



THE POWER OF PROPHETIC UTTERANCE

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Our topic tonight is - **THE POWER OF PROPHETIC UTTERANCE**

This is such a profound topic that must be treated thoroughly. Yet, it's a delicate topic that must be handled with utmost care. It's a topic that can be controversial, although it need not be.

But then again, it's a topic that can be beneficial, if taught accurately and received with an open heart. Bible says in 2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy was not ever uttered by [the] will of man, but holy men of God spake under the power of [the] Holy Spirit. (DARBY)

So then, a prophetic utterance is a word spoken under the power of the Holy Spirit. In other words, speaking as moved by the Spirit.

Prophetic utterance is forth-telling... It speaks forth the mind of God; conveys the word of God; communicates a message from God to man. I like what the psalmist said in Psalms 40:5

*Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and **thy thoughts which are to us-ward**: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, **they are more than can be numbered.***

See the same thing echoed in Psalms 139:17-18

*How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! **how great is the sum of them!***

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Beloved, there's more on the heart of the Father concerning you than what can possibly be said in the frame of time available in this world... His thoughts to you are more than can be numbered!

God has so many thoughts toward you, that it would take innumerable prophetic utterances to convey them all. That's why I pity those who go around looking for prophecies, visiting any and every man that claims to be a prophet, searching for what is not lost.

They have failed to realize that there's a lot more on the heart of God than they can possibly hear from anybody. God has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell in us and lead us every step of the way.

That's a teaching for another day.

Albeit, prophetic utterances are very powerful and very pivotal. You see, a prophetic utterance does not have to start with "Thus says the Lord" or "The Lord is telling me," or any of those usual "clichés". That's why we must be very sensitive.

It can come while having a casual discussion with a spirit-field friend.

I have experienced this a good number of times

It may come while exchanging pleasantries with your man of God.

It may come in very unusual places and in unusual ways.

"Good morning", as common as it is can be a prophetic utterance... It would hit so deep, you know it's not ordinary. Probably your day kicked off with all the indices of what a bad day looks like

And then as you step out of your house, your spirit-filled neighbor approaches you. He gives you a warm handshake, looks straight into your eyes with a broad smile and says "GOOD MORNING"

Even you know there's virtue in that "Good morning". It's not like any other "good morning", it's more than just a pleasantry. It's just like how the touch of the woman with the issue of blood stood out among that of all the multitudes that thronged Jesus.

Beloved, we must be alert, and be receptive enough to know when a prophetic utterance is coming in our direction. We should not be like the people of Jerusalem who knew not the time of their visitation (Luke 19:44)

See, God's power is locked in His word. That's why prophetic utterances come with a release of streams of power. Again, God's mind is conveyed through His word. That's why prophetic utterances come with a heavy dose of Rhema.

Let's begin to see some of the power imbedded in prophetic utterances

Isaiah 50:4

The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

Prophetic utterance brings forth a word in season

In other words, a word for the now... A word that is relevant and appropriate for your current situation, especially when you are at your low moments.

I remember the story of a prominent man of God in Nigeria who said he got so discouraged at a time, and wanted to quit ministry. That was around the season of the annual convention of the ministry and he invited one of his very close friends as a guest minister, and planned to probably wind up after that

When the guest minister was called up to minister, something happened. As the guest minister collected the microphone from this man of God, he held his hand and shouted "Devil, why are you discouraging my servant!"

Then he hugged him tightly, and they both prayed in the Holy Ghost for 1 hour... right there on the pulpit before the entire congregation, who also joined them to pray. That was where the discouragement ended!

Oh! The power of prophetic utterance

It addresses issues that are kept in the secret place of the heart, even those that can't be articulated into words.

It supplies understanding on and/or solution to what a person is going through.

It supplies clarity and completely eliminates confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:3

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Prophetic utterances bring strength, encouragement and comfort. God uses them to give solace and alleviate distress.

Quickly, let's see 1 Corinthians 2:9-11

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

God uses prophetic utterances to open us up to new things... Dimensions untold, awesome things that were by no means premeditated. God ushers us into new things by prophetic utterances. Things beyond even our wildest imagination.

Think of when Sarah at almost 90 was told she would have a child in a year's time! See, there are things that we may not step into until there is a prophetic utterance to cause a shift that will usher us into it.

Psalms 105:17-19

He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came...

I pray for you beloved, your word is coming speedily in Jesus Name!

Another thing that prophetic utterances do is that they help us avoid danger.

Acts 27:9-11

Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them, and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

The centurion promoted professional advice above prophetic utterance! Prophetic utterance would have prevented them from going through the turmoil and distress they went through, if only the centurion listened to Paul

A pastor was preaching in Church one day, and he said during the sermon "You should not go into labor if you're not submitted to your husband, you may die in the process because you will have no covering". While on their way home, one of the men in Church echoed the words to his pregnant wife. But she shrugged him off.

"That's what you heard in all the sermon" she smirked back at him.

The husband kept quiet. Few months later, the woman died in childbirth! If only she had listened! God had warned her through a prophetic utterance. Be sensitive when God is warning you ahead of danger. Also pay attention to divine instructions.

It is needful to mention here that God gives divine revelation in areas of responsibility. Divine communication only comes in areas of commitment.

So then, God will not bypass your Pastor, your spirit-filled spouse, parents, friends, neighbors, and the people who have a stake in your life to speak about you to a random prophet you'll meet in the market. That random prophet has no responsibility over your life, and has no commitment whatsoever in your life and affairs.

Let's see Psalms 107:20 for yet another power that prophetic utterances carry
He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions._

Yes, you saw that right... **Healing and deliverance.**

Hebrews 4:12-13 tells us yet another power locked up in prophetic utterances
For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Nothing indeed is hidden before God, so God sometimes comes to expose things through prophetic utterances, particularly the works of sin, works of the flesh, and works of darkness. Usually to correct and/or convict... It's never to condemn.

Finally tonight...

Paul said to his son, Timothy, *"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."* (1 Timothy 4:14)

Prophetic utterances are God's tool for impartation.

Prophetic utterances, often with laying on of hands are used to impart blessings, grace, anointing and diverse gifts of the spirit. Beloved, prophetic utterances are great tools in the hands of God. Prophetic utterance is very powerful.

Ezra 6:14

And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo...

I have come tonight to speak words of blessing into your life; to cause a shift in your life.

You are a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall

Can I hear your loudest AMEN?

The Lord will satisfy you early with His mercy; you will rejoice and be glad all your days

Men around you will testify that the LORD is with you... He will make all that you do to prosper in your hand

The LORD bless you, and keep you

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you

The LORD lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace

The LORD will give you grace and glory: no good thing will be withheld from you.

I call you blessed

Goodnight. Stay blessed

Shalom!

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