

INTRODUCTION

LET THE PROPHETS ARISE

This study on *Ministering In The Prophetic* is based on the written Word of God and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. These are the non-negotiable foundations of prophetic ministry. If you do not know Jesus as your personal Savior and/or you do not believe in the infallibility of God's written Word, then this book is not for you.

If, however, you are a born-again, Spirit-filled, Bible-believing Christian who is desiring to serve at a new level of supernatural ministry, then you are about to begin an exciting spiritual journey. In this study you will learn that although not everyone is called to serve in the office of a prophet or has the spiritual gift of prophecy, every believer is called to minister in the prophetic. That includes you. The biblical principles shared in this book are for all Believers who are ministering or desiring to minister in the prophetic.

When Samuel began his ministry as a young man, there was no prophetic ministry coming forth due to sinful leadership in the priesthood (1 Samuel 3:1). During another dark period of Israel's history, the psalmist lamented that there was no prophetic voice ministering to God's people:

*O God, why hast thou cast us off forever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? We see not our signs: **there is no more any prophet**: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name forever? (Psalm 74:1,9-10)*

The prophet Amos also spoke of a time when there would be a famine for the Word of the Lord:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. (Amos 8:11-12)

From the time of the final Old Testament prophetic revelation of Malachi, 400 years ensued when there was no prophetic word forthcoming. There were no prophets to encourage and exhort God's people during these long years. Then, in the fullness of time God, sent John the Baptist and the prophetic ministry was restored to prepare the way for the Lord (Luke 7:28).

During the dark times we are experiencing of wars, famines, world-wide pandemics, increasing immorality, and political unrest, the prophetic voice must come forth. It is needed as never before. Desperate people are not going to be satisfied by user-friendly churches or those that emulate the world. People who are facing the dire

circumstances of these end-times need a prophetic word from God that will sustain them during the dark times ahead. God is raising up an army of anointed Believers to minister in the prophetic to prepare the way for the Lord's return!

His time for the Church to embrace the truth declared on the day of Pentecost:

...this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:16-18)

The "last days" began on that day and continue through today. We are warned that in these final days iniquity will abound and many will become cold in their spiritual lives (Matthew 24:12).

We need the prophetic voice of God more than ever before to fan the supernatural flames of God's miracle-working power.

The purpose of this manual is to share biblical teaching to dispel beliefs that have distorted or disregarded the prophetic. It is our prayer that those who are skeptical will reconsider the gift of prophecy on the basis of what is taught in God's Word, and that this ministry will multiply among Believers in these closing days of time.

Prophetic training allows you to tune your spiritual ears to hear what the Lord is saying. Jesus said, *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear"* (Luke 8:8). This implies two things: First: God is speaking. Second: Some do not have their spiritual ears open to what He is saying. May God use this study of *"Ministering In The Prophetic"* to open your spiritual ears to this vital ministry.

In the midst of these closing days of time, God's Word to His people is:

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1-2, NKJV)

The prophetic ministry is needed more than ever in this hour, so let the prophets of God arise!

"We need to have the gifts of the Holy Spirit restored again to the church, and it is my belief that the one gift we need most now is the gift of prophecy."

-A.W. Tozer

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Function in the supernatural.
- Know God's voice and distinguish it from other voices in the world.
- Summarize what is taught in the Bible regarding Holy Spirit baptism and spiritual gifts.
- Define and distinguish between the prophetic spirit, the prophetic gift, and the prophetic office.
- Summarize the purposes of prophecy
- Explain how the prophetic anointing is activated.
- Receive a prophetic word from God.
- Deliver a prophetic word from God.
- Judge prophecies on the basis of scriptural principles.
- Engage in prophetic worship.
- Avoid prophetic pitfalls.
- Explain how to grow in the prophetic ministry.
- Pass on the mantle of the prophetic anointing to others.