible says that Israel knew His acts; they understood His miracle-working power, yet Moses knew His ways. Today, God is raising up a generation that will not only know His acts, but will understand the ways of the Lord. This knowledge comes from staying in His Presence.

Elijah was a man of prayer. He stayed in continuous communion with God. If you truly desire
to grow in the things of God, it is crucial to develop the habit of prayer. It is in the place of communion with the Lord that the treasures of revelation are unearthed and increase is obtained.

By virtue of the degree of communion that Elijah cultivated with God, he possessed an understanding of the authority with which he could speak. He approached Ahab with great assurance and said, “It is not going to rain based on my word”. This wasn’t the least bit presumptuous. Elijah’s relationship with the Lord was at such a level that God would honor that which was uttered by Elijah.

The power of the spoken word is almost incomprehensible to the natural mind. The word of the Lord in an anointed man’s mouth, will bring about transformation. I believe all of the Heavenly host hearkens to hear what is being proclaimed by the mouths of God’s servants, for the angels then gain permission to work in the earth. God watches over His Word to make sure it’s performed! When Elijah spoke and said there will be no dew nor rain, the heavens said, “Obey the Word of the Lord! Let
no rain fall until Elijah speaks a release!" Elijah's words retained their power for over three years!

I Kings 17:2

"And the word of the Lord came unto him saying..."

Notice that when God gets ready to bring about a new situation, His Word comes forth bringing direction. Many of us don't see the provision of God manifest because we're not at the right place. If you stand under the proper water sprout, it will pour in your direction. Some of us are holding our cups upside down! God wants to fill our cups to overflowing, for there's no lack in Him!

I Kings 17:3-4

"Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan".

"And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

Here, God begins to reveal a specific place that Elijah had to travel to in order to receive the provision of the Lord. Developing an ear to hear the instruction of the Lord is essential to learning obedience. We must be able to clearly hear what God is saying. Jesus said, "My sheep know My voice..." There are many voices speaking to us on a
daily basis, such as the voices of our family, friends, our minds, and the enemy. Yet Jesus says that we can come to a place where we can know His voice. Therefore, to differentiate the voice of the Lord from other voices is not an impossibility. By discerning the Voice of the Lord, we will be able to obey His commands, and acquire His blessings at the appointed place.

Prophetic Principle #43

Time does not mean anything to God.

When God calls you to go to a place, it means that He has something there for you. You may face quite a challenge in order to reach your destination. Diverse obstacles may present themselves in an attempt to thwart your destiny. The greatest impediment is your reaction to the hindrance. You can either choose to get to where God wants you and press through the adversity, or you can succumb to the pressure and miss your day of visitation.

Jonah’s disobedience put him in the belly of a big fish...he experienced “hell on earth”. There are many headstrong people whose unbroken streak of rebellion causes them to experience their own personal hell before they mature to their place and destiny in God. I’ve found something else to be
very interesting. God is not in a hurry to have His will performed. Time does not mean anything to God. A thousand years is as a day. Frankly, when you don’t fulfill your purpose, God just moves on to the next generation, meting out your portion to the one that has an obedient heart. Are you going to fulfill the destiny that God has for you or will God have to wait for your sons and daughters to fulfill His purpose? I don’t know about you, but I don’t want my sons and daughters to fulfill my purpose! I want to bring my generation further along in the Kingdom, so that we can enter into the next realm of God’s glory! I don’t wish to see my sons and daughters trying to fulfill the mandate of my purpose, plus their own!

Prophetic Principle #44

Decide to stay at the place where God has commanded the ravens to feed you.

God is raising up a different type of generation. When God gets ready to fulfill His purpose in a generation, He usually does something that seems totally foreign to the former generation. If you begin to hear phrases being spoken that sound like, “We didn’t do it that way when we were coming along....” then know of a surety that you have entered a different move and visitation of the Lord. As we
examine the Scriptures further, we notice that God commanded the ravens to feed Elijah. Whenever God tells you to go somewhere He has made arrangements for you before you get there. You might arrive and the horizon may look barren, yet God has made arrangements. Suppose the ravens didn’t appear immediately, and Elijah was impatient.

**Prophetic Principle #45**

God will speak to you when it's quite inconvenient.

Suppose Elijah didn’t like to wait, or suppose He doubted God’s Word? He would have missed the purpose of God. Decide to stay at the place where God has commanded the ravens to feed you, because your ravens are only going to be in the place where God has made the arrangements. Once God begins to speak to you and tells you to uproot yourself and make a move, that’s the time to go. God will speak to you when it’s quite inconvenient. If you’re waiting for convenience, forget it! It wasn’t convenient for Moses to be born at the time that he was born. The Pharaoh wanted to kill all the baby boys! It wasn’t convenient for Jesus to be born at the time He was born...the tetrarch wanted to kill all the baby boys! Those that were connected to Moses and Jesus had to have sensitive ears and be quick to obey the voice.
of the Lord, for to save their lives allowed them to live and affect the destiny of us all.

The dealings of God preclude convenience. Human reasoning will always rationalize to evade God’s directives. Arguments tend to arise, such as “I’ll obey you when I retire” or “I’ll do it after my husband gets saved”. Yet these are the times that God will allow the pressure to escalate, and your only way of escape is to acquiesce to His will.
CHAPTER IV.
BIRTHING THE RAINS
“Giving Birth to Your Prophecy”

I Kings 18:41-46

“And Elijah said to Ahab, get thee up and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain”.

“So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,”

“And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times”.

"And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not".

"And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel".

"And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel."

Prophetic Principle #46

A corrupt religious system will be diametrically opposed to the prophets of God.

Elijah, because of His obedience, was a man that had power with God. He earned the reputation of being a "prophet of fire", and worked tremendous miracles that defy the imagination. During the time of his ministry, Israel had strayed away from the Lord, and entered into the iniquity of idolatry under the leadership of Ahab, whose wife's name was Jezebel. Jezebel was an evil influence upon Ahab, and led him into idol worship. When she heard of Elijah, and the miracles wrought through him in the name of the Lord God Jehovah, she fostered a sinister hatred for Elijah in her heart. It is not unusual to
note that a corrupt religious system will be diametrically opposed to the prophets of God. They will usually place the prophet’s ministry under close scrutiny, and attempt to destroy the character and or validity of the prophet. This is done in self-defense, because the prophet is sent to uncover sin and direct them back to God.

Prophetic Principle #47

The light of revelation brings great discomfort.

When individuals have become accustomed to darkness, the light of revelation brings great discomfort. Naturally speaking, if you sit in a pitch black room, and someone shines a light, your first reaction is to squint, possibly request for the light to be turned off, and finally, your eyes make the adjustments necessary, allowing you to have clear vision once again.

God desires for the Church to walk under the same anointing as Elijah. He desires for the Church to go beyond political rallies and demonstrations into His supernatural power that will allow us to decree a thing and watch it come to pass.

As we become more receptive and cognizant of the prophetic word, and the inherent power that it possesses to impact situations, we need to have a
broader conception of change. Change requires preparation. When God speaks to you and gives you new directions, or further instructions, you cannot cower in fear and falter in your obedience. Change also entails a realization that as the Word of the Lord is spoken, character adjustments, location changes, etc. are to be expected. The person that receives the prophecy is not the same person that fulfills it. The word was spoken to Abram, but Abraham fulfilled it. The word was spoken to Sarai, but Sarah fulfilled it. The Word of the Lord was given to Joseph at his father’s house, but he fulfilled it as Joseph at Pharaoh’s court. The Word of the Lord effects change and alters everything around us so that we may walk in the purposes of God.

Prophetic Principle #48

Change requires preparation.

When God speaks to you, He’s not only speaking to you but He’s also speaking to your seed. When God addressed Abraham, He didn’t just speak to Abraham, but He also spoke to the generations within Abraham’s loins. Change comes to impact generations.

New orders always demand change. When the Lord begins to say that it’s a “new generation”, “new
order”, or “I’m doing a new thing”, that means that there is something old that is dying. Whenever there is a new order coming, the old order is passing off the scene. When something new emerges, something old is being buried. We are living in a day where God is raising a new generation. Evidently the old generation is passing away. Change must come in order for the will of God to be executed in the earth.

Prophetic Principle #49

The person that receives the prophecy is not the same person the fulfills it.

There are three different types of change:

1. There are some changes that occur on the circumference of your life and are beyond your control.

2. There are changes that happen to you. You try to keep your hair black and it insists on turning grey. Your teeth are falling out and you put other folk’s teeth in. These are also beyond your control.

3. There are changes that happen because of you. These are changes that occur as a direct result of decision and activities that you are involved in.

To prevent being paralyzed with fear of change, we must learn to adapt to it. Three things to remember:
1. You have to plan for change. (if you fail to plan, then you plan to fail!)

2. You have to manage change. (you manage change, and don't let change manage you!)

3. You have to submit to change. (submit to the authority of that which is beyond your power!)

Prophetic Principle #50

Change comes to impact generations.

Change tends to arrive in seasons. It is important to locate the seasons and times that you are living in. The Spirit of God is doing a new thing. There is a new breed emerging in the church. God is doing the unusual...He is beginning to move among another group of people. There is a time for a nation to arise to the forefront, and there is a time for a nation to decline from the spotlight.

We have witnessed the rise of the Caucasian nation in the land, and now God is beginning to raise up the nation of Cush. Whenever God gets ready to send new wine, He begins to look for new vessels to carry it....God is raising up black men and black women to carry His message in this hour.

Those that are looked upon as the scum of the earth are being raised up to carry the baton to the
next generation. It is the season for the "Joseph generation" to experience liberty from the shackles of slavery that was placed upon them by their brethren. Joseph had to serve as a slave in Potiphar's household, and was unjustly cast into Pharaoh's prison, but as he heard the emancipation proclamation reverberate through his being, Joseph arose to take the mantle of leadership that saved a nation during a time of famine.

**Prophetic Principle #51**

*New orders always demand change.*

Statistics say that over 50% of our black men are either in prison or on probation.

The life experiences of the black nation as a whole are parallel to the story of Joseph. History does repeat itself. The encouraging fact is that even as the African-American nation has endured unjustified hardship and annihilation of familial roots, we will emerge from the prison to govern the nation. God has spoken that promise to our forefathers, and we who are the fruit of their loins shall walk in its fulfillment.

The African-American nation has been stripped of their identity, which has caused great difficulty in locating their destiny. A people who has been
divested of their past will have their vision impaired in attempting to locate their future. God wishes to redeem the disfigurement inflicted during the time of slavery and the remaining times of subservience by openly revealing the purpose of the Cushite nation in this season. As the acceptance of God unfolds, and the blemish of rejection permeated by prejudiced, fallacious teachings promulgated by the Church is nullified, then we will begin to see a fresh degree of unity between the members of the Cushite nation. God is preparing a vessel to carry the Word of the Lord and the move of God for this generation.

There is a vast degree of potential in all of us that many of us never attain. Often we look outside of ourselves for answers when the answers to our dilemmas are in us. Christ in you, the Hope of glory, wants to shine and break forth in your life. As we yield to His power in us, we will reach heights previously unknown and unlock the Divine potential in us.

It’s an exercise in futility to rebel against change...especially when the Hand of God is moving. Many may read what has just been stated about the African-American being raised up in this hour, and feel that I’ve made a prejudicial statement, or simply may not like the idea that blacks are going to stand in great positions of authority. Some may feel threatened and interpret this as “blacks are going to
get their revenge”. There may be some that are black that may feel that they don’t want or aren’t ready for this degree of change. The division that has existed between members of the black race has bred a horrid distrust of one another, and some may resist the idea of even seeing blacks in a position to speak to nations. Still others are bound by the bands of traditionalism, and cannot accept the fact that God would speak about such matters.

**Prophetic Principle #52**

Change tends to arrive in seasons.

Yet God has always been concerned about the destiny of nations. This is His purpose in raising up prophets. The prophetic ministry is not fortune-telling, nor is it a “blessing device” to be used whenever we’re in a jam. But the ultimate purpose of the prophet is one that brings governmental order on three levels, individual, the Church, and the nations. To limit the prophet from functioning on all three levels is to hamper the fulfillment of purpose. It is God that brings the elevation and weightiness to the prophet’s ministry, since the prophet is His messenger. And it is God Who will speak to the authorities in the prophet’s life to release him or her for the task He has ordained.
We are challenged by change...confronted by it daily. Yet by submitting to it, and acknowledging our boundaries in affecting it, we will be thrust further into the completion of the foreordained tasks that lie in our paths. We won't become subject to the fear of change that brings destruction, but we will be as the palm tree, and become flexible as God blows the winds of change in our direction.

AND THE WORD OF THE LORD COMES UNTO ME SAYING:

"Behold! I give unto thee knowledge that will lead you into the center of My purposes. I bestow upon thee an understanding of that which I am doing in the earth, for I do unveil that which I've been doing for three hundred years and give thee clarity concerning it. Fret not at the seasons that change before thine eyes, but seek to hear My voice that ye may know which direction I am moving."

"America! Oh America! Thy time in the limelight is beginning to fade, and another nation shall show forth My favor. But during this season, ye shall be driven to thy knees, and through much fasting and supplication, thou shalt endure thy time of famine. I point My finger at the offenses ye have committed, and the idolatry that has crept into thy heart. Yet even so shall I have mercy upon thee, and shall not turn a deaf ear to thy cries."

"Ye shall reap the fruit of the seeds thou hast sown, yet the light of My favor shall rest upon thee yet again."
Thy winter season is upon thee; yea, it shall overtake thee. But for the remnant that will seek My face, I shall provide a haven of rest during the time of turmoil."

"I have decreed a time for all men and a time for all nations. The face of America shall be one of color, and thy language shall be multiplied and sound foreign in thine ears. For Spanish shall be heard upon the lips of many, and others shall run seeking for an interpreter. That which many thought an impossibility shall manifest in obedience to My dictates."

"The multiplicity of color shall permeate that which was absent of color and My rainbow shall be seen in this land. And I shall address the issue of racism throughout America on every level, for it is an affront to My intelligence. I created all mankind according to My good pleasure. Who is there that can contend with Me and denigrate My handiwork? I shall move even in the nation of South Africa, for the cries of an oppressed people shall be answered by fire," saith the Lord.

"I am moving even amongst third world nations that were looked upon as an impoverished people, yet I shall cause them to come forth with the jewels of My Word that shall transcend your imagination".

"The nation of Cush shall be overshadowed by My Spirit. The baton of destiny shall be passed into their hands, and they shall run with the winds of My Spirit, and I shall blow upon them, and they shall fulfill the call that I have uttered".
CHAPTER V.
THE BIRTH PANGS OF PROPHECY
"Conquering the Fear of Labor"

Luke 1: 5-7

"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth."

"And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

"And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they were both now well stricken in years."
Both Zechariah and his wife were noted for their consecration and dedication to God. The Scriptures states that they were righteous and blameless. Yet for all of their faithful service, they still had a need in their lives. Many people erroneously believe that when an individual hasn’t received everything they’ve asked for from God, that there must be sin in their lives. Yet we must understand that God may simply have a hidden agenda for their situation.

Evidently, Zechariah wasn’t discouraged by the lack of response from God. He continued to serve in his appointed place without being consumed by the malaise of despondency. This is one of the most dangerous and effective tools that the enemy possesses--discouragement. It has a way of sapping an individual’s fortitude and will persuade them to believe a lie. It fosters hopelessness which will obstruct their vision. Death then presents itself as a viable and most attractive alternative. The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy. Yet as we keep our eyes on Jesus, He will give us life, and that more abundantly!
Elisabeth and Zechariah had reached an age where bearing children was considered a foolish desire...they were old, well stricken in years, and old people just didn’t have babies. They endured much criticism because barrenness was considered a curse. Yet they were able to maintain their faith that God would grant their supplication for a child. As Christians called to intercede for the lost, we need to beseech God that He would give us children birthed from the womb of our spirit...spiritual children and spiritual fruit. As Rachel, our heart cry is to be give me children lest I die”---we need to be unrelenting in our commitment and desire to bring those that dwell in death into the land of the living.

Prophetic Principle #54

The most dangerous and effective tools that the enemy possesses is discouragement.

Many people enter the Presence of the Lord, yet it is as though the womb of their spirit was barren. They haven’t any fruit to show for their labor. God desires for our fruit to remain.

It’s relatively easy get people born again of the Spirit, but the Bible says “he that winneth souls is wise.” Winning a soul is being responsible and diligent in bringing that person from the stages of infancy to the full stature of Christ. It’s not enough
to just bring someone to the place of being “born again”, but we are to disciple them and present a viable model for them to follow. That’s true soul winning. The book of James tells us that we are to receive the engrafted word with meekness which is able to save our souls. It is only by teaching the word of God through voice and demonstration that we can lead others to the fullness of Christ. The Word of God must become engrafted in us until it becomes a part of our character. As you grow in the Lord, people will cease to see you, but they only perceive the fragrance of Jesus that emanates from your life.

Prophetic Principle #55

Hopelessness will obstruct your vision.

Luke 1:8-9

“And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his course,”

“According to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.”

Zechariah was a man of order; he understood protocol, purpose and timing. He didn’t abandon the task that had been delegated to him because of ridicule and criticism that was designed to destroy
his faith. Rather, he continued to stand in the appointed place, offering incense unto God.

We, as the temple of the Lord, are to understand that incense denotes our worship unto the Lord. As we are confronted with varying degrees of unfulfilled desires, we are to stand in the place of praise that has been appointed unto us. We aren’t to become disheartened; but we are to patiently wait for God’s timing and purposes to be fulfilled.

The House of the Lord is to be a house of prayer for all people. It is to be a house that continuously exudes the fragrance of God which emanates from dwelling in His Presence. Prayer has long been seen by many as a dutiful monologue that one must recite upon their knees. Yet God desires to bring His Body to a place where prayer is a dialogue—a place of prolific communion with Him. God desires to break open the alabaster box of your life so that the sweetness of His aroma can come forth.

**Prophetic Principle #56**

*Nothing is impossible.*

Zechariah was found conducting his priestly duties according to the Divine pattern. When we aren’t serving according to the order that God has ordained, and embrace the ways of rebellion and
idolatry, the odor is altered, and creates a distasteful stench in the nostrils of God. Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire before the Lord--their ministry was not sanctioned by God. It is only as we stand in the appointed place, the place that He has designed especially for us to fulfill, that our worship is received with His approval. We are called to live in submission to the mandates of God that He may take pleasure in our lives.

Luke 1:11-12

"And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

"And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him."

At the appearance of the angel, Zechariah was confronted with what most people fear the most--the unfamiliar. As his blessing appeared unto him in an unrecognizable form, the power of fear began to create a disturbance. Fear has the power to paralyze you and cripple your reception of the blessing of the Lord. Fear comes in many forms...fear of failure, fear of the unknown, fear of success, fear of responsibility, etc. Fear is the enemy’s tool to build your faith upon his lies and steal the vision of the Lord from your heart.

If you are planning to come into the full inheritance that has been destined for you, you must
be an individual of change. "Those that dare not, do not". Fear is an adversary that must be conquered, and can be as we become flexible and pliable in the Master's hands. Change doesn't come to destroy us, but to thrust us towards the benefits of His grace.

**Prophetic Principle #57**

Blatant unbelief will diametrically oppose the Word of the Lord.

When Peter conquered his fear of the unknown, he did the impossible! He walked on water!! He stepped out on one single word that issued forth out of Jesus' lips when He said, "Come." That single word contained enough power to defy the earthly laws of gravity and allow Peter to function by the higher law of the Word of God---he walked on water!! The other twelve heard the exact same word, yet their fear caused them to remain in the boat. How many of us are cowering with fear? How many are afraid to launch out from the safety zone of the familiar? We are to dwell in the enigmatic--the mysteries of God. That which appears to be a mystery will be unfolded as we persevere and do not run from the challenge of our faith. Once we destroy the barriers of fear, and walk upon the foundations of the Word of God, nothing is impossible. Our minds will expand, and we will never again accept the
mundane as a way of life. Walk in the knowledge of who God has created you to be! You were genetically designed for success in Him, and that is the portion that is allotted to all who would dare to take God at His Word.

Luke 1:13, 18-20

“But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zechariah: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.”

“And Zechariah said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man and my wife well stricken in years.”

“And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.”

“And behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.”

Zechariah’s petition was granted, yet because it didn’t appear the way he expected, Zechariah began to inadvertently dispute the Word of the Lord. By expressing his excuses and placing his focus on why God’s promise couldn’t come to pass, he began to exert the power of his will against the will of God, which is rebellion. Gabriel then told Zechariah “thou
shall be dumb, and not able to speak”. Our present day english will correlate being dumb with being unable to speak. But as you investigate the Greek word for “dumb”, which is “siopao”, it means an involuntary stillness or calm. After Gabriel stated his identity and the authority by which he was speaking, I believe that Zechariah’s natural mind had to submit to the authority and power of the Word of the Lord. In doing so, it prevented Zechariah from miscarrying or aborting the seed of the Word that was sown in their lives.

**Prophetic Principle #58**

The force of confession is made manifest through our words.

Blatant unbelief will diametrically oppose the Word of the Lord and cause you to terminate the plan for your life. It is as though you were standing in the face of God and saying, “It ain’t so! You’re a liar!” Not one of us can imagine being that audacious, yet that is the essence of what happens when our excuses and unbelief contest the Word of the Lord.

We are to place ourselves in agreement with God. If He says a thing is going to come to pass in our lives, begin to speak in accordance with what has been proclaimed. This is where the force of confession is made manifest. We are to confess those
things which God has said as a sign of our submission to His will. As we do so, the Word of the Lord will bombard the ears of our enemy, reminding him that we are the Body of Christ; "satan, you can't touch this!!"
CHAPTER VI.
THE FINAL STAGES OF BIRTH
“The Strength to Overcome Resistance”

During the final stages of labor, a mother tends to reach the place of exhaustion where it appears that her strength has faded to such a degree that she feels unable to bring the baby forth. Likewise, when the Word of the Lord comes, an enemy named Circumstance will present himself before your eyes. Something will come to cast a shadow upon your

Prophetic Principle #59
What is blocking your vision?
faith. Shadows result from obstructed sunlight. The light doesn’t cause the shadow, but the thing that blocks the light causes the shadow to appear. Can you view the Light of God that surrounds your situation? What is blocking your vision? When you start looking away from the Son, you will begin to focus on shadows. Many become uncomfortable in the heat of the sun, for it is unrelenting in its effect upon us. As the Son of Righteousness beams upon us, He is unrelenting in exposing those areas that need correction or adjustment. The place of the shadow is a comfort zone; a place to hide from pressure. It’s a place to dwell in the morbidity of defeat and fear. God wants us to keep our eyes on the Face of the Son. God wants us to look in the direction of the Son of Righteousness who has healing in His wings. As long as we focus on the Son of Righteousness, we will experience victory and fulfill the purposes of God.

Prophetic Principle #60

Responsibility comes with the Word of the Lord.

There are some things you must do to see the Word of the Lord fulfilled in your life. There are times when God will call you to take action. Responsibility comes with the Word of the Lord. If you do not take the proper responsibility or take the
proper steps required of you, you will begin to see that the Word of the Lord will not be fulfilled in your life, or that you will not fulfill it in your generation.

Luke 2:21-24

"And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

"(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy unto the Lord;)"

"And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

I presume that most of us are aware of the circumstances of Jesus' birth; born of a virgin in abject poverty---born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is interesting to note that Jesus wasn't born rich. He wasn't born into royalty. The circumstances that He was born into belied His true heritage. Joseph and Mary were so poor that they were unable to dedicate Jesus with a sacrificial lamb at the temple, but their offering was the lowly
turtledove and pigeon. God usually performs contrary to the way man reasons He should. Many people become frustrated because they were born into distasteful situations, and they spend their entire lives being angry with God. Jesus wasn't angry for being born poor. He understood that if He had been born rich, only the rich would have access to Him. He recognized that all things came with His Father's purpose, and did not affect His true identity. Some of us need to relax in God! Understand that all things work together for the good of those who are the called according to His purpose. Not some things, but ALL THINGS!! Don't waste time dwelling on the past! Don't torment yourself about things which cannot be changed!! Nothing touches your life without God's consent---not even the enemy. When contrary situations arise, God is not unprepared. The solution is always at your disposal--your answer is hidden in Him.

**Prophetic Principle #61**

Wherever God guides, He provides. If there is a lack of provision, check the vision.

Mary and Joseph were individuals that witnessed the miraculous fulfillment of the Word of the Lord in their lives, yet even though the Lord of the Universe was in their care, they were still dependant
upon God’s provision. When they had to protect Jesus from the wrath of Herod, they could not make a move until the provision of God appeared. When the wise men brought the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, that was actually their carfare to escape and travel to Egypt. Wherever God guides, He provides. If there is a lack of provision, check the vision!

Luke 2:25-26

“And behold, there was a man named Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him."

“And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”

Simeon’s name actually means “hearing one”. His purpose was to listen to the Voice of God. He received the Word of the Lord that he should not see death before seeing the Lord’s Christ. In other words, when death presented itself and laid claim to Simeon’s flesh, he could wage war with his prophecy and tell death, “Depart from me. The Word of the Lord has not been fulfilled. I will let you know when I’m ready!” The innate power of the prophetic Word will stand against any force that attempts to deter its fulfillment. Simeon knew that his vision was never to focus upon death. His instructions were, “you shouldn’t see it”. There are so many manifestations of the enemy’s tactics, and
we need to get to the place that "we don't see it". It ceases to be a reality in our eyes. We're to see the salvation of the Lord, and allow our faith to be centered in Him.

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