



**Ekklesia &
Prophetic Ministry**

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Chapter 6

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6 Presentation

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Revelation Interpretation **Presentation** Restoration

(These 4 sections were designed to be stand-alone sections — some material might be repeated)

6 - 1 Presentation Introduction

This THIRD Step is where delivery takes place.

This third step of presentation is where delivery of what has been interpreted steps into action, but one needs to clearly know that not all revelation that has gone through the interpretation process is a revelation that needs to be presented. What I have experienced in the past thirty years is that 80% or more of what has been prophetically revealed has really been a call for prayer and intercession, — strategic prayers needed for a breakthrough that God has placed on the grid. Because of that, the revelation and the interpretation may never make it to the next level for a public hearing. That prayer may be directed at an individual, or for a gathering, but it was strictly designed for intercession. Something that was on the heart of God has now been placed upon our hearts, — a prayer that Heaven has entrusted us with for that special someone, or that special something, where, as we press in, the proclamation that comes out of that intercession will have the potential to move both heaven and earth. Now when it comes to the interpretation of that prophetic revelation being channeled into the presentation level, the activation of those choice words usually comes with timing. Proper timing along with those choice words is vital for any public presentation to have its way. With the two lining up, the power of God will now take care of the task that is at hand, for proper presentation will always create that needed shift in the Spirit, — a shift that will manifest both in the natural and in the supernatural. This section will reveal how presentation needs to come into its proper alignment.

Love – 1st

Prophetic Ministry – 2nd

Great commandment, Great Commission, Gifts, Signs and Wonders!

6 - 2 Love, then Prophetic Ministry

Jesus has clearly defined that He is all about love, that His Ekklesia is all about love, and that the five-fold functioning as a team is all about walking in that love, — and so should Prophetic Ministry. When it comes to prophetic ministry, prophetic revelation and the workings of any prophetic giftings, or the prophet making his stand, it should all be presented in love. Any presentation should arm itself with enough love to obtain restoration, with the manifest presence of His redeeming love, coming with all the evidence that the Kingdom of God has actually landed.

While Jesus walked in our midst, hearing the Father’s voice, doing what the Father was doing, — clearly He was demonstrating a model of what prophetic ministry needs to look like. Since He is our example of hearing that voice, being that voice, and walking out that voice, then it is very clear that we need to step into that model that He has prepared. Known as “The Spirit of Prophecy”, Jesus prays over those to whom He has given authority, and He states that He will now be glorified through those who are His. We who have been authorized on His behalf now carry the same responsibility to be that presenter of His voice. That baton has been passed to us through prophetic ministry.

But, — to be that voice could be a bit of a process, and that all depends on the calling and the personality of the one being called.

6 - 3 Desert Training

The Desert Experience

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I really look at myself as an ordinary guy having an extraordinary adventure. But this adventure of shaping the prophetic voice has driven me into two major desert experiences. What I personally found out about these two deserts is that they are needed to shape the prophetic voice. If the prophetic voice in me is to lead, then the molding process for true leadership had to take me into the desert. But the toughest part about my desert experience was that those who were close to me also felt the heat of the desert, and that made the tough times even tougher.

I realized that as I went from one desert experience to the next, there were no short cuts. In my first desert experience, I found that the prophetic words I spoke out had a way of heating up the environment all around me. This speaking out of what was on the heart of heaven led me to a place of rejection, isolation and solitude. This was my place of personal humiliation. I found out later that this was an important part of the process designed to carve out a character in me that would help me later to endure almost anything. It became that quiet place of communion where I found the invitation to come apart, — apart from myself, my fears, my phobias, and any false identities that would want to lead me away from all that heaven has for me. What I found was that this hot desert place became that very place of intimacy with the very One who rules heaven, — if I would allow it. It became a place of major scrubbing, sculpturing and polishing, and this was not by any means a quick process. It was a long grinding process, but after enduring the process I found myself entering my next desert experience. This next desert place was a place of personal suffering causing compassion for others that I never really had before, — a place where I would learn to go the extra mile for others. It's that place where I realized that I need others around me for heaven's purposes and not just for my own. It was at these times of great need that I found others with even greater need supplying my needs. As they supplied my needs, heaven supplied their needs. During those tough times it was humbling when receiving from their scraps. But as heaven came through for them, they realized that the heaven that surrounds me is very real, and so they began to look towards the God of that heaven, and not long after, heaven started to crash into their lives.

I have found during these desert times that the person who resides in that quiet place alone with his God is going to have the heart of his God in whatever message he decides to speak. And with those very times of intimacy comes power.

6 - 4 The Commandment & The Commission

Gift of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

The Great Commandment

Matthew 22: 37-40

Jesus declared, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

God created us for love, for relationship, for community. It is in this context that we know God and He knows us, and it is from this place of knowing that we are to embark on the Great Commission. Based on Jesus' teaching and example, should we be executing the Great Commission, or obeying the Great Commandment? I would suggest that if we are pressing into the Great Commandment we would automatically be entering into the Great Commission. But if we focus on trying to execute the Great Commission without pursuing the Great Commandment we will lose our true identity entering into a performance-based gospel which will eventually lead us into the false prophetic.

6 - 5 The Gift of Prophecy and the Prophet

A prophet's message is like setting up a beachhead, while prophetic revelation and the gift of prophecy has a way of bringing an alignment to those who are moving forward, personally and corporately.

With the counsel of God showing up, the group now plunges deeper into the heart of God revealing His intentions, both corporately and personally.

Gift of Prophecy

Is Moving in Prophecy for Everyone?

Hebrews 3:13

Prophecy is probably the most common gift and is given to most for the purpose of edifying other believers. Whether it's on a huge level or not, it can encourage. We are instructed to encourage one another daily, with prophecy being that needed gift to help encourage those around us.

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

"But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."

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1 Corinthians 14:5a

“I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more to prophesy.” Similar to tongues, the gift of prophecy can be sought by all and is frequently a sign of being filled with the Spirit.

Acts 19:6

“And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

1 Corinthians 14:30-31

“All are permitted to prophecy, so long as they are interconnected and accountable to those that they have surrounded themselves with.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies . . . hold fast what is good.”

1 Corinthians 14:4

“A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire gathering.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 1 Corinthians 12:11

“ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. ”
Not everyone receives the same gift, since these are distributed by the Holy Spirit . . . “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills”, to effectively build one another up in Ekklesia.

The Prophet

Who are the Prophets? Who calls them out?

(This Section 6-5 is also in Section 3-5)

As the prophet’s message is like setting up a beachhead, the training to become that beachhead is a bit of a process. There is that whole issue of integrity that needs to be defined. A typical prophet going through the maturing process has to deal with his or her integrity. Walking upon those blurred lines will always get us in trouble, and could potentially steer those around us into those troubling waters!

For a Prophet, there are three things that the Holy Spirit will unleash His refining fire upon as He sculpts our prophetic lives. One will be upon the language we use, and how that language needs to be a voice that truly represents heaven! Another will be upon our character, as our character needs to exemplify a model that others should follow! The last one is about the glory. Is the One who is the driving force behind it all getting the recognition that He deserves? Who is the voice really representing?

Lack of integrity in a prophet will create a corporate black hole, followed by an ongoing spiritual body count as those in the gathering walk over the cliff with him. That is why the making of a prophet has always been a bit of a process. That process all depends on one's calling and personality, level of humility and integrity, and a willingness to submit to God who is using this process to define His character in us. I know prophets who have been in the molding process for over 20 years.

God is faithful and He will get us all through the process for He is establishing a good work in us! At the end we will become that signet ring that He has designed us to be when stamping out prophetic language and authority.

The Call

2 Peter 1:19-21

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of the prophet, but men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:11

“And he gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

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The Call to be a Prophet

The calling to be a prophet is very different from operating in the gift of prophecy, as the anointing and authority is also very different. The call, like the gift of prophecy, is given by the sovereign will of the Holy Spirit.

Prophets are armed with being the eyes and ears for any gathering - “let those who have ears hear what the Spirit is saying” The higher the prophetic revelation received by the prophet, the greater the impact that revelation will have as it all starts to unfold. God is still speaking to us today, and it would greatly benefit us to try and start hearing what the Spirit is saying through the prophets He gives us today.

Prophets are builders as they assist with building up through direction, encouragement and vision, similar to Haggai and Zechariah. Prophets help when laying down a foundation, as they train and teach others about prophetic ministry.

Prophets, as well as prophetic gifts, need to be handled through teamwork where there is accountability. With that in place, both the prophets and the body should mature together. If we are not careful to cultivate that place of accountability, it will cost us dearly down the road.

Maturing prophets must be willing to receive feedback. Prophecy needs to be weighed and tested, and the whole process needs to be done in a fitting way that allows all involved to mature.

Prophecy is a sign of God’s approval and a blessing upon a gathering, showing that God is actively present. A heightened sense and awareness of His presence is a clear sign to an unbeliever that God is really amongst us.

6 - 6 True Examples of Presentations

A “Presentation” in the Natural, where it brought Restoration on the Spiritual Level – actual event / The Prophetic Journey / Rick Groenheyde

Two men were doing their grocery shopping when they turned into the next aisle and saw a young lady kneeling down to grab something from the lower shelf. As they walked towards her, both men were instantly downloaded with a prophetic revelation about the young lady. Obviously God wants to connect with her.

The first gentleman received a revelation, and the interpretation of that was of a lady who once had a personal walk with Jesus and has now given her life over to prostitution and that she now needs to repent. The second gentleman also received a revelation, and the interpretation of that was of a lady who has left her first love and who has been going down the wrong path ever since. She walked away from that first love and God is wanting to restore that.

As these men continued to walk down the aisle, the second gentleman kneeled down beside her and said, "I came around the corner and the Spirit of God hit me as I saw you kneeling and reaching for something on the shelf. I felt the heart of God towards you and He clearly wants you to know that He has always loved you, and that He has never left you, and that He is only a heartbeat away." Tears started coming down the young lady's face as she started to weep upon that grocery store floor. As she wept, these men knew that restoration has just taken place.

I realized, when hearing about these two men that packaging the interpretation for that proper presentation is vital. The wrong interpretation would never have created the heavenly results that landed upon that floor. She is now back with her first love!

6 - 7 Prophetic Presentation

Packaging the word before the actual delivery

The shaping of the prophetic voice has a lot to do with the packaging of the word before the actual delivery takes place. A lot of that involves making sure those personal issues — hurts, resentments, bitterness and a many other possibilities do not end up in the package. If there is a lot of that in the package then there's a good chance that the package is coming from strange origins. Whatever that origin is it's not good and it will give the package a bit of a distortion, especially when the package looks like it's trying to straighten out everybody's problems. When it's going in that direction it's time to rethink the package before doing any delivery.

What's happening is that the package is now carrying a lot of weird stuff and that distortion is now mixed in with the heart of heaven. When delivering that weird stuff — it usually gets ugly! People start to go into their closets searching for that Louisville slugger. The amalgamation of all that distortion has a way of stirring up the pot when we don't need to stir up the pot any more than what heaven plans to stir up. Heaven has a way of gripping the heart, — where any distortion just adds to the trouble!

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Having stirred up my share of trouble, I've learned that packaging the prophetic is important and that may take a bit of a learning curve. Counterfeit packages are out there, and I've seen my share of cowboys shooting off their prophetic guns. But this only happens when identity of being that prophetic voice takes precedence over that relationship with God and relationship with people. Strutting around with that prophetic badge will get us into all kinds of trouble. A true prophetic voice really comes out of relationship. Anything outside of relationship means that the package should be inspected. Once inspected, and it shows all the signs of being a carrier of weird stuff, that's when it's time to strip it down and repackage it.

6 - 8 Presentation Conclusion

Are we clones? If not then how does this presentation work?

***The Boyz** The Prophetic Journey / Rick Groenheyde*

God has made us unique, and it is that uniqueness that He wants in our walk with Him. He is not looking for clones, and He does not want to alter our personalities, nor does He want to process people through some mold. Sure He's probably looking to trash a few things in our personal lives, but what He's really searching for are those individual personalities who are willing to work it out, talk it out and walk it out. When I think of the original twelve, I can only imagine what it was like recruiting this motley crew.

When I think of John, he strikes me as this peace, love, and Woodstock-type. If he had lived in the 1970s he probably would have driven a flowered Volkswagen van, – a mellow laid back dude, deep thinker, probably one of those silent types. Then Jesus got hold of him and sent him even deeper. Well this silent one became one of the Sons of Thunder, so when peace, love, and Woodstock met the greatest love of all, one can only imagine the transformation. Now on the other side of all this I see Peter. I picture him with some pretty rough edges. He strikes me as a Popeye, William Wallace type. He was probably the anchor of the fishing fleet. His men admired him; his brother followed him. He struck me as a kick the door down first, think about it later type of person. He was probably the type who would lead the brawl, bodies flying all over, only to wake up the next morning trying to make sense of it all. Jesus saw in him the ability to stand for what he believed. The plan was now to tweak it a bit.

So far I've only begun trying to figure these guys out and we've got Dr. Love and Hulk Hogan. Let's take a look at Matthew. He reminds me of a chicken hawk and a government rat, – a taxman whom all despised! He probably knew and heard every sales pitch under the sun. If there ever was someone who walked in a false identity, this was probably the guy. He also knew how to save his bacon and how to doctor up the records. In his workplace he heard nothing but stories and he was probably a great storyteller himself. Then on one specific day the real story walked up to his tax table and said to him, "Come and follow me".

We now have Dr. Love, Hulk Hogan and the Government Rat. Now can you imagine these three guys in the same room? Actually thinking about it would be hilarious. With Luke jumping on board, this motley crew had an opportunity to get balanced out. Luke was probably the only stable professional one out of the whole bunch. As a professional doctor and an educated historian he had to figure things out as he hung out with the three amigos. Luke, being the professional, struck me as the one who probably asked all the right questions. As one who was in the healing profession he got to hang out with the greatest healer of all.

Now Luke's educated cranium gets totally rocked when Simon the zealot shows up – Simon the Middle East extremist. This guy had one thing on his mind and that was to overthrow the Romans. Can you picture Luke and Simon having a conversation? His one-track mind probably got him into all kinds of arguments during the round table discussions. He most likely saw Jesus as the one who was finally going to rid the Romans from the neighborhood. But after all the inaugurations, these hard cases ended up with a great argument for the hard cases of the world. Then there's Thomas, imagine walking down the street with this guy. All you would hear is, "I don't think so! I doubt it! Get out of town!" Jesus probably had some serious one-on-ones with him. Then there were the young guns like John Mark who became known as a runner because when things got heated up, – he'd bail on everybody. But in the end he was the go-between for Peter and Paul.

The bottom line is that Jesus picked out some people with amazing personalities and he tweaked them a bit. He didn't clone them nor did he force them to express things a certain way. Ignited by heaven they creatively expressed the things of heaven in their unique ways. They all came to know a God who is very innovative, and in their unique presentations they expressed the things of God. They were a motley and rejected bunch, but boy did they walk in power. Motivated by a God who was constantly on the move! Now I'm convinced the game plan hasn't changed a whole lot for today. He's still on the move and looking for some very real and unique people who are simply available.