

How Prophetic Prayer Releases Kingdom Promises

Prophetic prayer begins by hearing God's voice in your heart. For me, this comes as flowing words that just appear.

For example, as I was wondering how to pray for a situation in which there was animosity, the following phrase appeared effortlessly within me as a spontaneous, flowing thought:

"My peace that surpasses all understanding shall fill their hearts and their minds, their sleep, their dreams, their bedroom, their home and their office."

It was clear to me that I was to pray and speak this prophetic reality into the situation. This was the way God was moving in that situation. The phrase came to me day and night over three weeks, and each time it came, I declared in faith that this was God's will, purpose and promise concerning this situation.

This is prophetic prayer. In each case, the timing of the fulfillment comes from the Lord. In this case, after three weeks I received a wonderful letter of peace! Prayer answered! Thank You, Lord!

God Speaks Concerning Prophetic Prayer

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands (Isa. 55:10-12).

What Does 'My Word' Mean?

"So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void" (v. 11a).

The Hebrew word translated "word" in this verse is *dabar*, and its literal meaning is "speech" or "speaking."

The emphasis of this verse is that God is speaking His thoughts to us. The verse before says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9).

So rather than figuring out how to pray for a situation, I ask God what His thoughts and will are for the situation. A phrase or a picture lights upon my mind, meaning I have just received "God's thoughts" or the "mind of Christ." I have just received the prophetic way to pray for the situation.

So now I prophesy this word by speaking it in faith, and in my mind's eye seeing it happen (a vision). I continue speaking and seeing as long as the phrase is resonating within me.

Making It Bear and Sprout—Time Is Involved

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater" (Isa. 55:10).

OK, this idea is that a bit of time is involved in generating the miracle. Rain comes. It waters. Things sprout. Bread is eaten. Well, that normally takes a few months to occur. So, I will need to be patient, knowing the prophetic word is working, producing the expected harvest.

The Promised Results—'It Shall Not Return to Me Void'

Wow! Cool. This is a wonderful promise which I can rest in!

"It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11b).

I speak forth the word God has spoken within, declaring it is done, knowing it is God's conception which is now in the process of being birthed.

I Rejoice That the Victory is Won!

"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isa. 55:11,12).

No more begging that God will do it. No more fear that it will not be birthed. No more grumbling or complaining as I wait for the harvest. Just a simple declaration, spoken into the atmosphere that "This is so." The work is accomplished. God's Spirit is moving, accomplishing His spoken word. So, I celebrate.

Now my emotions are in line with my confession. I have kingdom thoughts, kingdom pictures, kingdom confession and kingdom emotions. I am in alignment.

The thoughts of my mind, the pictures and emotions of my heart and the words of my mouth all align. Now I am a vessel through whom the miracle-working power of God can flow. Now I am releasing heaven on earth. What a wonderful and joyful calling. Thank You, Lord!

—"From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have ordained strength" (Ps. 8:2).

—"Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants, You have ordained you have perfected praise" (Matt. 21:16, NKJV).

—"Ordained strength" is as we perfect praise that God has already performed the miracle!

The promised result: “The enemy and the revengeful cease” (Ps. 8:2, NASB).

Application Exercise

Lord, what do you want me to prophetically intercede for? What is your spoken word concerning the situation?

Tune to flow, see what bubbles up and speak it forth until the miracle is accomplished. {eoa}

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