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HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS – Lesson 2

THE THREE 'VOCAL GIFTS'

INTRODUCTION – WELCOMING THE HOLY SPIRIT & HIS MANIFESTATIONS

- ✚ **The Spirit of the Lord is speaking and moving in greater ways in these last days.** The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to raise up a Church that looks just like Jesus in every way— in nature, character, and power— a Church who will bring the Kingdom of God to the earth.
- ✚ **Every born-again believer should eagerly welcome the Holy Spirit-- His infilling in their lives and activity with His various expressions, movements, and giftings.** The Holy Spirit wants to partner with God's people. He is a gentleman and waits to be 'welcomed.'
- ✚ **God wants to fill His Church with Holy Spirit purity and fire.** This is a Church who is fully committed to Christ, moving forward to align with the things of God, contending in the spirit for souls to be saved and for the work of God to be established in the earth. Therefore, the Church cannot be filled with passive, lukewarm saints who want their ears tickled, but rather those who want to be challenged to be all that God has called them to be.

THE PROPHECY & THE FULFILLMENT OF THE 'OUTPOURING' OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PROPHECY IN JOEL 2:28-29 (God's Word)

"After this, I will pour (out) my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will PROPHECY. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.
²⁹ In those days I will pour my Spirit on servants, on both men and women."

- ✚ This prophecy said that with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the believers will prophecy, dream dreams, and see visions from God. These prophetically reveal God's thoughts, words, and plans.

THE PROPHECY FULFILLED IN ACTS 4:1-4 ESV

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (*enabled them*)."

- ✚ The Prophet Joel's prophecy concerning the outpouring of the Holy Spirit came to pass on the Day of Pentecost in an upper room as 120 believers gathered.

- ✚ **The Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost birthed and empowered the Church. The Book of Acts records the ‘boldness and power’ of the early Church and the Apostles. Acts 4:23-33.** After being persecuted for healing a man, the Apostles returned to gather with the other believers and they prayed for boldness and for the healing power of God to continue. **Acts 4:31 ESV** “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”
- ✚ **The Apostle Paul was eager to see new believers filled with the Holy Spirit.** If they had not yet received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, he prayed for them to receive the infilling of the Spirit. **Acts 19:2, 6-7 (Passion)** “The first thing he (Paul) asked them was “Did you receive the Holy Spirit since you became believers? “No,” they replied. “We’ve not even heard of a Holy Spirit.”⁶⁻⁷ And when Paul laid his hands on each of the twelve, the Holy Spirit manifested and they immediately spoke in tongues and prophesied.”
- ✚ **The Infilling of the Holy Spirit is a supernatural experience available to every Believer and is evidenced with speaking in other tongues.** The Holy Spirit will empower believers to preach boldly, operate in healings/miracles, prophesy, etc. The Holy Spirit will provide all they need as He guides them and teaches them all things. (Acts: 1:8; Mark 16:17-18; John 14:16-17, 26; 16:13)

THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDRESSED THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I CORINTHIANS 12:1-5 (English Standard Version)

¹ “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”

- ✚ **Verses 1-3.** The Apostle Paul’s words to the Church of Corinth were meant to bring order and clarity as well as teach and prepare the disciples to recognize the gifts/manifestations and workings of the Holy Spirit that glorify Jesus, versus demonic activity. People who are inspired by the Holy Spirit will be able to declare: “Jesus is [my] Lord.” Those who truly make Jesus the ‘Lord’ of their lives will yield themselves, their giftings, ministries, etc. to the Holy Spirit, desiring to glorify only Jesus, not themselves or others.
- ✚ **Verses 4-5.** There are ‘varieties’ of gifts, ministries of service, and activities seen in the Church and empowered by God. God may choose to operate these differently to accomplish His will and purposes on the earth, but they are worked and empowered by God.

I CORINTHIANS 12:7-11 (English Standard Version)

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (*for the profit of all*).

⁸For to one is given through the Spirit **the utterance (*word*) of wisdom**, and to another **the utterance (*word*) of knowledge** according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another **(*special*) faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to **another the working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **the ability to distinguish (*discern*) between spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, to another **the interpretation of tongues**. ¹¹All these (*manifestations*) are empowered by one and the same (*Holy*) Spirit, who apportions (*distributes, assigns*) to each one individually as he wills.

- ✚ **Verse 8 -10 – There are the nine Gifts of the Spirit listed.** They are better explained as three Gifts of Inspiration, three Gifts of Revelation, and three Gifts of Power. Each of the nine gifts is uniquely designed by God and anointed by His Spirit for divine purpose and function. Each gift operates as the Spirit wills, not continually.
 1. **'Inspiration'/'Vocal Gifts'** (3 gifts that 'say' something) - Prophecy / Gift of Tongues / The Interpretation of Tongues
 2. **'Revelation Gifts'** (3 gifts that 'know' something) - The Word of Knowledge /The Word of Wisdom/Discerning of Spirits
 3. **'Power Gifts'** (3 gifts that 'do' something) - (*Special*) Faith/ The Working of Miracles/ Gifts of Healing(s)
- ✚ **Verse 11 - The Holy Spirit will distribute the Gifts to believers and operate them as He wills.**
- ✚ **NOTE: The nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit are limited in their flow** and operate as the Spirit wills and chooses, **unlike the Seven-fold Holy Spirit that Jesus walked in, having an unlimited continual flow** as He had the 'Spirit without limit.' (See Holy Spirit Lesson #1 notes).
- ✚ **Spirit-filled believers can and should be operating in the nine gifts of the Spirit as the need arises and the Spirit wills.**

'THE GIFT OF PROPHECY' – AN INSPIRATION / VOCAL GIFT

I CORINTHIANS 14:1 (ESV)

"Pursue love, and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy."

NLT – "Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy."

- ✚ **God's Instructions to believers:** **1) Pursue the way of Love;** **2) Desire spiritual gifts;** **3) Seek to operate in the Gift of Prophecy as a priority over the other gifts.**
- ✚ **God uses the nine Spiritual Gifts of the Spirit to bring forth His voice and power to the earth through Spirit-filled Christians.** The Lord doesn't just want His people to *know* about the gifts and movements of the Holy Spirit, but to desire to actively operate and participate in all the nine gifts the Holy Spirit has brought to us, especially the gift of prophecy. The word **'desire'** means to wish, to long for, to want.

- ✚ **WHY would God want Believers to specifically desire to 'prophecy'?**
Because God's greatest desire is to **'communicate' with people**. He is looking for those who will be His 'messengers, His 'voice' to carry His words to people with love and power. God's Spirit is the voice of truth that can guide, warn, and direct while encouraging, comforting, and edifying.
- ✚ **Proverbs 15:23 "A word spoken in due season (at the right time), how sweet it is."**
As we yield our hearts to the Holy Spirit, He will have us 'speak words' that are directly inspired from the heart of God for others to hear. The prophetic words of God spoken through us can be 'sweetness' to the hearer especially when they are desperately needed.
- ✚ **People in the world-- whether they realize it or not, desire to experience God in some way and to know what He has to say about them.** Sadly, many people dabble in the dark side of the supernatural trying to find answers and trying to fill a part of their empty souls. **But God wants to reach people!** The Holy Spirit can speak and operate with power, manifesting God's presence in many ways, bringing light that dispels darkness and bringing clarity and the answers that people need.
- ✚ **"TO PROPHECY" means "to let drop" and 'to flow forth'.** This means that the Holy Spirit will 'drop' or place a word in your heart (to 'see' or 'know') and cause it to 'flow forth' as an anointed prophetic utterance from the Holy Spirit.
The Greek word for 'prophecy' means "to speak for another." It means to speak for God or to be His spokesman. This is for His prophets and prophetic people.
- ✚ **God wants His people to be a 'Voice' for Him.** Every believer can receive an 'inspired word' of prophecy from God's Spirit and 'speak it out' to edify, encourage, and comfort.

I CORINTHIANS 14:3 (ESV)

"...the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

- ✚ **The Gift of Prophecy is a 'vocal gift,' specifically designed by God to build up, encourage, and bring comfort/consolation to His people.**
- ✚ **ALL Believers can prophesy according to I Corinthians 14:13, "For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged,"**
- ✚ **Prophecy is an inspired word from God.** Through this supernatural gift, the Holy Spirit will drop an 'word'/thoughts into the heart of a believer and stir him to 'speak it out.'
- ✚ **The Holy Spirit conveys prophetic information in different ways.** The person prophesying may 'see' or 'know' something, or 'hear' something. Dreams and visions are also part of the prophetic abilities that reveal things to the sons and daughters who will prophesy. (Joel 2:28)
- ✚ **I Corinthians 14:22 "Prophecy is a sign, not for unbelievers, but for Believers."**
This gift is a 'sign' from God to the Church to let them know that He is aware of their needs and situations.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY OPERATING IN THE CHURCH

I CORINTHIANS 14:29-33 ESV

1 Corinthians 14:29-33 “Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh (*judge*) what is said. ³⁰ If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may **learn** and all may **be encouraged**, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.”

- ✚ **The Apostle Paul dealt with things in the Church that created confusion instead of peace, so by the Spirit he set an order to keep things flowing orderly and with peace.**
- ✚ **‘Two or three prophets should speak’**—this is an instruction to keep order. They should speak forth a revelation, one at a time, judging what they hear. They are not to be competitive. Each prophet has control over his own spirit to keep silent until it is the right time to speak. Keep peace and order as the Holy Spirit flows. This is in a church setting.
Note: If a person senses the anointing to prophesy but three people have already prophesied, you should not prophesy. The scriptures guide.
- ✚ **Prophetic Words usually flow together by the Spirit in the same thought or subject matter.** Each prophetic word should be an addition to what has already been prophesied, not a repetition.

I THESSALONIANS 5:19-21

“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Exam (*test*) all things; Firmly hold onto what is good.”

- ✚ **“Do Not Quench the Spirit.”** To ‘quench’ means to ‘put out or extinguish fire or flames.’ When the Holy Spirit is not given permission to move, or is not properly discerned by people He is quenched.
- ✚ **“Do not despise prophecies.”** To ‘despise’ means to regard with contempt, disgust, scorn. This only happens when there has been an improper use of the prophetic gifts.
- ✚ **EXAMINE/TEST ALL THINGS. JUDGING A PROPHECY IS IMPORTANT.**
 - **All prophetic words should be judged by the written Word of God.** Ask yourself, ‘Did it bring edification, encouragement and comfort?’ A prophecy, should never be spoken to condemn or criticize a person, nor lack the Spirit of God’s love.
 - **A Prophetic word should always glorify Christ and bear witness with the hearer.** When a testing a prophetic word, it may sound right to your natural ears, but your inner spirit may reject it. That is an indication by the Holy Spirit that it’s not a valid word by the Spirit, but may be a demon speaking or a person speaking out of their flesh. Test all things.
 - **Seek Pastoral Advice/Counsel if the prophetic word you receive would cause a big change in your life.** Personal prophecy can be a confirmation for you or can present something ‘new.’ With every revelation, wisdom is needed before proceeding.
 - **Those who Prophecy should always remain in humble submission to the Spiritual Authority of a Pastor, etc., and be open to correction.** The ‘Spirit of Truth’ keeps out deception/pride.

THE 'GIFT OF TONGUES' & THE 'GIFT OF INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES'

TWO 'VOCAL GIFTS'

These two Vocal Gifts 'Work Together' to Equal Prophecy

I CORINTHIANS 14:22

(The gift of) Tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers...

- ✚ **THE GIFT OF TONGUES.** This 'Gift of Tongues' is a 'vocal gift.' It's a public ministry gift, used by the Holy Spirit as a SIGN to unbelievers. It is not the believer's 'prayer language' of tongues which is for self-edification. (I Corinthians 14:4)
- ✚ **Because it's a supernatural gift, the person who operates in the Gift of Tongues doesn't know the language that he/she is speaking.**
- ✚ **Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a believer will sense a strong urge to speak out a word in tongues. When this happens, it's an indication that there is an unbeliever present in the meeting.** This Holy Spirit inspired language of tongues will 'get their attention', speaking to them about Jesus and God in their own language. It will be a 'sign' to them that Jesus is real. By this supernatural gift, people will hear God speak to them in their own language through a believer, and it will convict them of sin and draw them to receive Jesus.
- ✚ **Scriptural example of the Gift of Tongues in operation.** On the Day of Pentecost, people gathered in the street hearing the noisy commotion in the upper room caused by the saints praying in tongues. The people in the street were from various nations, and each man recognized a tongue (language) that was familiar to him and said: "We hear them speaking in our own tongues (languages) about the wonderful works of God!" And they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" (Acts 2:25-12)
The Gift of Tongues, being inspired by the Holy Spirit got their attention! Then Peter preached and about 3,000 souls were brought to Christ!

I CORINTHIANS 14:4-5

⁴ "The one who speaks in a tongue builds up (*edifies*) himself, but the one who prophesies builds up (*edifies*) the church. ⁵ Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies (in a known language) is greater than the one who speaks in tongues (in an unknown language), unless someone INTERPRETS, so that the church may be built up."

- ✚ **THE GIFT OF INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES** - Let's you know by the Spirit the meaning of an utterance that was spoken in other tongues. Tongues & Interpretation work together like two nickels that equal a dime. These two gifts in operation together equal prophecy.

- ✚ **Apostle Paul instructed:** The Gift of Tongues should not operate in a gathering of believers unless someone is present to give the interpretation by the Spirit, so that there is edification. **I Corinthians 14:13**, “Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.”
- ✚ Apostle Paul said that he prayed a lot in tongues to edify himself, but that in a church setting the interpretation of tongues is necessary for edification. (I Corinthians 14:18-19)
- ✚ **Note that this gift is an ‘interpretation’ of the word that was spoken in tongues, not a word-for-word ‘translation.’** Therefore, the message in tongues can be long and the interpretation short.
- ✚ **ORDER IN THE CHURCH – I Corinthians 14:26-28** “What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.”
- ✚ **JUDGING THE TWO GIFTS.** Because the Gifts of Tongues & the Interpretation of Tongues work together to equal prophecy, they should be judged like the Gift of Prophecy.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GIFT OF PROPHECY & THE OFFICE OF THE PROPHET

- ✚ **NOT EVERY BELIEVER IS A PROPHET, BUT ALL BELIEVERS CAN PROPHECY.**
The gift of prophecy is not mentioned in the Old Testament and is only clearly defined by the Apostle Paul in the New Covenant in I Corinthians chapters 12-14. While only some are called to the Office of the Prophet, the gift of prophecy is much more inclusive and is given that ALL believers may prophesy (see I Corinthians 14:31).
- ✚ **Because the Gift of Prophecy is available for anyone who desires to use it, the rules for its use in I Corinthians are clearly defined (prophecy is for strengthening, encouragement, comfort.)** Paul the Apostle is clear that the gift of prophecy is to bring ‘hope’ in the lives of the receivers. In the gift of prophecy there is a strong element of protecting and keeping people safe and of prioritizing personal prophetic words. There is the element of revelation that comes in the gift of prophecy.
- ✚ **The Gift of Prophecy is a gift that can function on different levels.** It begins with being able to hear the voice of God. In the next level, you will become much more sensitive to the voice of God and the leading of His Spirit, and you find yourself stepping out in faith with prophetic words more often. In higher levels of the prophetic gift, you will have become a trusted prophetic voice and may even have a recognized prophetic ministry. Usually at this stage you will be able to prophesy maturely and with considerable weight and authority. A ‘high level’ gift of prophecy will hear God for themselves and primarily for other individuals, and for those who are not yet saved, all within the context and parameters of I Corinthians.
- ✚ **THE OFFICE OF THE PROPHET IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN ONE WHO PROPHECIES.**
One of the greatest errors that is dealt with in churches is people who are skilled within the prophetic gift then believe that they must now be or become a prophet. The gift of prophecy

is given by the Holy Spirit, and all can use it, focusing on individual words. On the other hand, the Office of the Prophet is a vocational life call given by Jesus Christ, focusing on peoples, nations, languages, and kings.

While the gift of prophecy is to comfort, edify, and strengthen one person at a time, the Office of the Prophet is concerned with correction and direction, the release of corporate (meaning a body of people) words, and with the shaping and structuring of the house of God—with specific remit to leaders.

AMOS 3:7 NIV “Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plans to His servants **the prophets.**” The Almighty Lord will not act without first communicating with a prophet. God will withhold actions until a prophet has listened and brought into the earth realm what is on His heart.

THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRY OFFICES ARE GIVEN BY JESUS AND NEEDED IN HIS CHURCH

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 NASB95

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”

- ✚ **Apostle, Prophet, Pastor/Shepherd, Teacher, and Evangelist are the gifts, also referred to as fivefold offices, or fivefold graces that Jesus gave to the Church after His ascension, to reflect who He had been on the earth.**
- ✚ **Each one of these Five Offices have their own specialization.** As they teamwork with each other they will represent the fullness of Jesus. Each church must have these fivefold ministries functioning. **The Apostles** are strategists, visionaries, and entrepreneurs who put a framework in place for us to thrive and are sent to pioneer the new, and tearing off old mantles. **The Prophets** are the guides who come alongside the people of God to steer and influence them in the building of the Kingdom of God on the earth. **The Pastor/Shepherds** anointing is kindness and will nurture and protect the sheep. **The Teacher** will unpack the truth of the Word and are effective trainers who inspire the investigation of the Bible. **The Evangelist** will push to see as many saved as possible and have a high value for demonstrations of the miracles and power of God which lead people to Jesus.
- ✚ **As they Fivefold Ministry sees the need in each moment of church life and the time we live,** they continue to work together and learn submission to each one’s strengths, specializations, and anointings so that Jesus will shine in the Church.
- ✚ **It is important that we, the Body of Christ, continue to pray for each Fivefold ministry office,** so that the whole Body can grow up and be equipped for the effective work of service in God’s Kingdom.



SYLLABUS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

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