The MINISTRY ANOINTING Of THE PROPHET-MINSTREL

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Dedication

To

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There are Prophets, and then……..

there are PROPHETS…..

and then

There is Kithcart!
Introduction

The Prophets are coming! Over the past few years, I have received numerous prophecies that I would be writing books. Of course at the time of the prophecies it would have been hard to believe. So, as with all of my prophecies, I wrote them down, and in the fullness of time, that season has arrived. Here it is: the manifestation of the prophetic word. In all honesty, I am extremely humbled by the manner that God birthed this writing in me. Let me explain.

While being a traveling Prophet and the Minister of Worship at my home church in Denver, I am often requested to send my ministry package to various organizations to determine if my ministry anointing can be used or needed for conferences or local body ministries. My package composition is quite interesting. Along with my press release, head-shot photo and ministry requirements, I would copy and insert a page from Apostle John Eckhardt’s book “The Ministry Anointing of the Prophet”. On the page that I copied, Apostle Eckhardt wrote a paragraph or two on the Prophetic Minstrel and how the ministry gift and anointing functions.

On this particular morning, I had recently returned from doing a three day Prophetic Conference in Pinole, California
with Elder and Apostle Ralph and Irene Huston of Global Christian Ministries. I was scheduled to preach and minister all three days.

It was quite an interesting experience for me as well as for Global Christian Ministries. Because of my current title at my church, Minister of Worship, they primarily expected me to conduct a type of musical workshop and minister primarily in the area of music. But after the first night, they were convinced, beyond the shadow of any doubt, that I was literally a Prophet who could prophesy, speak the word of the LORD, preach, etc., and at the same time remain highly anointed in the area of Praise and Worship.

As a part of my ministry to them, I further explained the nature of my calling. I did play the piano briefly in one of the services as a part of ministering in worship, but that was only one of my weapons of spiritual warfare. They had inquired if I had done any writing on my area of ministry and encouraged me to begin to produce in writing and on tape some of the revelation knowledge God had given me concerning worship. This was probably the 105th prophecy and suggestion that I had received to do this.

When I recovered from my trip, I received two more calls requesting ministry packages containing information about my ministry. I began to put in the copied page of Dr. Eckhardt’s explanation concerning the Prophet-Minstrel, and the Lord stopped me and reminded me of a prophetic word I received the day before. “David” he said, “I have placed my anointing upon you. You are my Prophet and I have called you to lead my people into my presence. I have given you authority and a word to deliver”.

Basically, God instructed me to write what He has taught me about my office (Prophet), gifting (music), and function (worship), and how this office operates in the body.

God is raising up many others in the area of prophetic ministry. The Body of Christ as well as the other ascension
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gift ministries need to know and understand the power of this ministry and how it can best be used to the Glory of God.

God spoke to my spirit and told me that Apostles Eckhardt’s book was an excellent foundation teaching about the office of Prophet, but there needed to be more information imparted, in written form, about the anointing and ministry of the Prophet-Minstrel or the Prophet-Musician.

So, my prayer is that this book will cause the body to fully receive the ministry anointing of the Prophet-Minstrel and that it may also serve as a trumpet to call forth those Prophet-Minstrels to rise up and take their place in the front line of the New Millennial Battle.

There are so many people to honor and thank, that it would take a whole page to name all the people that have been a significant part of the ministry that God has given me and allowed me to grow and develop.

I thank first of all my pastor, Pastor William Golson of the True Light Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado. I also honor Bishop Bill and Mom Hamon and all the Prophet-Teachers who teach at Christian International, for teaching me basic prophetic principals of character and integrity that keep my ministry growing and maturing me in the faith. Thanks also to Apostle John Eckhardt for his foundation that helped me find my area of anointing and inspiring my ministry and this book. And finally thanks to Apostle Donald Clay of Petra Ministries of Pittsburgh, Penn. WOW! What can I say but…GLORY! Donald, your teachings have blessed, taught, and inspired me more than I could ever put into words. Stay on the edge. Special thanks to Bishop P.T. Whitelocke, Apostles James & Grace Blue, and all of the Bibleway Churches of America. God bless all of you. For those in my life and ministry that I did not mention, I do thank you and will let you know, in my own way, how much I appreciate your support and prayers.
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CHAPTER 1

The Purpose of the Five-Fold Ministry Offices and/or Ascension Gifts

Before I begin my discourse on the ministry office of Prophet, and more specifically the ministry of the Prophet-Minstrel, we need to get a glimpse of the larger picture of what has been traditionally classified as the “Five-fold Ministry”, or otherwise referred to as the “Ascension Gift Ministries”.

They are called “five-fold”, because there are literally five components or administrations for one ministry. These five functions all have one goal: the perfecting or maturing of the saints, better known as the Church or the Body of Christ. These gifts or ministry offices are spoken of in the book of Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of
the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of
the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect
man, unto the measure of the stature of the full-
ness of Christ:

KJV

We can also see these gifts referenced in 1 Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 12:28
28 And God hath set some in the church, first
apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers,
after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps,
governments, diversities of tongues.

KJV

We classify or call these ascension gifts because when
Christ ascended, He literally divided himself up five ways
according to ministry and function, and then delegated the
ministry to specific people in the body of Christ. Christ him-
self embodied all five of these functions while ministering
here in the earthly realm.

Ephesians 4:8

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high,
he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

KJV

And He gave “some”.

Ephesians 4:11-13

And he gave some....

For many years, I misunderstood the “some” in verse
eleven of the fourth chapter of Ephesians that the Apostle
Paul referenced. When he said “some”, I thought that He, speaking of Christ, gave some meaning a few apostles here, and a couple of prophets there, mustered up three or four teachers, and managed to squeeze out a few pastors. After God revealed to me the purpose and the function of the five-fold ministry, I then realized that the “some” he was addressing were the ones who were to be the recipients or the receivers of the gifts and not the gifts themselves. In this case, the “some”, the one on the receiving end, or the receiver = the church or the Body of Christ. The giver is “Christ” himself, and the gifts are the ministry offices.

God, himself, takes personal inventory on every person and every group that gathers in his name (two or more) and determines what they need collectively and individually to carry out the purpose and destiny that God has placed on them. For example, if the gathering is in need of foundation, stability, and administrative organization in order to do the task that God has assigned them, God will send them apostles or people with the ability to promote, organize, and communicate the message or anointing to be an aid in their task and assignment.

What if they need divine direction or divine intervention? What if some erroneous doctrines and incorrect teaching has caused a hindrance or created obstacles in their performance of the ministry God has assigned them? Then God sends them prophets to assist them and help them along.

The rest of the ministry offices work the same way. God knows exactly who needs what and when.

The Perfect Man.

_Ephesians 4:13_

_Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man._
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unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

This verse gives the purpose, condition, and time for the five-fold ascension gift ministry function: “unto a perfect man”.

In verse 13 of the 4th chapter of Ephesians, the Greek word for perfect man is teleios. Note the definition of the “teleios-Man”- Perfect-man:

**teleios** (tel’-i-os); from NT: 5056; (Strong’s ref. number) complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with NT: 3588) completeness:
KJV - of full age, man, perfect.

This Greek word teleios literally means to be complete in our vocation, development, and in our mental and/or moral character.

When I saw this definition, it really struck a chord in my spirit. We recognize our incompleteness and our need for healing in many areas. As I deal and interact with the body in my travels, what I see as a need more than anything else is the need for moral and mental character development. Not only for the body and its members, but for its leadership as well.

One of the main functions of the ascension gift ministries is to make us whole or complete in Christ. I am blessed to have been taught and mentored by great men of God. One of the things that all of these individuals had in common was their emphasis on character in ministry. They not only talked it and taught it, but they lived it as well.

Bishop/Apostle Bill Hamon of Christian International spends almost 70 percent of his teaching and lecturing time in his School of the Prophets, not on teaching and developing
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your prophetic gift, but on building and developing your godly character! He says that if the gift is there, it can be developed, but what will kill a great gift and ministry faster than anything else is poor character in ministry. God desires to make or build the man/woman (in character & integrity) before He makes the ministry.

Another teacher that has spoken into my life is Apostle Donald Clay of Petra Ministries, Pittsburgh, PA. He says, and I quote: “God will destroy reputation in order to build character”. In other words, we may be known because of our gifts, and that is wonderful, but God’s deepest desire is to build and develop you as a person, as opposed to just “using you” for his service in ministry.

I am invited to prophetic meetings, conferences, and the like and witness these events on a regular basis. One of the most needed elements traveling and local Prophet-Minstrels need in their ministry are men and women of God who we could really trust to love, support, and speak into our personal life, as well as our ministerial life. Association and fellowship with those who have strong character and integrity allow that to happen.

God’s ultimate goal was relationship with his creation. He in turn wanted us, as humans, to have relationship with one another. Gifts do not build relationships. Positions do not build relationships. At the foundation of any wholesome relationship is trust and respect. Trust and respect can only be earned after one’s character and integrity has been demonstrated. I have met many men and women of God all across this country. Many of them were highly gifted in areas of preaching, prophesying, healing, etc. I respected their anointing, gift, and calling and I believe it was God who called them. But in the area of character and integrity, I wouldn’t trust some of them beyond my line of sight. I ministered as God had instructed me to, and of course I am always on my best behavior, submitting to their leadership
and following all of the rules to those who have charge over me as a visiting Prophet. But I didn’t respect who they were in terms of their moral character and integrity.

Apostle James Blue (my big brother in the ministry) once told me there are two types of fellowship you have in ministry, Godly fellowship, and Covenant fellowship. Godly fellowship is a level of association that has a common or mutual interest for the advancement of the Kingdom. The both of you have ministries that could compliment each other and be a blessing to the people of God. However, Covenant fellowship goes much deeper than that. Covenant Fellowship has all that Godly fellowship has and more. Covenant fellowship supports and covers you. Covenant fellowship is what David and Jonathan shared because of the God and the love they shared with one another. Covenant fellowship puts God, and the other party before and above yourself. Covenant fellowship is a kind of lay down your life for the brethren (or sisteren in some cases). Apostle Blue instructed me that, “You don’t have covenant fellowship with everyone!

We need to really place emphasis on character. If we really think about it, the ministry is the gift, but the human part of us needs a lot of help in our character development. This is really who the perfect man is, the man or woman who walks not only in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, but walks in unmistakably godly character as well.

The Holy Spirit diagnoses the issues and problems and then assesses what areas we need to grow and mature in, and sends exactly the proper office, and level of grace needed to “perfect” or ”mature” that person or group.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit may send one gift to a body at a time, or send three to five different offices to do the same thing, or address the same issues with different approaches according to the grace given each office that was sent. But no matter what the office; apostle, prophet, pastor teacher, or evangelist, they all work together to make the
body function and to bring it to perfection or maturity.

These ministry offices are in operation today, just as much as they have been since Jesus ascended into the heavens. There are many opinions concerning the validity and authenticity concerning the ascension offices, especially the offices of Apostle and Prophet.

At the time of this writing, I was not led to defend the New Testament offices of Apostle and Prophet. There are many books and authors that I can and do recommend that will give further scriptural data on the validation of New Testament apostles and prophets, but I will repeat this verse, Ephesians 4: 13, “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

This was given after Jesus’ ascension. I don’t believe that we, as a body, have a “unity of faith”, and knowledge of the Son of God, and surely, we have not come close enough to even begin to measure of the stature of the FULLNESS of Christ (the anointed Jesus).

The word stature is taken from the Greek word helikia (hay-lik-ee’-ah); which means maturity (in years or size): KJV - age, stature

So literally, if we were to stack ourselves (the saints, the called out, the ecclesia, the body, or the church) next to Jesus, we should measure up and have the same character, wisdom, love, power, fruits of the spirit, discipline, compassion, and miracles that Christ had when he walked the earth. After all, we ARE the body of Christ in the earth. From my perspective and angle, we have a lot of maturing and growing to do. So, the offices of all the ascension gifts to help this body are still in force today and still very much needed.

Diversity in Oneness

Even before we began to explore the ascension gifts in
verse eleven of Ephesians, the fifth verse assures us that it is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. But he operates in different people, at different times and in different ways. Look at 1 Corinthians 12:4-6:

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Let me provide some insight and some additional meaning to this passage of scripture:

Diversities of Gifts – there are many different gifts God has given to the church.
Differences of Administrations -there are many forms of order and they are organized and distributed throughout the body, e.g. Ecclesiastical, networks, fellowships, congregational, independents, elderships, associations, presbyteries, synods, associations, etc.
Diversities of Operations –there are many different ways that the gifts work, i.e., visions, dreams, words, books, songs, music, dance, etc.

God has given the church many types of gifts. Those gifts are organized in different ways, administered in different ways, and operate in different ways. But they are all controlled by the power of the Holy Spirit, organized by the Holy Spirit, and distributed by the order of the Holy Spirit. As we will soon discover, many people operate or “work” their gift based upon how they are graced, and their personality.
One of my pastors, Dr. Daryl Ward, of the Omega Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio used to quote a definition of preaching and ministry as “the gospel revealed and translated through personality”. The giftings and ministry offices somewhat operate on a similar pretense, giftings are manifested through personality.

Now that we have established a foundation for the ascension gifts, let us explore more specifically the office ministry of the Prophet.
CHAPTER 2

The Office of Prophet – Its Purpose and Function

There are five basic vehicles of Prophecy. For a lack of time and space, we will only define all five for knowledge purposes. In this chapter, we only address and discuss the office of Prophet because it is essential and central to the overall subject matter of this book.

1. **Office of Prophet**- five-fold gift, ascension gift. (Ephesians 2:20; 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Acts 13:1)

2. **Gift of Prophecy**- One of 9 manifestations or gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:1, 3 4, 6, 22, 24, 31, 39; 1 Thessalonians 5:20; Rom.12:6)

3. **Spirit of Prophecy**- Anyone can prophesy because of the Prophetic anointing or a Prophetic covering (Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 14:31, Numbers 11:24-30, 1 Samuel 10:10)

4. **Prophetic Preaching** – This is different from topical,
exegetical, or even expository preaching. The preacher begins to preach, and the Lord, through revelation, will give him or her the word to preach to the house. It will be a “Rhema” (right now) word. It will usually have a very direct and personal application for the hearer. God will reveal areas and issues (negative and positive) that he will address through the preacher. Let me clarify that statement. Preaching prophetically or with a prophetic flair does not make one a prophet.

5. **Prophetic Presbytery**- One or more prophets that have gathered to get a word from the Lord. This prophecy could be directed toward a person, place, or thing. Usually, a presbytery will consist of people with the gift of prophecy, as well as prophets.

The word prophecy in its literal meaning means to “bubble forth”. The office of prophet is literally God’s envoy, his spokesperson, or ambassador. Prophets never come in their own name or represent themselves or their own cause (which is the price you pay for being a true prophet). When they speak, they always speak in the name of the Lord. Prophets do foretell, as well as forth-tell; they operate in gifts of Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge. But this is only a few of the many parts of the ministry office. We will discuss other functions and tasks of the office of Prophet later in this chapter.

There are basically two historical types of prophets and they are categorized by the way they receive the “Word of the Lord”. These two types have basically remained the same since the Old Testament prophets came forth and spoke in the Name of the Lord.

These two types are the *Seer Prophet* and the *Nabi Prophet*. Without going into great detail, and for brevity’s
sake, the Seer Prophet sees pictures, visions, and many of them have open visions. Open visions are where you actually, visually see a panoramic vision in front of your eyes, like you are watching a picture-in-picture television screen.

Nabi Prophets basically hear words audibly (with natural hearing), and sometimes in the spirit (with spiritual ears) or both.

Some prophets can and do operate in both Nabi and Seer modes. Neither is better or worse than the other. But whatever the mode, be it Nabi or Seer, as long as the word of the Lord comes forth accurately and truthfully, either is legitimate and acceptable. I have been asked about dreams, and yes God does also speak to Prophets through dreams, but because of the visual, I would classify this as a Seer type of Prophet.

**Basic Functions of the Prophetic Office in New Testament Church**

Below is a listing of some of the functions of the office of Prophet. This may not be a complete list, nor may everyone that is called to the office of Prophet flow (prophetic vernacular for operation and function) in every one of the functions listed below. The general purpose of this list is to establish what authorities and responsibilities come with the office of Prophet. Let me emphasize that this is the “Office” of Prophet.

**Prophets:**

**Speak on behalf of God** (God’s spokesperson) – Literally the Prophet speaks on God’s behalf, their words carry great authority, because they are literal envoys or ambassadors for God. (Exodus 6:28, 1 Samuel 3:19-21, Ezekiel 2:1-5, Ephesians 3:4-5)

**Provide direction** – Prophets point the way of God by
the word they speak. They speak forth the will of God in the earth to individuals ranging from nations and kings to individuals in and out of the Body of Christ. (1 Samuel 15:13, 2 Kings 3:10-11, 2 Kings 5: 8-10)

**Are spiritual watchmen for the church/ Body of Christ** - Are able to see in the spiritual realm and to inform the body of approaching dangers such as storms, rough terrain, demonic attacks, and/or deception. (Ezekiel 33:1-9, 2Chronicles 18:18-23, Acts 11:27-28, Acts 21:10-11)

**Call forth ministry(ies) corporately and individually** – Are able to help (by the word of the Lord) establish ministries in the body whether in the local church, or in the body at-large. (1 Samuel 9:15-16, I Kings 19:15-17, Acts 13:1-3)

**Assist and Partner with Apostles in establishing order and direction** – Prophets really flow in worship, the word of the Lord, as well as assist Apostles in establishing foundations. Apostles are known for establishing new revelation and new foundations to build upon. Prophets are gifted in recognizing the resources (in the spirit) for accomplishing that task. (Acts 13:1-3, Ephesians 2:20-22, 3:4-5)

**Sound the alarm, declare, and lead forth battle in spiritual warfare** – When a Prophet declares spiritual war or battle, there is a special response of warring angels that are dispatched to do battle. When the prophet opens his or her mouth in a battle cry, all of the resources of God are put in place and it is the calling to arms that allows the body to wage a good warfare over the powers of darkness. (1 Samuel 15:1-3, 1 Kings 18:40, 1 Kings 20: 14-18)

**Herald the News of Christ’s eminent return to earth** – Constantly remind the world and to exhort the church that Christ is soon to return. “You better get your house in order!” (Isaiah 9:6-7,11:1-5, Matthew 3:1-3, Luke 1:76, 2 Peter 3, Revelation 22: 7-9, 12,18-20)

**Root out demonic presence and pull down strongholds** – Satan has a way of building spiritual walls between
individuals in the body of Christ and garrisons where demonic spirits operate. The Prophet has an anointing to pull down these types of strongholds and walls by getting to the root of demonic presence, instead of dealing with the surface symptoms and manifestations. (1 Samuel 16:23, Jeremiah 1:10, Acts 13:4-12, 1 Kings 18:40)

**Pronounce or declare warnings** – Correct the direction of individuals as well as corporate bodies, when they are moving in a direction, or not moving in a direction that is in line with the will, word, and way of God. (Jeremiah 34:1-5, Acts 21:10)

**Pronounce or declare judgments** – To pronounce or announce God’s intervention to correct an undesired behavior, or direction an individual or body has taken. (Amos 1, 2 Samuel 12:1-14)

**Challenge the “religious status quo”** – Speak on behalf of the Lord, when there is ease in Zion, or basically when a person or individual has fallen into a state of complacency. (1 Samuel 15:16-23, Amos 6, Ezekiel 34)

**Make declarations in agreement with the will, word, and way of God** – To speak into the atmosphere to inform the elements in the earthly realm what the plan of God is so that they can also be in the will of God. Establish the Word of the Lord in the earth for those who have ears to hear. (1 Samuel 17:45-47, Acts15:15, Acts 2:17-41)

**Perform various types of deliverance ministries** – Make war with the devil and all manners of evil manifestations levied by the enemy. (1 Samuel 17:45-47, 1 Samuel 16:23, Acts 13:10, 16:16-18)

**Intercede** – Makes intercession on behalf of the body, over situations, and people, places, or things that are revealed by natural means, or by revelation knowledge. (Numbers 14:13-19, Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-17)

**Imparts** – Imparts anointing, stirs up and or agitates the anointing or power of God in individuals and corporate
bodies. Exhort is to “stir up” - edify is to “build up”. (2 Timothy 1:6, 1 Corinthians 14:29-32)

**New Testament Prophets in the Local Church.**

As I began to write this book, I felt led of the Holy Spirit to include some strong teaching and doctrine as it pertains to proper spiritual protocol in the local church body.

Since most Prophet-Minstrels and prophetic minstrels will be linked with Apostles and Pastors let me give you some straight from the throne direction for your prophetic ministry. This applies to all Prophets as well as the other ascension gift ministry offices.

If you are called or operate as a prophet in the local church, your prophetic word does not supersede the authority that God has established! It does not matter whether the set person is male or female, apostle, or any other of the five-fold offices. Just because you are a prophet, God does not place you over or in an authority that usurps the spiritual and lawful authority that the Lord has established.

In the local church the NEW TESTAMENT PROPHET IS NOT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY (unless they were called to establish that work). The over-shepherd is always the governing spiritual authority in the local church.

At present, I am in a church and I serve as Minister of Worship. I am walking in the office of Prophet, I wear the title, not because I asked for it, or sign my name with it, but it is what the church body knows and sees that I am. I am a seminary graduate with a Masters of Divinity degree, and have received formal training by other well respected senior prophets such as Bishop Bill Hamon, Christian International and others. Even with all of the above prophetic authority, I am still not the governing authority in the church; I am submitted to the spiritual authority of that particular house.

I am accountable to my spiritual head and authority, which happens to be my Pastor. I am accountable to him and
the church for my actions inside and outside of that local body.

My gifts, abilities, training and office have nothing to do with my accountability and submission to God’s appointed leadership.

No matter how good or gifted Michael Jordan is, he must submit to the coach and the owner of the team. That is how and why they win, because they play as a team. The coach calls the plays, and all of the players execute what play they are given; continually make the basket, and win the game. As good, gifted, talented, wealthy, and popular as Michael Jordan is, he would have none of the above attributes if he didn’t have a coach and a winning team with a submitted attitude to play along with him. I have never seen a one-man winning team in the NBA, and trust me you will never see a one-man winning ministry in the Body of Christ.

Every team needs a coach, and every ministry needs a team leader. It works, trust me!

The New Testament Prophet is supposed to be, and should be a type of “point person” for pastors, leaders, and authority. What do I mean? Let me give you a good military example of how the Prophet and Pastor should relate, flow, and work together.

In the military, there is a man who walks 20 feet or so ahead of the rest of the platoon. He is not the leader or the commander even though he is out front. He is called the point-man. He is trained to hear certain noises; his eyes are keenly trained to know how to spot certain things like land mines and booby traps. He knows how to smell and sense the climate for certain signs of enemy presences. He literally points to an alternative way if he senses danger in the current direction that the platoon is moving.

He is willing to put himself in harm’s way so that, in case he mistakenly steps on a land mine, the whole platoon
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will not be killed. He reports to the commander or the platoon leader and lets them make the decision on what direction or path to take.

That is the role of the prophet in the local church. He works hand in hand with the Pastor or the set man or woman of God. He or she should be the Pastor’s closest spiritual ally. You may even classify them as a spiritual armor bearer of sorts. I know some of you may not like the humility slant to that, but that’s what it is all about. It takes that type of humility to be an excellent prophet.

If you see something or sense something in the spirit, then you should signal the pastor, and quietly tell them what you saw or heard, as a friend and as a confidant.

Let me tell you how a genuine solid and mature Pastoral-Prophet relationship should operate. Look at this scenario:

The Pastor makes a decision. You, as Prophet, sense that it is “off”. You wait until you and the Pastor have some time alone for sharing and reflection …..

Important side note and sound advice:

(Never, I repeat, NEVER openly prophesy against set leadership! Never openly disagree with or give a word that is against what your leadership has already set in place. The key word here is OPENLY. When God does give you a conflicting message, be extremely prayerful about even approaching your leader or any leader in a word of correction… humility will carry you a long way in the prophetic ministry) Back to the scenario:

Let’s move on: you share your prophetic insight and what you saw or heard in the spirit. The Pastor disagrees with you and decides against your “word”. You continue to keep your agreeable, supportive, and co-operative disposition and personality. Your body language and disposition says everything is well, never been better, between you and the Pastor. (That is the sign of prophetic maturity).
And WHAM, the whole thing goes south; it plays out exactly as you called it.

The mature prophet says nothing, does nothing, and continues to serve as if nothing happened. I know that may be hard, but that is the type of loyalty a local body prophet must have. Trust me, that Pastor will know and come to respect your prophetic word. As a matter of fact, that event may need to occur two or three times before that Pastor will come to honor and value you and your gift. And please don’t show your immaturity by going back and saying, “I told ya so, ya should’ve listened to me”. They know that they missed it. And what they don’t need is you and your big prophetic mouth reminding them of their mistake or blunder.

**Types of Prophets and Specialized Prophetic Ministries**

**Prophet-Minstrels or Prophetic Minstrels** – They are usually assigned to local ministries, and are often partnered and teamed with Apostolic Ministries. They flow very heavily in worship and music. Many of the full office prophets are preachers or teachers, and some of them have strong giftings as scribes (books) or psalmists (songs). **Prophet Dancers or Prophetic Dancers** fall into this class as well.

**Prophetic Counselors** – These are Christian counselors who can provide trained and divine guidance based upon the word of the Lord. The real gift in this ministry is the ability to discern if the problem is really a need for counseling or the need for deliverance. One of my friends, Pastor Leon Emerson of Denver often says, “You can’t counsel a demon, you have to cast that thing OUT! The only thing a demon understands is an eviction notice!”

**Prophetic Business Consultants or Market Place Prophets** – These are the “Joseph” types of Prophets who can discern economic forecasts and give good prophetic advice concerning business, commerce, and management.
decisions for investments.

**Political Prophets** - These prophets are assigned to Kings, elected officials, and community leaders. Believe it or not, there are some Christians and believers who God has placed in political office. I know to some of my readers the term “Christian” and “politician” may sound like an oxymoron. I prefer the term, *elected officials*. They need prophetic direction as well. Some of our elected officials use the office of Prophet to intercede for them as well as provide them with spiritual direction when creating and legislating laws. Scripture instructs and exhorts us to pray for those who have charge over us.

**Prophets to Foreign Nations or Prophets to the Nations** - These prophets are called to be a type of missionary, to go forth, establish ministries, and preach the Gospel to foreign lands and nations. Remember the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19? It still applies to the Prophetic!

**Prophets to the “Street Culture”** - There is a new movement that I have seen God use mightily. He is calling a lot of young people to be “street culture prophets”, to prophesy on the streets. He is calling them to wage war against the dark culture and the life-styles of music that glorify Satan and practices of dark-satanic rituals. There are many rock musicians that are leading our youth to physical and spiritual destruction. God is raising young anointed prophets that can lead in spiritual warfare against this evil and diabolical deception.

**Prophets to Churches and Pastors** (Local Body Ministries). - This is probably the New Testament prophetic office that is most common or familiar.

There are many other types of Prophets, and either their gift or assignment usually defines them. There are more diversified types of prophetic callings, but these have been the most common I have seen over the past three to five years.
Now that we have touched on the office of Prophet, we can begin to explore in detail the Prophet-Minstrel anointing. Since worship is their primary place of operation, we will start with the role of praise, worship, and music.
CHAPTER 3

Praise, Worship, Music and the Prophet-Minstrel

In chapter 2, we covered the basic functions of the New Testament Prophet. Because worship is one of the main areas of function of the Prophet-Minstrel, we need to explore the state of worship and some of the elements of worship where the Prophet-Minstrel exercises his or her authority. The anointing of God upon the Prophet-Minstrel is released and intensified during the act of praise and worship as we will soon see later on in this and the forthcoming chapters. God wants us to know and be informed of new and restored revelation as it pertains to praise, worship, and the propagation of the Prophetic and Apostolic moves in the present New Testament Church.

2 Peter 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

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What this scripture is basically communicating is that there is:

- Past truth – things that we know have been revealed and have happened;
- Future truth – things that are yet to come in the fullness of time as God reveals; and
- Present truth – that which God is revealing and what has been built upon past truths.

_Isaiah 28:9-10_
9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

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What I want to do is to whet your appetite by building a foundation and begin to break forth revelation and some precepts concerning worship. In this chapter, I will try to open your understanding and attempt to present to you the connection between worship and the role of the Prophet-Minstrel.

In the gospel of John, Jesus is in dialogue with the woman at the well, and the focus of the conversation shifts from her and her issues, to the subject of worship. Jesus speaks to her starting in John 4:23 and says:

_John 4:23-24_

But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must
Everybody understands this scripture and remembers the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well. The dialogue between Jesus and the woman suggests and plainly states several things that can begin to layout a roadmap to what worship ought to be and what it should look like in this era, age, and dispensation.

First, Jesus said, “The hour cometh and NOW is”! In other words the type and manner of worship Jesus is referring to is coming or progressive in revelation and nature, AND at the same time, is present, or “now”.

Secondly Jesus said, “When the true worshippers…” This statement strongly declares and suggests that all people who worship will not be true, i.e., some worship (presently and futuristically) will be false in nature.

Thirdly, Jesus moved the emphasis from the geographical location and the natural-physical approach to worship and placed the emphasis on spirit worship. He additionally proclaimed and placed emphasis on the character and motive behind worship when he included the phrase “and in truth.”

Fourth, and finally, Jesus stated that you will not have to look for the Father to worship him (paraphrased). Other false religions need images, idols, geographical locations, etc. But when we worship Him, the Father, in spirit and in truth, HE will find us.

So, Jesus said that there would be true worshippers, who will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. It is those believers who seek to operate on this level, that God will seek out and find. You won’t have to go looking for Him; he will find you!

Now look at a prophecy that is found in the book of Acts. The book of Acts is mainly the ACTions, works, or
deeds of the first Apostles called by Christ Jesus himself. That is why the book is called Actions or Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 15:15-17

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

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Now understand this. This same scripture can be found in the book of Amos as well. It reads this way:

Amos 9:11-12

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:
That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

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You may find this strange, but here is a prophetic word being spoken by James during the laying of the foundation of this new organism called the church. Why would God bring up a dead or non-existent entity (Tabernacle of David), in the middle of birthing a new dispensation and revelation? Because what He was trying to do was to bring new, divine
revelation and light to an ancient ministry that existed under an old or previous covenant. The previous ministry existed for the sole purpose to be a proto-type and shadow of what He really wanted to do in a different age and dispensation. In other words, the Tabernacle of David was our blueprint and guide to begin to build a throne for God so that He could have His throne in heaven and on earth. To be a little more explicit, the tabernacle that God wants to be built on earth is for the purpose of accommodating Him. God’s desire is to co-exist in the physical realm as well as the spiritual realm, simultaneously or in plain English, “at the same time”. (That was a quantum leap, if you disagree or missed it, don’t worry… in time God will reveal)

*(Understand that we are the ‘temple” of the Holy Ghost, as put forth by the Apostle Paul, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of the Holy Ghost”, and that the Spirit of God lives within us in the person of the Holy Spirit; The presence of God that I am referring to is the presence that comes and occupies the room when worship and praise goes forth).

The main goal and calling of the Prophet-Minstrel is to re-establish true worship in the New Testament church, and to re-build worship on the order of or using the blueprint of the Tabernacle of David. God knew that worship and intimacy with him would begin to erode. God also knew during the reign of David, and David’s ministry as King, Prophet, and Priest, that He, himself couldn’t have the type of intimacy and relationship with his people until Jesus, the Lamb of God, came and tore down the wall and veil of petition that separated God and Man. He knew that the theology of worship of the first century church would eventually grow religious and chore-some in the eyes and the hearts of his people. But God had a plan for this day. It’s been coming, and that day has arrived. God is calling forth people who are Prophets to point the church back in the direction of “true
worship” and intimacy with Him.

The Prophet-Minstrel’s Function in Worship

The Prophet-Minstrel operates in both functions. He or she is both Prophet and Minstrel. They may operate in both functions at the same time or separately.

There have been times when I have been called upon to minister. Some requests may require me to simply preach and give a prophetic word, other times I may be asked to teach on specific areas of the prophetic or worship.

Many times, to get in the prophetic flow, I minister in or from a worship anointing. At other times, the Lord directs me to just lead the people into worship, in order that he may personally minister to them in His own special way.

The Prophet-Minstrel can operate as one or the other, and he or she can operate as a team member with other ascension and/or five fold ministry gifts or offices. It depends on the agenda of the Lord. One of the skills that a Prophet-Minstrel must obtain in order to be a “good” Prophet-Minstrel is to learn (discern) when to be what.

The Prophet must also learn how to be a servant or servant leader in the context of his or her gift. In other words, if the climate and Holy Spirit dictate that someone else lead the worship, just follow and flow. If the Holy Spirit dictates that you become prophet to make declarations and to confront the powers of darkness in the context of the worship… then FLOW. The goal is to flow together with the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The clue is to be open to whatever way the Holy Spirit is moving. It is the job and the anointing of the Prophet-Minstrel to get spiritual direction and revelation from the LORD. Once that is accomplished, he or she can begin to move in the direction of the Lord, and then become an instrument or tool in His hand to accomplish whatever He
wants to perform.

Another dimension of my personal calling as a Prophet-Minstrel is to participate in the “Re-building of the Tabernacle of David” that we spoke of previously in this chapter. God will set me as Worship Leader (because I lead worship), and then from that set position, I can act as Prophet, and begin to exercise my prophetic authority. I am then released by the Holy Spirit and the leadership to do some of the prophetic things that I mentioned in the previous chapter. The Prophet-Minstrel orchestrates and instructs the different gifts and dimensions of worship to allow the anointing to flow. From there, he or she can release, activate, prophesy, and do all of the functions they are called to do.

Some prophets, such as myself, also flow in a strong teaching anointing. God has anointed my teaching and classroom curriculum abilities because the body needs to be systematically taught about worship, praise, and the prophetic just as they are taught about anything else. My specialty happens to be worship. I can teach and preach about worship and the prophetic for the next year and never minister the same thing unless God tells me to do otherwise. So, some prophets have a strong teaching dimension to their anointing as other Prophets may have a special anointing in preaching.

The Fallen Tent

Music, praise, and worship have all kind of gone south of the border in many of our churches for several reasons. Some of us were just not aware of it because we simply accepted what was there. We didn’t know any better, so we couldn’t ask or expect better. We simply did not have the revelation and the real mind of God on how this music thing ought to work. I feel that two major causes of the “fallen tent” are:

1. Lack of understanding and working knowledge of
“true worship” and
2. The westernization of Christianity.

First of all, we need to make a sound distinction between praise and Christian entertainment. So much of what we call praise is not praise at all. One of the other things that has skewed our understanding is the misplacement of foundation and motive of our praise and worship (we will talk about that more fully in this and coming chapters).

The positions of minstrel, psalmist, choir leader, prophetic minstrel, dancer, etc., should be occupied by priests and ministers of the Lord that have been sanctified or set apart for the sole purpose of the divine worship of the Lord. By and large these positions have been or are currently occupied by Christian entertainers.

If you have Christian entertainers, you get Christian entertainment. Instead of getting the presence and glory of God, you get a show. The flesh is satisfied, but the spirit man, and the heart of God is left starving for intimacy and adoration.

Honestly, and don’t misunderstand me, I don’t see anything wrong with Christian entertainment, or those who are Christians and who are in the entertainment industry. The Lord knows that in this age and time of mass media and video we need entertainment that is quality and wholesome. I don’t want my children watching some of what comes on MTV and BET videos. Perhaps if we had Christian directors or producers, there could be some integrity to what airs on television. We need those individuals.

However, I believe that there are individuals such as myself (the psalmist, the minstrel, the songster, the choir leader, the prophet, the worshipper of the new millennium), who like the Levites, and the Aaronic priesthood, are sanctified or set apart for the sole purpose of ministering to the Lord. And I believe the biggest mistake we have made in
this 21st century church is having an “either all or none” attitude towards music and the arts for those who are Christian. Many times, perhaps because of desperation for music in our church, we mix the two anointings together and that sends mixed signals and thus we get mixed results.

There are people who are contemporary Christian and gospel entertainers and they are anointed to do just that, entertain. That gift and anointing should be honored, encouraged, and supported.

But then there are the Tabernacle Priests, of the type and order of Levi who were sanctified and purified for the purpose of making an offering unto the Lord. My prophetic advice is to use the discernment, or bring in a Prophet-Minstrel, to find out where they belong. Many ministers and prophets are out of place and order by trying to be priests, when they are entertainers. You end up with a good, skillful and talented musician who is frustrated because he or she is not called to be a “priest”, or the reverse, a priest who is pressured into trying to entertain and please men instead of being allowed to just flow in his or her anointing by just ministering before and to God. And because of the mix up, the break-through, yoke breaking anointing is just not happening.

The westernization, commercialization of Christianity and impure motives.

Another thing that has been a blessing as well as a curse to music and worship is mass media and the commercialization of the Gospel. Even though I am in my early 40’s, I can remember when holiness, as we called it, was not popular. I remember being called “Holy Rollie” or “Holy Roller”. If you spoke in tongues it was considered to be “cultic” and extremist. In other words, being a Christian, born-again, saved, and having the Holy Ghost was not popular. Now it is almost mainstream. It is accepted, still kind of looked upon
with tongue–in-cheek by many, yet accepted. Along with that comes the popularity, fame, acceptance, and prestige to people who are leaders in the Christian industry. And yes, even the money and fortune, if you tap into certain markets and segments; have changed the way we operate as a body.

With all of this as a backdrop to the 21st century Christian faith, the bottom line question is, “What is your motive for Christian worship ministry? Why do you want to sing? Do you sing Christian music because of your love for the Lord, or do you sing because of the growing popularity and acceptance of the Christian/Gospel music industry?

What is the truest desire behind your voice? Is it your desire that God be ministered to and comforted, or that the song will ‘sell’ to producers and recording companies, making Gospel Billboards top ten? Is it to bring the anointing of the Lord, or to secure a contract?

Are we singing because of the popularity in the Gospel market, or are we singing because we have taken on the role of a servant, and come to serve, bless, and play our role in the body.”

Yes, prostitution and the “selling” of the gospel, in preaching arenas as well as musical arenas, has literally robbed God of His true worship and the glory due His name because of false and impure motives.

But God, in His divine plan, is raising up Prophets that will point the way back to the heart of God in our worship to Him, of Him, and for Him. He is also raising up Worship Apostles, who will do nothing but see to it that God is worshipped, and worshipped in the prescribed way. (See Chapter 11)

Why is God taking such drastic measures and investments with ministries and worship?

Because it is in worship (intimacy with God) that God is revealed. It is in worship that we really get to know God. It is in worship, where God really uncovers the secret things of
His heart, and reveals that which has not been made known to mortal man. It is in worship that we truly become one with Him.

We have become so insensitive to the unction and move of the Holy Spirit that many of us don’t even know what true worship is, let alone how to do it. We confuse praise with worship, and worship with praise. We don’t really know him, because He has not found a place to tabernacle and dwell with us, His people. And His people have not given him the time or the place for Him to introduce himself to us in all of His splendor and glory.

God is raising up a people and a body that will lead the church “back” to true worship. It will really be a ministry unto itself to worship the Lord. The whole function of these ministries will be “five-fold” with emphasis on worship, i.e. real worship centers… this is where the true worshipers will gather and worship God without any fear or reservation.

**Old Testament Model of Synagogue and Temple**

One of the other things that has robbed worship from God is the merging of the Synagogue function and the Temple function in the New Testament Church.

The typical place of worship for today’s 21st century believer is the local congregation. When we gather for what we call the worship hour, our worship is mixed with preaching, teaching, community announcements, and everything else.

Because of the complexity of the American westernized church, we attempt to accomplish all of those tasks in no more than one and one-half hours. In most westernized churches, if the gathering extends for more than two hours, the people start to become restless and irritated.

We sing a couple of songs, and call it worship (when it is really praise). We seldom get the chance to really press
into the spiritual realm to experience the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. That pressing in does not happen because there is no desire to commune with God on an intimate corporate level, it does not happen because there is not enough time to do it, and more importantly, there is not a worship “mind-set” in many, if not most, of our Americanized -Western world mindset congregations. This is in no way to say that more time is needed. I am a believer of the persuasion that it is not the amount of time spent in worship that is at issue, but it is the quality of time spent in worship that is important.

The Old Testament dispensation did not have that problem because they had two distinctive and separate locations which they used for specific functions - the Temple and the Synagogue.

The synagogue was the center of the Jewish community. It was the place of learning; the leader of the synagogue was called, even to this day, “Rabbi” which means teacher. They discussed social issues. They taught and exchanged views on the “law”. The synagogue handled all of the social issues and concerns of the Jewish community.

Now, the temple was a whole different type of dwelling. People went to the Temple for one thing, and one thing alone. To worship. To make sacrifice, to make offerings, and to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The mindset was not to be ministered to, or to get a word, to get good preaching or teaching. The total emphasis was on God and God alone. The people took their problems, concerns, and burdens to the Lord (and left them there…) at the synagogue, NOT AT THE TEMPLE. They would not dream of desecrating what was built for God’s pleasure and comfort with their “stuff”. Worship wasn’t about them; it was all focused toward God. It was not about them, their family, or their issues. It was all about worshipping God. And whatever it took to please the Lord, that is exactly what
they did. They bowed, kneeled, laid prostrate, lifted hands, shouted, and cried. Whatever they needed to do to please God was displayed and exercised through their worship!

Our problem is that there is no distinction between preaching, teaching, praise, and worship. We roll it all together and call it worship.

God is calling the Prophet-Minstrel to reconstruct worship by any radical and/or Godly means necessary.

My mandate from the LORD and the mandate of other Prophet-Minstrels lines up with the instruction given by the LORD to the Prophet Jeremiah:

**Jeremiah 1:10**

> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to **uproot** and **tear down**, to **destroy** and **overthrow**, to **build** and to **plant**.”

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**Uproot** – false concepts of religious worship, false motives and the spirit of religion.

**Tear down** –

- spirit entertainment;
- music in the sanctuary that feeds our flesh versus ministering to God;
- kingdoms of music ministries and departments that build strongholds in and of themselves; and
- manipulation and thievery among spiritual peers and hold true apostles and Prophets hostage with threats of rebellion.

**Destroy** –

- spirits of homosexuality among the music and worship ranks; and
- the spirit of witchcraft.
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**Overthrow** –
- the current “status quo” fire fighters that want to put out the fire of the Holy Spirit;
- the “hireling/prostitute attitude of music ministry;
- those who seek to “abuse” others who truly want to worship God through their song; and
- old mind sets that will not allow for support of the worship arts.

**Build** –
- prophetic and musical ministry teams;
- tabernacles of praise and worship, such as the Tabernacle of David;
- networks and coalitions that would support one another in developing music and worship ministries; and
- new venues for the artistic Christians to express themselves in ways that would bring glory to God.

**Plant** –
- a spirit of co-operation with seeds of kindness and humility;
- a servant’s heart and a spirit of servant-leadership;
- new ideals and venues that would open the door for Christian entertainers, musicians, film producers, actors, playwrights, talent agencies, scouts, etc.; and
- financial seeds to encourage both priestly and entertainment ministries.

This is the calling of the Prophet-Minstrel in Worship.
2 Kings 3:11-19

11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?* And one of the king of Israel’s servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. (It should be noted that Elisha served as Elijah’s assistant or servant before he was given the mantle and anointing to take over the ministry!)

12 And Jehoshaphat said, *The word of the LORD is with him.* So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, *What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother.* And the king of Israel said unto him, *Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.*

14 And Elisha said, *As the LORD of hosts liveth,*
before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

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This passage of scripture, found in the third chapter of 2 Kings, is a classic example of the prophetic as it pertains to the Prophet and the Prophetic Minstrel. I say it is classic because it not only models the typical role of the Prophet but it also reflects and conveys the many negative attitudes that are still very prevalent in today’s 21st century church towards the prophetic ministry.

To get a full understanding of the dynamics, I encourage you to read the whole story of the political climate in the nation of Israel. At that time the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms. The Northern Kingdom was called Israel, and the Southern Kingdom was called Judah. For the most part, Israel, who represented the Northern Kingdom, had a succession of evil kings who were rebellious towards
God and the ways of God. Many of those kings in the Northern Kingdom had been given over to idol and false-god worship, primarily the god, Baal.

Israel decided that it wanted to go to war with a neighboring country called Moab. In order to defeat them, they decided to solicit help from their sister-ally nation of Judah. The king of Judah at that time was Jehoshaphat. Now, by and large, Jehoshaphat was a king who honored the ways of the true and living God. He operated out of the team-order of the Lord, as far as support of the priesthood and honoring the Prophets of the true and living God.

He had agreed to meet with the then evil king of Israel, Jehoram. When Jehoram asked Jehoshaphat and Judah to join in battle against the Moabites, Jehoshaphat followed the correct procedure that God had established, he made the inquiry, “Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?” Let’s go find a man of God so we can get a word and some spiritual direction.

They solicited the prophetic services of Elisha, but Elisha was not too excited about being in the company of Jehoram, for some very good reasons, from the past and at that particular time. Look at his response:

> And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with the? Get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

> 14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

If you know a little history behind Elisha, you know that
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His “Prophetic Father” and mentor was the prophet Elijah. His Father’s enemies were Ahab and Jezebel, (former king of Israel, and parents of Jehoram). It was Jezebel who, at one time, threatened and put out a ‘contract” on Elijah because it was Elijah who had challenged the company of Baal prophets that served under the administration of Ahab and Jezebel (See I Kings Chapters 18-20). Now, in our text, it is the present king of Israel, Jehoram who was the successor and heir to the throne of the Northern Kingdom, Israel, who still continued to house the false prophets who served Baal. That is why the attitude of Elisha was less than cooperative, and why he spoke with great sarcasm and righteous indignation.

This raises some contemporary issues as it pertains to the prophetic. I know that there are many people and religious leaders who do not believe in the prophetic ministry. I know some ministries that have cancelled engagements and appointments when they discover that I am called to office of prophet. Some of those religious leaders have a tendency to look down their noses and even, sometimes, mock the prophetic. But just like the King of Israel at that time, these same religious leaders will seek out fortunetellers and call the 900 numbers for a psychic reading. They honor and value horoscopes and tarot cards rather than trust the leading of the Holy Spirit that works in the mouth of the prophet of the true and living God, the man or woman of God that calls on the name of Jesus.

Because of the respect and honor Elisha had for Jehoshaphat, he agreed to prophesy. But before he went into his prophetic mode, he made an interesting request:

15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.
Bring Me a Minstrel (Musician)

Bring me a minstrel, musician, or in this particular case, a harpist. As the minstrel began to play, Elisha began to prophesy with the anointing that came from the music. When the Body of Christ realizes the power and anointing of the minstrel then we will begin to walk in greater power and authority.

Here is the Prophet Elisha, the prophet who asked his mentor for a double portion of his mentors anointing. This is the prophet that performed almost twice the number of miracles than that of his prophetic father, but requested the music ministry of the Minstrel when he began to prophesy to the kings to tell them the fate of their nations.

Elisha knew and understood the revelation and knew that an anointed musician or minstrel would literally “turbo-charge” his prophetic anointing.

Even though Elisha was a well-respected and “received” prophet to the nations, he discerned how important music was and the relationship music had to the prophetic, the presence of the LORD, and the anointing.

Music, especially songs, was all originally created to set an atmosphere to praise, honor and worship God. What has happened to the church is that we have misused and perverted, and allowed the world to misuse and pervert the purpose of music, and even other forms of the arts that were meant to be tools of praise and worship. We have allowed the god of this world, and all that follow him, to rob the art form of God’s glory.

So now when an anointed worship leader or Prophet-Minstrel attempts to bring dance into the sanctuary for it’s original purpose, (God’s praise), our soul-ish religious goats want to throw it out, because of their lack of knowledge, wisdom, and relationship with God. This is what has happened to God’s praise.

But HALLELUJAH! God is raising up Prophet-Minstrels who He gives the anointing to root-out those false
concepts that Satan has placed upon the Body of Christ. He is anointing them with teaching abilities, as well as preaching power. God is calling them forth and allowing them to impart, and stir up the gifting and dormant anointing in the body. The Prophets and the Apostles of this present day church are being called to activate the body to perform the miracles that we read about when Jesus walked the earth.

We, the Prophets of the true and living God, are taking what the devil robbed from us, and putting it back where it belongs, in the presence of God. And we will do this until the Body has measured up to the fullness and the stature of Christ.

Look at this passage in the 49th division of Psalms:

Ps 49:4
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

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The Psalmist here declares that parables and stories of the LORD will be made plain by the music ministry on the harp. Many times when Jesus spoke and taught his disciples he taught them in parables to get them to think and ponder. Sometimes those parabolic concepts were a little “deep” for the disciples to process, so Jesus had to provide more insight for them. Well, Revelation 19:10b states that:

Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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So we can now have revelation knowledge, revelations of Jesus Christ, and the testimony of Jesus Christ can be made known through the ministry of music because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
I encourage all Prophets and Apostles to get an anointed minstrel, if you do not have one. Teach them how to flow in the Holy Ghost. If you don’t know where to start, or how to teach them to flow, call me! That is why God sent me to the body and that is the purpose of this book. When you are having trouble getting a breakthrough or stirring up of the gift in your meetings, turn the prophetic minstrel loose and release them to go and flow in the anointing. They can’t do it unless you release them to do it.

God is using team ministries to break forth into the spiritual realms. The days for one-person shows are over. If Elisha realized his need for a minstrel, how much more do we need a minstrel to really hone in on the bull’s eye of our prophetic grace and abilities?

Music and dance are both tools of praise and spiritual warfare. The tool is not bad. It is only bad if the purpose and the motive behind which it is being used are not in line with God. As a matter of fact, it has been ordained (ORDERED) by God. If he has ordered it, it is what He wants! Give it to Him! (Enter into his gates with singing and his courts with praise)

God’s anointing will fall upon people when an anointed minstrel begins to “play “or prophesy on his or her instrument before the Lord.

Have you ever been at a meeting where the preaching was dry and the praise wasn’t flowing? There was not an anointing or a God-presence in the air? You had music, but it was only that, music. If there was a Prophet-Minstrel, or a Prophetic Minstrel in attendance their anointing could have broken through that spirit of heaviness because it is the anointing that breaks the yoke!

I have been in places where I know there was unrepented sin in the life of the leader. The word that they were preaching was warmed over with no anointing and no power. But because they kept an anointed minstrel or an
anointed praise team, that powerless word came to life and with authority, not because of anyone’s personality but, because of the anointing. The prophetic anointing that comes from a choir, a group, a band, or anyone with a minstrel spirit will keep a person who lacks preaching power and the word of the Lord in place and in their position before the people.

Let me show you how powerful this prophetic principle is.

I was once asked to minister in music at a particular church. I knew God had called me to the office of Prophet, but at this point I was just a P.I.T. (prophet-in-training). In any event, it was a temporary assignment until they could secure a musician. I was trying to be a traveling prophet at the time… I literally would go anywhere that would have me. At the time, I had a kind of funny slogan I would use that I borrowed from the roadside beggars, “I will prophesy for food” (or for a round trip bus ticket and backroom accommodations for that matter). Some of you experienced evangelists and traveling prophets understand that level of humility (or desperation).

At any rate, I would minister this service and lead praise and worship, but I would be exhausted after every service while only ministering in song. I knew something was wrong. I started noticing that my fatigue would not be after I ministered in song, but after the Pastor would do personal ministry and laying–on-of-hands. This particular Pastor, I noticed, would flow real heavy in the prophetic. He would preach about twenty minutes and would prophesy over everything that moved for at least an hour and fifteen minutes, minimum. After this went on for about four Sundays or so, I found out that this man was not a prophet. I found out that this particular Pastor didn’t usually flow in the prophetic word of the Lord on this level.

I called one of my trusted mentors in the prophetic,
Bishop Patricia T. Whitelocke and explained the phenomena to her and she had informed me that it was possible for someone to illegally tap into another’s anointing and flow in a gifting that they did not possess of their own. This occurrence is very common, and operates somewhat the same way the spirit of prophecy operates, but motive, agreement, and covenant are all misplaced or wrong! This, to my surprise, was exactly what was happening. This Pastor did not have a genuine prophetic flow, but because of the anointing (that I was not even aware of) that was in me, he could prophesy as though he were a prophet, or had the gift of prophecy himself.

It would have been all right if I was made aware of what was going on and we flowed in agreement together. But, because I was new to the prophetic this was one of the lessons that I had to learn. Whether this particular Pastor was aware of what he was doing (tapping into my anointing without my knowing) remains unknown and at this point in my ministry is irrelevant. My sources did inform me that when I discontinued my musical ministry in that house, the spirit of prophecy also ceased to flow on the level that it did while I was there.

I will further discuss this prophetic ability of what I will call transference when I address Saul’s prophetic ability in chapters five and six.
1 Sam 10:1-13

1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel’s sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:
4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.
5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.
8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.
9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.
10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.
11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?
12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a
proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?
13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

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Anointing for divine callings and ministries.

Saul was anointed King to rule. Why? Because Saul was the best God could offer at the time. It was not God’s will for them to have a King; they WANTED one because they desired to be like the other nations. (It would behoove all of us to take and accept God’s will for us, and be done with it. Father always knows best!)

I believe that the above text paints the clearest picture of the Prophet/Prophet-Minstrels ministries in action.

Here we find Saul, being prophesied to by the prophet Samuel. Samuel tells him that God has selected him to be king over the entire house of Israel. Of course, Saul being the man he was does not have a clue of what’s going on. He came to the prophet to get a word concerning the location of his father’s donkeys. Instead, the Man of God (another name for prophet) spoke into his life, and then anointed him as we see in verse one.

He further went on to tell him, in detail, the events that were to happen.

Now notice what the Prophet Samuel tells Saul. He told Saul that he would meet another “company of prophets” that would be coming from the High place (which is another name for the location or place of worship), and they would be prophesying on their instruments... and THEY shall prophesy, and when they do, the Spirit of the Lord shall come upon thee.

In other words what Samuel was saying is this, I will speak the word over your life, as God has instructed me to do, HOWEVER, the work is not complete. Another group of PROPHET-MINSTRELS will activate the word that I have
spoken into you, and THEN you will be ready to reign and walk in the office of king as God has called you.

What this plainly illustrates is that there are two separate prophetic acts, performed by two different prophets, Anointing and Activation.

God used Samuel to speak the word of the Lord to Saul, and then followed-up by using the Prophet-Minstrels to activate the anointing.

Now the prophets that Saul encountered were not just musicians. They were Prophet-Minstrels. Let me tell you how I know those prophets were also “word” prophets. Saul was not a musician, so how could he prophesy with them, if they were only “minstrel prophets” that could only play and prophesy on their instruments?

What I also like about these Minstrel-Prophets was where they were coming from. They were “sanctified” prophets. They were on their way from worship. They had just gotten out of church. The “Spirit” and the anointing were still on them. Have you ever been so caught up, that even after the benediction was given, there still was a “shout” down in your soul? There still was a dance in your step? These were church-going prophets. They couldn’t let go of the anointing; they were still playing their instruments.

This may not be a revelation to some of the seasoned saints, worshippers and prophets, but look at what God did. Since Saul wasn’t in worship…. God had to bring worship to Him! Many of us may have callings and giftings in our lives. We know what has been spoken over us. But you must be in ACTive WORSHIP and PRAISE to have your giftings and calling Active – ated (activated). Just showing up lifting your hands is not enough; you must jump in, completely and totally. We sing a song in the prophetic circles called “Jump, Jump, Jump in the River”. You must DO IT. Immerse yourself in worship and praise. That is why Samuel told Saul to “Get with the band (of Prophet-Minstrels) and begin to
prophesy with them.

When the musicians start to play before the Lord, don’t just stand there with a couple of hands raised like you are a victim in a warmed-over robbery, DO SOMETHING!, Get around them, clap in rhythm with them as though that is your ministry! (And believe it or not, the ministry of clapping IS a valid calling and ministry). Dance, grab a tambourine… get with them, and watch the glory God will begin to bring forth in you!

Even though I can play keyboards reasonably well, sometimes when I am alone, I put some good shout music on my CD player and just dance, or buck-shout by myself. One of my favorite warfare praise songs that I play when I want to kick the devil in the head is, “Drive Old Satan Away”. It is an old Pentecostal congregational song recorded by Bishop Ronald Brown. I dance and dance, and even dance some more until I get a good break-through. Though you may be a musician yourself, when you get with other Prophets or Prophetic Minstrels, your anointing intensifies. That song may sound old-fashioned and may come from the old school holiness era, but it WORKS! It breaks the powers of darkness that may try to latch on to you and blow your flow. I know the scripture says sing a new song unto the LORD, but sometimes we need to go back and get some of those songs that are still highly effective in the spirit concerning warfare-praise and deliverance.

What this means to the prophetic church is that, we minstrels / musicians need to learn to open up our mouths and speak the “word of the Lord” as well as play and prophesy on our instrument! If at all possible, they (the musicians/minstrels) need to receive impartations from Prophets and Apostles on a regular basis, and learn how to flow in the Holy Ghost, and even in the prophetic flow.

As we can see from our text, God will use the Prophets, especially Prophet-Minstrels to activate people into their
callings. He used the Senior Prophet Samuel to speak the word of the Lord, but used the Minstrel-Prophets to activate the gifts and the calling.

On many occasions the spirit of prophecy will be stirred-up when the Prophet-Minstrels begin to minister out of their gift. When there is a gathering of Prophets, there will be a strong prophetic flow.

We can also see the “salvation” and “conversion” element value of the prophetic anointing here.

Samuel prophesied and said that Saul would be “changed into another man” upon the activation of the kingly anointing. It certainly happened the way it was prophesied. Many times God will use the prophetic anointing as a vehicle to bring men and women to repentance and literally convert them right on the spot!

I am fully aware of the “process” that we go through after receiving Christ into our lives. It takes time for us to begin to walk like a Christian should walk. Some of us had bad habits that took some time to drop off. But I am also a witness to the fact that many people I know, got saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, were CONVERTED and changed into another person INSTANTLY! They quit drinking, smoking, lying, cheating, shacking, fornicating, and getting high... I mean seriously saved (Those of you from “old-school holiness know what I mean) and have not backslid (fallen out of fellowship) since. They have been walking in the way of holiness for twenty or thirty years, still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

If we look into 1 Corinthians 14: 24-25, we can see how this use of the prophetic anointing can work on the unbeliever.

24 But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesy-ing, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner

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and will be judged by all,
25 and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

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When was the last time you saw a meeting when the unsaved and the unbeliever came into the midst, heard the songs of Zion, heard the preached word, and then the prophets and the people flowing in the gift of prophecy laid hands on them and let the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits begin to flow, and it was so “God”, and so anointed that the unbeliever fell on their knees, and said, “This is for real, this is really God being glorified! This is just not another social gathering, these are the workmen and the ambassadors for Christ in operation!”

What must I do to be saved?

The unbeliever gets saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and right there on the spot, they are changed into another man. That is what the prophetic anointing is all about. It is not to show-off, it is not to make a name for ourselves, it is not to get a “following” and go off and start our own thing, or to get invitations to meetings and show what we can do. Its function is to mature the body; it is to help the body grow up into the fullness of the stature of Christ! It is to get the body right! When this becomes the pure motive for your desiring the prophetic gift or anointing, then you will see the anointing come forth in more power and manifestation.
CHAPTER 6

David’s Prophet-Minstrel Anointing

1 Sam 16:14-23

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

15 Saul’s attendants said to him, “See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you.

16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better.”

17 So Saul said to his attendants, “Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.”

18 One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him.”

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.”

20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a
skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.

22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.”

23 Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

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David was anointed to be King.

The story of David and his rise to power as one of the greatest kings to ever reign in the history of world sort of reads like a fairy tale story. His story is a drama of sorts that tells of rags to riches and from obscurity to worldwide recognition. The story begins when David is sought out by the Prophet Samuel. Samuel had been instructed by God to anoint David as king and to be the successor to Saul’s reign over the nation of Israel. All this happened according to prophecies and the word of the Lord given to the Prophet Samuel. The anointing from the prophet Samuel, who was prophet to the nation and household of Israel, occurred in the residence of David’s father, Jesse, with all of David’s brothers there to witness the event. There was, however, still one problem after the anointing by the pouring of oil. Saul was still sitting on the throne. What I am trying to say is, after all the hoopla and quiet family fanfare, David went back to shepherding, or better referred to as “being a shepherd”. The anointing was there, but the manifestation of king wasn’t. At least not yet.

David, at heart, was a psalmist and a worshipper before
he was anointed and sought out by the prophet. He learned some very valuable skills while tending his fathers flock. While his brothers were hanging out with the “fighting elite” of Israel’s “top guns”, little ole David was stuck with the task of tending sheep. But it was in the solemn and lonely times with the sheep, that David would hone his skills upon the harp. He would spend time alone with God, and the sheep; havin’ church. David went about preaching: to the sheep, prophesying: to the sheep, laying hands: on the sheep, pasturing: the sheep, holding deacons meeting: with the sheep, having Praise and Worship: with the sheep, and not one living soul was there but him, God… and yes— the sheep. (I wonder how he lifted the offering?)

Now bear in mind, all this sheep-tending of sorts continued on even after Samuel anointed him to be King over all of Israel. What David and his jealous brothers didn’t know was that the little thing that he did naturally (praise and worship God on his harp) would be the very thing God would use to open the first door to fulfilling the prophetic word spoken over him by Samuel.

We need to see this very clearly before we start dialoging concerning David’s anointing to be King. Before the fight with the giant Goliath, David was in the wilderness defending his fathers flock from bears and lions. David took on bears and lions using his slingshot as a weapon against the enemy of his fathers flock.

In order to move forward in your anointing, especially in the prophetic, we must first learn how to handle the little things that God has given us charge over. We must learn how to overcome our small demons, before we take on the giant, large demonic forces that come against the kingdom of God.

When you find yourself in a “holding pattern”, and the prophecies in your ministry are being delayed, use that time wisely to prepare or fine-tune some weaker areas that may present problems further down the line in your ministry.
David’s Gift and Anointing Made Room For Him.

Proverbs 18:16

16 A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

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It was the very thing that most people, especially David’s brothers, regarded as insignificant and small that opened the first door on the way to David fulfilling God’s prophecy and his destiny, his anointing in praise and worship.

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.”
21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.
22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.”

David had an element of deliverance to his ministry.

One of the strongest elements to a Prophetic Minstrel anointing is the deliverance element to your music. David was sought for the sole purpose of providing “deliverance ministry” to the King of Israel. David would literally play on his harp and cast out the demons that plagued and tormented Saul.

If we understood the power of the deliverance anointing, then we could effectively deal with demonic occurrences seek to disrupt our lives and our service to the Lord.

The Lord revealed to me that casting out demons in the spiritual realm is like trying to kill flies in the natural realm. All of us, as believers, have the authority over “all the power

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of the enemy”, and demonic forces.

Luke 10:19 states: “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

All of us have been given a type of spiritual “fly swatter” to keep the powers of darkness on the move. Of course, unlike flies, you can’t kill a demon or a demonic spirit because they are spirit. However you can make them leave where you are, or where they have chosen to reside. That is why we cast them out. The believer is equipped with a fly swatter, but a Prophetic Minstrel, or Prophet-Minstrel comes with a can of Raid® or some other insect and fly spray. So while everyone is swatting, rebuking, binding, and casting out, the Prophet-Minstrel, or the Prophetic Minstrel can just spray the fragrance of praise and worship in the room, and the sweet smelling savor that is pleasing in the nostrils of God is just the opposite to demonic spirits. It is quite repulsive to them; therefore they vacate the premises.

1 Sam 19:9

but an evil spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the harp

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Saul needed David in order to keep the Spirit of the Lord in residence.

It is clear that Saul could prophesy, but we must carefully look at several scenarios. If we would classify Saul’s gift by New Testament standards, Saul did not have the office or the gift. He could only prophecy when there was a gifting, or another Prophet present. Saul not only recognized the minstrel in David (for deliverance purposes), but he also recognized the office or the prophetic calling on David’s life. Look at the following:
The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I’ll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

There are two things we need to see. David was playing while Saul was prophesying and the verse stated “as he usually did”. In other words David was constantly in the presence of Saul, not because Saul particularly cared for him, but Saul needed him to prophesy, and also to keep that demonic monkey off of his back!

Because of David’s prophetic anointing, Saul could keep his mind clear and his royal administration together.

But on occasions, we can clearly see, the demonic presence and possession was so strong that it caused Saul to attempt to murder David. This occurred several times, and probably more times than was mentioned in the bible. As prophets, we need to be aware and always on watch, especially while we are involved in the deliverance portion of our ministries.

David’s “Kingly” Anointing.

But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!”

As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore.

Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it
to one of your neighbors-to one better than you.  
29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.”  

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1 Sam 16:1  
The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”  

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1 Sam 16:13  
So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.  

1 Sam 18:8-9  
Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?”  

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1 Sam 18:12  
Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul.  

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I have listed and underlined several passages of scripture pertaining to David and Saul’s relationship. I felt led of the Holy Spirit to talk a little about this because there was more
in operation than just the Prophet-Minstrel anointing.

It was clear that Saul had fallen out of grace with God. Not only had Saul lost his ability to hear from God, but he also lost his ability to lead, rule and reign. If you will remember it was only because of the spirit of God, that he could be changed from who he was in the first place. He needed to be with other prophets from the very start to obtain the ability to prophesy. But Saul let position and power go to his head and lost focus of where he came from, and who he really was.

On one hand, we can clearly see that Saul needed David in order to prophesy and get the mind of the Lord. He needed him to play that harp and drive away the demonic spirit that tormented him. But there was another type of anointing that Saul was tapping into, and that was the anointing to lead, rule, and reign.

When God was finished with Saul he was really finished. We can follow the progression and literally see God lifting his Kingly anointing from Saul and placing it upon David. In I Samuel 6:13, when Samuel poured the oil (symbolic for the anointing), literally the anointing for king of Israel rested upon David.

Now remember, in those days, the anointing rested upon people; the spirit of the LORD came upon certain selected individuals. Now, because of the Holy Spirit and the finished work of Jesus at Calvary, we can have the Spirit of God live IN us, instead of resting upon us. Somehow or another, Saul knew this. He had an idea or inkling that the spirit he used to have; David now possessed. Look at this verse:

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?”
Saul knew that all that he used to have spiritually, the friendship of Samuel, the affection and approval of the people, the anointing of God, the courage and skill to fight, everything, except the title, had been as Samuel prophesied, torn away and given to another.

Saul’s plan was to keep David around so that he could tap into that Kingly anointing and maintain his position. The only thing Saul really had at this point was position, because his power, along with everything else, was gone. Saul realized this:

*1 Sam 18:12*

\[\text{Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul.}\]

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There are a lot of has-been preachers, prophets, and yes, even some apostles, who because of rebellion and disobedience to the LORD, are still in position, but have no power! In order to prolong and drag out the inevitable they know enough to keep someone who is naive about their anointing around so that they can tap into it!

I remember shortly before the Lord birthed and called me into the prophetic, there were people in my life who were not really my friends, who just wanted to use me for the anointing that God had on my life. They really didn’t love me per se’, they loved the anointing and the gift of music that the LORD had placed in me. I was not even aware of the prophetic anointing and calling on my life. I didn’t know what a flow was or anything about the prophetic order, etc. All I knew was that the LORD had His hand on me. But THEY knew! They were able to recognize exactly what God had put in me. I was the un-informed one. And yes, some of them did take advantage of me. But it really didn’t matter, because I didn’t know the difference just like
David didn’t know. I was just trying to forge ahead in min-
istry and be the best at whatever I thought I was supposed to
be doing for the LORD.

Through all of this, God was keeping an eye on every-
thing because it was all a set-up to complete the perfect will
of God in this situation.

David’s anointing allowed Saul to continue in leadership
until David was fully prepared to assume the throne. So
while Saul thought he was “getting over”, and dodging the
word of judgment that was spoken by Samuel, it was really
God who was getting over on Saul by using Saul’s arrogance
and wickedness to prepare David to be the greatest King and
leader to ever live. When we study the life of David, the
attention is often put on the antagonistic/protagonistic
nature of the relationship between Saul and David. God
allowed Saul to sit on the throne until David was fully pre-
pared for the ministry that God had for him. In other words,
when God said he was through with Saul, he meant what he
said, and said what he meant. At this point in time, all of that
stuff about Saul and his pursuit of David was only a smoke
screen. The real purpose behind all of the trials and tribula-
tions was to give God time to prepare David, not just to lead,
but to rule and reign and re-establish Israel as a national
superpower.

The purpose for God appointing David as King was not
for David himself, or for that matter, anyone else. It was for
God’s worship and to give us a shadow and glimpse of how
we need to come into full “spirit to spirit” relationship with
God through the medium of worship.

When in Danger, stay in your anointing.

Another one of the key principles that we can learn from
David is to learn to stay within our anointing, even in the
midst of opposition and danger.

It is hard for the enemy to overtake you when you are
operating in your element. I want you to see that the spirit of prophecy in a prophet-minstrel is so strong, that people who did not purpose or will to prophesy will end up prophesying. Look at how powerful David’s anointing was:

1 Sam 19:18-24
18 When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there.
19 Word came to Saul: “David is in Naioth at Ramah”;
20 so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul’s men and they also prophesied. 
21 Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.
22 Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Secu. And he asked, “Where are Samuel and David?” “Over in Naioth at Ramah,” they said.
23 So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.
24 He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel’s presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

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It is clear that Saul had it in his heart to kill David, (a spirit of murder and jealousy had over taken him). Saul had sent a team of hitmen to take David out. But when Saul’s
first team of hoodlums arrived, the anointing of Samuel, David, and the company of prophets that were with him was so strong, that Saul’s men fell under the anointing of the spirit of prophecy and began to prophesy. Saul sent a second and a third group and the same thing happened to them. So, Saul thought that he would go himself… Well, look what happened to him, Saul had to come out of his “royal robes”, and FELL under the anointing, and began to prophesy, and the word says HE LAID THAT WAY ALL THAT DAY AND ALL THAT NIGHT! (Don’t tell me that being “slain in the spirit” when the anointing comes upon you is not real!)

The truth and the revelation was that the prophets were in battle with the demonic spirits that controlled and possessed Saul. What you saw was a literal show down similar to Elijah and the Prophets of Baal, but this was literally spiritual warfare.

As a prophet, you will be called to stand toe to toe with the powers of darkness many times. There is no need to be afraid because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

That is how powerful the prophetic anointing is. And that is the kind of spiritual power and authority that God is calling for his ascension gift ministry prophets to walk in. We are called to walk in so strong an anointing, that military powers that would come to capture you will fall down to their knees under the anointing, and literally come into agreement with you, and the God in you!

So, as David did… you shall also do! Put on the whole armor of God, and get into your anointing, and begin to SPEAK the WORD of the LORD! Nothing will be able to touch you when you are in your anointing!

God allowed David to minister in office as King, Prophet, and Priest. Why? Because the King could make decrees and declarations and had the finances to build or
back up what he decreed; Prophet, because he had heard instruction from the Lord and followed them; and Priest, because he needed to “truly minister to God, the way God wanted it, by breaking the religious tradition, and restoring the pattern that God originally intended to be in place.

The only way God could pull all of this together was to put all three offices, ministries, and gifts in one person. David, who would provide the natural seed for the Son of God, the son of man Himself, the man, Jesus the Christ.
CHAPTER 7

The Prophetic Psalmist

The Psalmist can be best described as a songwriter who can compose a song that flows directly from the heart of God. The song can be a melody that is meant to be sung to the Lord, or a melody that articulates the present emotional state of the heart of God towards His people. It can either be what God wants to say or what God needs to hear. The song of the psalmist can range from a simple one-line melody to a very complex orchestration that would require great skill and ability to arrange. For instance I believe that Handel was a Psalmist when he wrote the Messiah and the classic Hallelujah Chorus. In the same light, I believe that André Crouch was as much of a psalmist as Handel when he penned the simple one word song “Alleluia”. In other words it is not the complexity of the song, but it is the ability of the song to reach the heart of God.

The song could be a song that was given to someone while in prayer or it can be a song of an extemporaneous nature. Many times in the context of the worship moment, a psalmist will sense the heart of God and compose a flow or song spontaneously. It can be praise, it can be edification, it can be exhortation, and it can also be a lament or declaration.
King David was also known as the sweet psalmist of Israel because of the anointing that was upon the many songs that he composed. He was credited to have written and composed many of the songs or psalms written in the Book of Psalms.

Many people confuse Christian songwriters and singers with the calling of The Psalmist. First of all, it is important to understand that just because one has the ability to compose, and/or sing songs, even sing with a great anointing, does not make them a psalmist. A psalmist is one who has access to the heart of God and can compose a song from the heart of God, or to the heart God.

The key words or phrases here are access and Heart of God.

The secret to the psalmist is... that which will minister to or from the heart of God. To even begin to talk about the Heart of God should just blow anyone’s mind. Do you understand, or can you try to begin to fathom what it is to begin to just survey, not understand the heart of God, but to just begin to get to know His heart?

For starters, it involves a deep level of intimacy with God. It not only involves you getting intimate with God, but it involves God opening his heart to you! That is what access is all about. We can sing songs that we know God will appreciate, however it is a whole different level of intimacy for God to open up His heart to us, so that we can minister to Him. That is what being a psalmist is all about, discerning the heart of God, and serving and ministering unto Him. To truly discern the heart of God, God has to allow you access to it.

A psalmist must be clear that their first priority is to minister to the heart of God! Ministry to the people is secondary. A psalmist realizes that their function is not to minister to the emotions and needs of people; but to the emotions and needs of God.
It needs to be understood that God is a loving father who deeply loves his children. Imagine the grief and anguish you would feel if you saw your children fighting and hurting one another. Nothing hurts a real parent more than their children being out of fellowship with each other as well as out of fellowship with them. And because God, the Father desires to see his children whole, healed, delivered, and in fellowship, He will most times, show up to minister to us out of the anointing to just help us get along with each other.

God’s heart will say to the Psalmist, “Sing this song to my people and tell them how much I love them, and how much I want to bless them and prosper them. Tell them”, He says, “I would that they would prosper and be in good health, even as their soul prospereth”. Although God does that to us and for us, remember that the psalmist ministry is not primarily for the needs of the people, the primary purpose of the psalmist is to minister to God.

Since Psalmists have access to the heart of God, they can pretty much discern where His heart is, and what condition it is in at any given time. So, if the true psalmist cannot get the people to “deliver the goods” in corporate worship, the Psalmist will go home, or get somewhere where they can access “the secret place”, and minister to God. The psalmist does that because they get the heart and the mind of God. They are trained and sensitized in the spirit to discern God’s heart. In other words, the heart of the Psalmist and the heart of God should literally beat as one heart. We must realize that when a psalmist worships alone and praises God by him or herself, it only serves as a temporary fix to what God truly desires: The praises and worship of His children.

God’s truest desire is for all of His children to minister to him corporately as well as individually, but even more so corporately.

I have learned what God desires by watching my parents; especially my Mother. I want to use them both as examples.
My mother and father are really hams and spoiled brats at heart when it comes to their children, grandchildren, and great-grand children. I say that lovingly and affectionately. At the time of this writing, I reside in Aurora, Colorado which is a suburb of Denver. The rest of my siblings and extended family live in the Detroit area with the exception of one of my nieces, her husband, and their daughter, who reside in Miami.

There is no question about our love for our Mom and Dad. From my oldest sister, to the newest great-grandchild; we really love our Mom and Dad and everyone that knows our family will witness to that fact. But when there is a holiday, birthday, or special event, their joy, is not complete until they have all and I repeat all of their little grands, and children around them singing happy birthday, happy anniversary, or whatever the occasion may be.

I can send a card or call from Denver, but for them it is not the same as me being there. I can even go home to Detroit and take Mom out to dinner and sing to her, it just is not the same when another sibling is not present. Three or four of us can show up, with our kids and spouses, but my parent’s joy is sort of incomplete because someone may be missing.

But when all of us come together to sing my Mom praises at Christmas, Mother’s Day, or any other time she is honored, there is no material gift, no dinner, or trip that can bring that level of joy to her heart. She is in all of her splendor and glory when that moment happens with ALL of her offspring present.

Well, our heavenly father has Psalmists that can worship him and discern his heart. He has millions of angels that can surround the throne and give him glory into eternity… But it is not the same as his children, the ones who he has birthed out of his own seed, created out of His own heart, and made in his own image. When HIS children minister to Him
together, and corporately... Oh what JOY... the father has. What joy comes from the heart and the throne of God! That is the true meaning of the old song, “When all, not just the preachers, or the Bishops, or the Apostles or the Prophets, but when all God’s CHILDREN get together; what a time, what a time, what a time”. That is why it is said, “Fulfil ye my Joy... because the Joy of the Lord is our strength!”

Getting back to Momma: When Momma and/or Daddy were displeased because somebody did something wrong, or were upset with someone or something, the home environment and atmosphere was “real tight “in our house. I will tell you nobody got anything, nobody was granted permission to go anywhere. After we got a little older and a little wiser, we learned to stay out of their way, and just do what we were told! (Some of you know what I’m talking about). We realized that a “happy Momma and a happy Daddy” meant freedom. We learned how to do the things that pleased them and made them proud. We learned how to mind our manners (especially in front of their friends and the people we went to church with). The worst whippings we received were when we showed out in front of their friends and associates. We also learned how NOT to get on their nerves by bugging them and complaining and turning up our noses at the dinner table. In order to do what we wanted to do, and get what we wanted to get, we kept Momma and Daddy happy!

As I reflect back on our childhood, when “the house” got in trouble, we would interrogate each other to find out who pushed Momma or Daddy “over the edge”. When the guilty party was discovered, we would beat them up, or either isolate them for about a week! Now I know we weren’t the only family who beat up our siblings for “good reasons”.

In order to stay strong in the Lord, we need to keep God happy. To obtain the favor of the Lord, and be granted permission to go and come, to be privileged and blessed, the
secret is keeping God happy. When God is joyous, then we
are strong and confident in Him. The joy of the LORD, not
our joy, but HIS joy is our strength.

The Trust relationship between the Father
and the Psalmist.

To be a psalmist, God has to know he can fully trust you.
Since God is omniscient (all-knowing), He already has the
answer. The real question is to ourselves. “Can we trust our-
selves with the heart of God”? Now, I want you to see this,
and try to get a revelation of what I am talking about, when
I say how awesome the heart of God really is.

God already knows what we are going to do with his
heart. He knows whether or not we will break his heart,
cause pain, or treat our brother and sister unjustly or
unfairly, and even commit adultery or have an affair on him.
HE KNOWS THAT!

God has already proven himself faithful. We can trust
Him to do exactly what he has declared he would do.
Whether or not he can trust us, is not an answer God needs
to know. He already knows. The question we need to ask
ourselves is, “Can WE trust US (ourselves) with the things
and the heart of the LORD?”

It is one thing to deny God, or reject his love for us. It is
another thing to be privileged to come into the very heart
that gave His son to suffer a brutal death so that we could
have a right to live or even the right to choose to reject Him.
We are not talking about just a relationship, or intimacy, but
the very heart of God.

How would you feel knowing that you have access to the
very heart of God, and because of your sinful nature or issues
you have not dealt with continually causes God great pain
and hurt? Just think of how many people you really know;
how many people that you see on a regular basis; people that
you are in covenant-relationship and ministry with. What about siblings, brothers and sisters? As well as you may think you know them, you still don’t really have a clue as to what is in their heart. The bible says the heart is deceitful, who can know it? Even your own heart can lie to you! Knowing ones heart comes from years of intimacy with an individual.

And even after that, sometimes one does need to have a heart of love, to understand or appreciate a heart of love. For example, have you ever had someone to get revenge or “pay-back” to you for something that was really an honest mistake or over-sight? You didn’t mean to hurt them; you didn’t plan for a misunderstanding. But because you were involved, you were blamed. Their goal was to “hurt you back”, and many times they did! It was a deliberate act of revenge or retribution for something you never meant to happen or intended. And you said, I only wish they “knew my heart”, because if they did, they would know I would not do anything to hurt them.

But since they didn’t have a compassionate and understanding heart, they could not understand or know your heart!

God wants us to “know HIS heart”. He wants us to know that even when things go wrong and hurt us, by His hand or in-directly by His hand, His intention is never to hurt us, but to help, love, and build us.

The psalmist knows how to access the heart of God. The psalmist knows just what to say, and how to say it to God, and for God. He or she does it with psalms, hymns, and melodies. Even if it is a little secret place song that they know will melt the heart of God, a song that will turn away His anger and wrath, and allow the merciful and the grace-ful character of God to be manifested when judgment is deserved.

That is the role of the Psalmist. Are you still a Psalmist?
Can God really trust you with His heart? Will you be able to cry when He cries, weep when He weeps, and laugh when He laughs? Will you stand in the gap and step up to the plate to intercede on behalf of the people when His wrath and anger is stirred with a song that will turn the tide of His anger? Will you be able to produce a song of grace, when judgment should be the response of God?

Can you trust yourself with this level of access to the heart of God?

It goes without saying the psalmist can also prophesy the word of the Lord through their song, (see Prophetic Song or Song of the Lord) because they have access to God’s heart and they have a pretty good idea of how He feels about many issues.

**Prophetic Song or Song of the Lord.**

I put this in the section of the psalmist because the psalmist usually flows in the song of the Lord, or gives prophecy (personal and corporate) via song.

The song of the Lord can and does operate under the spirit of prophecy (anyone can flow in the anointing and prophesy); however, when a prophetic gifting or prophet flows in song, it is that much more powerful.

The Lord does desire to sing, and he does sing. He is often referred to as a “Singing Savior”. Look at Hebrews 2:12, and then see Zephaniah 3:17:

*Heb 2:12*

_Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee._

KJV
Zephaniah 3:17
The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing

KJV

We are encouraged to sing all through the Psalms and in the New Testament we are encouraged to minister and encourage one another in song.

Col 3:16
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

KJV

The word *admonish* means to correct, or to caution against specific faults. It also means a mild rebuke or reprimand.

God wants His song to be sung. He also wants to sing to us. This is The Song of the Lord.
CHAPTER 8

The Prophetic Worship Leader

My personal preference for the title of this ministry is Prophetic Praise leader. He or she is one who leads the people in praise to God with a prophetic anointing. A prophetic praise leader should be one who hears the heart of God, by “prophetic inquiry” and then proceeds to direct the order, elements, and various types of praise such as singing, music, instrumentation, congregation participation, declarations, etc., or any demonstrative form of biblical or spiritual expression that will lead you into worship based upon the heart of God at that particular moment.

There are so many different ways to begin to address the Praise leader in this particular chapter. To kind of take the proverbial “bull by the horns” and leap head-first into this is to say, “I believe that the mandate and the calling for the praise/worship leaders of this millennium is to teach and establish a prophetic flow with all of the worship leaders (prophets, minstrels, dancers, intercessors, choirs, praise teams, psalmists) and then release them strategically, or simultaneously to establish a “flow” or to achieve the “breakthrough” needed for God to come, manifest himself,
and then tabernacle with us.

This should be the goal of every Praise Leader: to create that “Tabernacle” for God to dwell among us.

I believe, to be an effective praise leader, you should have some knowledge, experience, or familiarity of all of the areas of ministry mentioned above in order to establish that level of anointing and flow.

Many churches today are establishing fine arts departments, and Minister of Fine Arts positions. I believe that this ministry is wonderful, much needed, and well-intentioned. However, if WORSHIP is not at the foundation of the arts, then it will turn into another component of Christian entertainment. Now if Christian entertainment is the goal, and it is being used as a vehicle for evangelism, and godly social activities I can somewhat support that, and there is nothing wrong with that, but if you want to establish it for the purpose of ushering in the glory of the LORD, that purpose needs to be clearly stated, taught, and stressed throughout the whole department.

My position as Minister of Worship Leader at True Light Baptist.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve in various capacities in my ministerial career. I have served in capacities ranging from being the musician for the Children’s Sunday school choir, to being a Pastor of Music of a Super-Mega Church (14,000+ members). I have served as Senior Pastor of two churches, one of which the Lord called me to establish.

Currently, at the time of this writing, I am serving as Minister of Worship of a medium-sized, healthy, and growing congregation in Denver, Colorado. I am highly honored, and grateful to serve with this ministry team, because they are a wonderful group of men and women who love God,
and truly have a sincere desire to please God, and grow in
his knowledge and wisdom.

To understand our administrative structure, it needs to be
understood that we already have a Minister of Music. Her
responsibilities are to coordinate all choirs and musical enti-
ties of the church. Being a musician, I do support the depart-
ment by leading two of those entities: The Men’s Choir and
the Praise Chorale Choir (8:00 a.m. worship choir). My pri-
mary function is to develop the over-all worship life of the
church.

The Pastor of the church felt a strong need to raise the
worship consciousness within the congregation life of this
church. Now the amazing thing is that my Pastor is spirit
filled, but we are a typical traditional Baptist Church, with
affiliation with the National and the American Baptist
Convention. Our church is not a Full Gospel Baptist, or a
“Bapti-costal” (Baptist-Pentecostal) church.

So you see the worship ministry was not built from a
foundation of loud, heavy, musical, outward emotional
expression. This is no way meant to imply that heavy music
and loud emotional worship is undesirable or wrong. I am
just trying to describe the environment and climate of our
church. My personal worship style preference is out-right
Pentecostal: complete with jumping, shouting, and lying out
in the floor. But that is my personal preference.

I travel extensively around the nation doing prophetic
preaching, and musical/worship ministry, and on a national
standard I would describe our typical worship service as
“vibrant”, yet conservative.

Our ushers wear the traditional black and white uni-
forms complete with white gloves. Our deacons wear black
suits and red ties on first Sunday for communion and our
deaconesses wear white with white hats and sit behind the
deacons on the second row. This is very typical of many tra-
ditional African-American Baptist churches.
My Pastor is a very biblically sound preacher, whose delivery style and approach borderlines lecture and evangelical in nature. He is very sound in his doctrine and theology, and has the best administrative and office-staff development skills of any Pastor that I have ever worked with. He is not a “whoop-er,” singer, or fire & brimstone preacher. Again, just a good solid, conservative Baptist preacher, in a good, solid, conservative Baptist church.

Now to appreciate this you must see with spiritual vision the move of God and the miracle in this situation. I turned down an opportunity to work with an international television ministry, who if I called the name, everyone would recognize it and the ministry. I declined their offer because I felt the leading of the Lord to come to this small, yet growing, vibrant Baptist Church. I didn’t quite know why God chose this route, but as I walk it out and press through, I can see His hand on this powerful ministry in a very mighty way.

Many of my friends could not understand why I turned down what seemed like an opportunity of a lifetime, a possibility to get media exposure, and the opportunity to travel worldwide doing ministry.

Believe it or not and contrary to popular opinion, it is not God’s will for everyone to be on television. As you allow God to make and develop your ministry, please do not let a “television or media ministry” be your ultimate goal or a measurement of the success of your ministry. The success of your ministry will be solely measured on your level of obedience to the Father and the will of God. Never, I mean NEVER measure your success by the type of people in your ministry, the number of people in your ministry, the number of people who watch your telecast, or the number of television stations that carry your ministry programs. The opportunity for spreading the gospel by way of television is great but it should never be a measurement of your success in ministry. Environment means
absolutely nothing, but obedience means everything.

Now back to True Light Baptist Church. We can see the hand of God in the Worship ministry. While I have been in this particular ministry, God has allowed the birth of several worship ministries. First of all, we have established a full dance ministry that encompasses children, youth, and adults. We have instituted a rotational Praise and Worship Team to assist me in leading the congregation into the presence of the LORD. At present we are laying the foundation for a Drama ministry.

Now this may not seem like a lot to you, but when you look at the overall program that God is setting in place, you will see what God has done and is doing in our midst.

Even more so, the congregation is being set free to really praise and worship the LORD. They are getting the revelation and growing closer to God because of their level and intensity of worship.

Since our pastor is so methodical and in his words, “thorough”, he firmly believes in teaching and educating the members of the congregation in the things of God and what God desires. So, our approach to every new auxiliary has included education and training, then actual practice, or hands-on performance (I hate to use the word performance… if you know what I mean as a worshipper). I am just trying to say “we do it” after we are trained on it.

As a worship leader, my greatest revelation has been that the breakthrough or the presence of God does not automatically happen on Sunday morning or at main worship because you, as worship leader, have an anointing and get in front of the people and beg them to praise the Lord.

Someone must be willing to lay a foundation by teaching the people and the different worship teams the true meaning and purpose of worship, and why we do what we do.

I have seen worship leaders turn into spiritual “cheerleaders” and that is all right in some situations. I have also
witnessed worship leaders who turned into Simon- sez leaders, and in worse cases, I have seen worship leaders become “verbal slave drivers” and try to verbally brow-beat the people into worship. I believe that all of us at one time or another have experienced that.

Basically, I believe that the Worship Leader of the New Millennium needs to develop foundational skills as teachers and teach the people the “what, where, why, and how” of worship. They must be willing to teach Sunday school, and develop a worship curriculum for praise team singers, and curriculum for musicians and dancers as God has graced and gifted them to do so.

When I first came on board at True Light, I taught an Introduction to Worship class for the whole congregation. It was a 75 minute special class that I taught at Sunday school time that was attended by many of the congregation; even some of those who did not regularly attend Sunday school expressed great interest and appreciation for a teaching approach towards worship and praise.

The response was tremendous. People really wanted to know what this new “Ministry of Worship” was all about. They really wanted to know how to please God in their worship.

Since that time, I try to teach at least one class a quarter for the congregation. With the implementation of some new ministries, for example dance and drama, I hold specific classes for them along with the open classes.

For instance, while I am writing this book, I will be teaching a class called Worship Leadership for Praise team members. This is a class where we concentrate on worship flow, discerning the heart of God, sensing where to flow, and how to take God’s people with us. We also learn how to stir up the anointing and the gift in us that enables us to flow in the spirit.

Getting back to my Pastor, He and I agree that we just
can’t expect people to automatically know what to do; they must be taught and trained. They must be able to learn how to go and flow with the anointing. A good worship leader does these things. He or she needs to do whatever it takes to allow the people of God to go deeper into the anointing, whether it is teaching, preaching, workshops, seminars, or purchasing videos and tapes on worship. Your job and calling as worship leader is to take them to that place in God where the revelation of God is imparted through the Praise and the Worship of God.
Even though I write this chapter as a Prophet-Minstrel, and there are Prophetic Minstrels that God is training and raising up, please understand that there is a distinct difference between a Prophet-Minstrel and a Prophetic Minstrel.

A Prophetic Minstrel can flow prophetically with his or her instrument and many times the same principle can be applied to song. They have an anointing to perform prophetically and can prophesy on their instrument. They sometimes may be equipped to prophesy vocally and/or verbally, but that does not make them a prophet or a Prophet-Minstrel. Let me emphasize, that a Prophet-Minstrel is a “Full-fledged Prophet who stands in the office of Prophet. A Prophet-Minstrel is a prophetic minstrel because he is prophetic and he is a minstrel. One is not necessarily a prophet because one is a minstrel and flows in the prophetic. The nuance here is “Office” of Prophet.

The prophetic musician is able to play extemporaneously by the inspiration and/or leading of the Holy Spirit. The musician literally senses the heart of God, and “plays”
or “ministers” to or with what they are sensing in the spirit. Many times the song that they play is spontaneous. Let’s look at the qualities of David as minstrel.

1 Sam 16:14-23
14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.
15 Saul’s attendants said to him, “See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better.”
17 So Saul said to his attendants, “Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.”
18 One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him.”

1. He plays well
When Saul’s servants went to secure the services of a musician or a minstrel consider what they said, “Find someone who plays well”. They did not say find someone who’s playing is mediocre, or someone who just “loves the Lord, and is doin’ the best they know how”. They were in search of excellence. A minstrel plays for the Lord! And because it is unto the Lord, he or she will give the Lord only their very best in service. This is not the neighborhood garage talent show or the Gong show; this is ministry unto the LORD God, Almighty.
Psalm 33:3

Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

KJV

The Lord does not have a problem with us “pumping up the volume”, as long as it skillful.

One of the things that irritates me as a Prophet-Minstrel is “poor musicianship”. I believe that the church should offer an opportunity to those who have a musical gift to share, but let’s face the facts. Everyone who has a musical gift is NOT anointed or even shows a hint of anointing when they play. Sometimes I feel like I am at the “Saturday Night at the Apollo” or “Star Search”, when it comes to some of the musical talent that I see in some of our churches.

Because of my dedication to the worship of the Lord, and the level of spiritual excellence I seek to have in my ministry to the body, I do not believe in just letting people “play” along or be a part of the worship team. I have been in situations where random individuals in the church received a new guitar or set of drums for Christmas and they felt a desire to be on the minstrel team. I believe if they do not meet the standards of the house, then they should not use the worship hour to practice or exercise their gift. I know it may sound insensitive and cold, but until they are called and anointed to “play” before the Lord they need to go back and get with the sheep, until they are skillful and anointed enough to play with the rest of the minstrels.

A true pastor or preacher who honors and reveres the preaching moment will not let anyone take the pulpit just because they want to develop their public speaking skills. They would first have to announce their “call” to preach. From there a good pastor would bring them to his or her side, groom them and pray with them until they preach their first message. And while I’m on that subject, as serious
preachers of the Gospel, we just don’t jump up and say something just because we got something to say! I take my preaching seriously! Preaching is proclamation. It is a message. It is God talking! I think sometimes we need to wait at least one full year before letting people preach their “Trial Sermon”. I feel that if they really have a message or a word that God is putting in them let it come forth like Jeremiah. If it really is a word, they will just about explode in a year’s time. Let them be given over to prayer and supplication in the meantime. Put them on the intercession team, and listen to their prayers for the saints. THAT will tell you if they are really called to preach or if they just got something to say.

The way I feel about the preaching of the gospel, is the same way and with the same seriousness I have toward the worship ministry and musicianship. When someone tells me that they want to “play”, my first question is, “Has God called you to play?” Why not go play somewhere else? There are many clubs, bands, and local talent groups who are looking for musicians. Why here in the church? Is it because you want to perform? Is it because your skill level does not meet the standards to even play in an amateur band? Let’s examine your motive, and then we can determine if you belong with the prophetic minstrels.

As musicians it is important for us to keep improving our craft. The greatest problem that I see among most church musicians is what I call “raw” talent musicians. They are gifted but they have not done anything to further refine or develop their gift. They have sought no formal training, and have not been encouraged to do so. Most of them play by ear, which is a good skill, but they also need to read standard literature and charts. This pattern is very prevalent within the context of the African-American Church experience. My experience with Euro-centric churches (especially outside of the prophetic and full-gospel churches) is just the opposite. They are locked into the score or the chart and get
real nervous when you deviate from the standard literature. This inhibits the free flow of the prophetic minstrel. So, you see both cultures and worship skill approaches can learn from each other.

A good craftsman spends time in practice. He or she goes to seminars and workshops. They read books and enroll into classes that help them garner additional skills for their ministries and instruments. They also invest in their instrument. Most musicians have at least two of whatever kind of instrument it is they play. They buy different types of the same instrument. Or, they have one instrument for practice, and another one for performance. A good drummer always carries their sticks is a pouch. I am very concerned about a musician who says he plays whatever instrument, but does not have his own equipment.

2. **He was a brave man and a warrior.**

   David was a warrior. I mean a literal warrior. He rose through the ranks of Saul’s military to become one of the highest-ranking officers, literally a general. There was not anyone or anything that could intimidate David. He would rather love you and have your loyalty, but if you wanted to just fight and “throw down” with him, it could be arranged. If David felt God in it, He did it without question or reservation. The way he felt about warfare was the way he felt about worship. Now understand this and get the revelation—being bold, brave and a warrior goes way beyond getting over shyness and stage fright. You need to be a warrior, a warrior in the spirit. Praise is WARFARE. As a prophetic minstrel, you will need to possess great courage and as a musician you must be able to fight in the spirit. God’s enemies become your enemies. David had the heart of a lion.

   David did not care what others thought of his methods and techniques for warfare and worship. If he had theunction of God to do a certain thing, he did it. He danced until
his clothes came off…. Are you brave enough to let the “spirit” over take you until your clothes actually come off? Even if your wife or your husband informs you that you “embarrassed” them in church today in front of all of their friends when you shouted and danced before the Lord: would that have an effect on how you worship?

Well, David didn’t give a hoot and he even threatened his mockers and accusers that he would be even more “off the hook” than he was before because of his ministry to bless the Lord.

I remember a quote from Dr. Iona Locke, and often repeat what she said, because it was a mandate statement not only to her worship personnel, but a statement to whoever serves in the worship ministry. She said,” If your singing and dancing (speaking to the praise team, choir, and dance ministry) can’t move the enemy, or move a demonic spirit, we might as well have the children’s choir, or the sunshine band sing. It is not how good you sound, or how pleasing it sounds in our ears, the litmus test is does it send the devil running?”

So, the minstrel ministry is not for the faint or the timid. If you think that you are going to sit up and pass licks, kick the devil in the head with your anointing, and he not kick you back, you are sadly mistaken. You must know how to hit him (the devil) and keep on hitting him until he flees. You must be a warrior, and a brave one, at that.

3. **He speaks well and is a fine looking man.**

As a minstrel, you need to learn how to speak. Learn how to prophesy with your voice as well. Learn how to lead God’s people in worship with your instrument. One of the areas that I am working on is developing the leadership skills in the minstrels, so they will not only be the “band”, but will also be minstrels and prophetic minstrels. I never met a leader that was not able to communicate well.
I remember a small Pentecostal church, which I used to visit on a regular basis while in college, that used to require all of the musicians to quote a scripture and give a testimony towards the end of the testimony service. I think that this should be a requirement of every musician. You have to read your Bible in order to memorize a verse, but even more so, you can’t testify to what and who you don’t know!

David was very articulate and well-read, especially in the scriptures and the law. One of the revelations that I have received from the Lord as a Prophet-Minstrel is that: The word of faith is nigh thee, even in thy mouth. Even if you play an instrument, your anointing will increase and intensify when you publicly, openly, confess and proclaim the word of God! It will intensify even if you are quoting a Scripture or sharing a testimony.

The scriptures state that David was a “fine looking man”.

Keep yourself and your dress together. Personal appearance really means a lot. Yes, I know God does look upon the heart but there is an attitude that accompanies your personal appearance. When a brother or sister looks well, they minister well! Your outward appearance tells a lot about how you feel about yourself on the inside. Now days, if you are not so good-looking, there are things you can do to improve or greatly enhance your personal appearance. I shouldn’t have to tell minstrels about personal hygiene and appearance. You never know, when a king or a diplomat will need your anointing, and they will need the assurance that you “present well” when they bring you into the court with other Kings and nobles.

4. **God is with Him.**

This is the distinct difference between a prophetic minstrel and a musician. The prophetic minstrel has the anointing of God upon their life and their ministry. The anointing
makes the difference in what they do. A musician may be
talented, and may even be gifted, but the presence of God
and the anointing is not upon their life and ministry.

To become a successful minstrel is having the clear and
full understanding that you are playing for the glory of God
and unto God.

One of the things I do on a regular basis, as a minstrel,
is that I literally play before the Lord in worship as if the
Lord is a congregation or an audience of one. There is no
one but the LORD to tell me how “good” or how well I
played the organ or piano, just me and Him. I look for His
personal approval; I look for the Lord to tell me how much
he was pleased with the song I played for him. It is Him that
I seek to please and satisfy with my praise.

This is how you become not only skilled, but also how
you become more anointed with your gift. It is when you
and the Lord spend that time together and you become more
endearing to Him that He becomes more enduring and real
to you.

Then when you come before men to worship Him cor-
porately in the congregation or the gathering, you will be
able to discern whether His presence is truly in the place.
You will be able to discern if your instrument of prophecy:
be it piano, organ, flute, saxophone, violin, or whatever; has
touched the heart of God.

David spent years alone playing his harp, just him and
the Lord (and the sheep). I can imagine God’s anointing on
David as he played the harp in the green meadows. Can you
see the Shekinah glory coming into the meadow? Can you
see all the sheep lying prostrate, kneeling, and bowing as
David played?

David was keenly aware of the anointing God had
placed upon his music. The time in the meadow allowed him
to refine his musical skill.

This is how he knew God was with him. Yes, the word
does tell us that he will never leave us nor forsake us. We
know that. But in this passage of scripture, the “God with
him” that Saul’s advisors were speaking of was the anoint-
ing that God had upon him.

As a minstrel, we must take the time to constantly
broaden and develop our skill level on the instrument God
has anointed us to play upon.

**Prophesy on your Instrument of Praise!**

As we will see, David meant business when it came to
the minstrels he had in the service of the LORD. First of all,
David hired four thousand skilled minstrels to prophesy. Not
just play, but to PROPHESY before the LORD. It is not
enough to play, if you really want to be in the King’s service,
you must learn to prophesy on your instrument! David was
fully convinced of the revelation that he received about what
God wanted! His music department had four thousand min-
strels, FOUR THOUSAND FULL-TIME MUSICIANS!
You talk about worship! Some of our churches fight over
whether we should take up a love offering for a part-time
pianist and organist, let alone place them on full-time salary!
LORD, help us get a revelation!

1 Chron 23:5

> More over four thousand were porters; and four
> thousand praised the LORD with the instruments
> which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

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Look at verse chapter 25:1-3, these men did not only
play, but they were skilled in prophesying with their instru-
ment.

1 Chronicles 25: 1-9

> Moreover David and the captains of the host
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separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:

2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and JosEphesians, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth:

5 All these were the sons of Heman the king’s seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king’s order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

8 And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to JosEphesians: the second to Gedaliah, who with
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The Prophet-Minstrel in Action.

I want to call your attention to verse five of this passage. David used the sons of Heman as musicians to prophesy. Now isn’t that interesting? Who was Heman? Nobody special, only the KING’S PERSONAL SEER-PROPHET! And look what kind of Seer-Prophet he was, a seer in the words of God! His purpose: to lift up the horn. This horn was probably the shophar.

Here is the classic Prophet-Minstrel in action. Heman was a prophet, a seer. Heman was a personal prophet to the king David himself. But when the temple appointments and assignments were handed out, look where David placed him. King David appointed him to be over a division of minstrels. As I have previously mentioned, you will begin to see more and more, prophets who will be over different ministries of praise.

As we know, nothing is mentioned in the Word by mistake. The scripture tells us that Heman was either over the horn ministry or he, himself was a lifter of the horn, or in my opinion, he did both. The shophar is a forerunner of the trumpet. Isn’t it also interesting that the horn and the trumpet are symbolic of the prophetic voice?

Because the horn was used by animals as a weapon, it came to symbolize power and might. Zedekiah, a false prophet in Ahab’s day, made horns of iron to portray how Ahab was going to defeat the Syrians (1 Kings 22:11). God lifts up the horn of the righteous but cuts off the horn of the wicked (Ps 75:10). Probably as an extension of this meaning of the word, horns in the visions of Daniel and John symbolized kingdoms and individual kings. David spoke of God as the horn, or strength, of his salvation (2 Sam 22:3; Ps 18:2).

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Let’s go a little deeper in the spirit; the word often refers to the horns of various animals, such as the wild ox (Deut 33:17) and the ram (Gen 22:13). Animal horns served two purposes in Bible times. One was to carry oil. The second was as a musical instrument, created by cutting the tip off the horn and blowing through it. The curved horn of a ram or an ox was used for this purpose. This horn, called a SHOPHAR, was used to call the Israelites together for religious occasions and to signal them during battles (2 Chronicles 15:14).²

One use of the horn was to carry the anointing oil… The other use was as an instrument of praise or a “call to battle”; which we have learned is synonymous.

I believe that this further supports the premise of this whole book. Prophet–Minstrels are the carriers of the anointing of God, and also sound the alarm for worship, calling the body to worship, and also warfare. That is why David was placed into the military as part of his training for the throne.
CHAPTER 10
The Prophet-Dancer and Prophetic Dancers

There are dancers, and there are prophetic dancers, and yet still there are Prophets/Prophetess’ who happen to dance. By and large, this book is focused around the minis-try anointing of the prophet-minstrel, however the same foundational principle for the Prophet-Minstrel directly applies to the Prophet-Dancer. Let me encourage all pastors, set persons, apostles and leaders, worship leaders whoever and wherever you are, that if you are serious about worship, get some anointed Prophets or prophetic dancers and let them do their thing in worship! Release them to prophesy in the dance! You cannot imagine what will happen to your body and flock when the dance anointing is released as part of the praise and worship.

As Worship leader, I have encountered some of the greatest resistance while trying to implement praise dancing as a form of praise and worship in the church. The enemy has put up the greatest fight against the worship dance ministry because of the power it possesses to do damage to the kingdom of darkness.

Some of the greatest visitations and glory-filled sessions
have been when the Prophetic dancers were released to prophesy in the dance as the spirit of God leads them.

The Bible is filled with examples and exhortations to dance before the Lord.

As Prophet-Minstrel, I feel led to explore two separate scriptural accounts of dance. These two passages should help us better understand the purpose and ministry of the Prophet-Dancer. First, we will look at the book of Exodus and examine the ministry of Miriam, and then the book of 1 Samuel to look at the dance ministry of King David, himself.

Miriam – The sister of Moses

Ex 15:20-21

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.
21 Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.”

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I have isolated this particular scripture because it is so crucial to understand the power of dance. As we can see, Miriam was indeed a prophetess, a senior prophetess in the ministry of Israel. She was able to prophesy verbally, and evidently had a pretty good “flow” (as we put it in prophetic circles) in hearing the voice of God. Remember when God had to have a conference with Miriam and Aaron for speaking against Moses. Remember her words were “Does not God only speak to Moses?”, and God called for Miriam and
Aaron, and spoke to them directly and disciplined them for their actions. I raised that point only to show that Miriam was mature in hearing the voice of God, but she was immature in knowing her place in the ministry.

It was also clear that Miriam was in a position of leadership, because all of the women followed her in her ministry to the LORD in singing and dancing.

Miriam also danced, played the tambourine, and not only sang, but was a song leader. Hear the instruction of the song, “Sing unto the Lord”. Sounds like Miriam was a Prophetess - Worship leader.

She was leading the people of God in worship, “Praising the Lord for his mighty act at the red sea…” This is called a Psalm. (Miriam is also a Psalmist at this point.) She is exalting the Lord of Hosts, this was warfare praise. The testimony was this: God just knocked off a whole army by himself, the horse and its rider refers to the military annihilation of the military strength of all the Egyptian armed forces including its commander in chief, Pharaoh, himself!

I have to interject a very striking example of why I am writing this book, especially this chapter.

I have a sister, (she is not only my natural sister by birth, but she is also my sister in the Lord). Margaret flows very heavily in the prophetic with visions. I have seen her on occasions flow and prophesy the word. While she was reading the transcript and rough draft of this work, she became very excited when she read the chapter on Prophet-Dancers so I decided to include her testimony as part of the chapter.

A couple of years ago, she received a prophetic word at a conference concerning her ministry, and how God was going to use her in the coming years. Well, one of the prophecies was that she would have a ministry like unto Miriam. Now my sister really tried to walk out this prophecy. She went out and purchased a tambourine (which not only drove the demons from wherever she played, but
her tambourine ministry was highly effective in driving us out of the house as well). If you had been there, it would have driven you too! Driven you right out of your mind!

She was all right with all of this prophecy, but she couldn’t handle the dance part of this word. Now my sister will buck-shout and holy-dance in worship before the Lord, but she could not see herself on the dance team at church (if you know what I mean). She didn’t dismiss the prophecy as most people would have, but she did write it down as she has all the rest of her prophecies until God would either perform a “Sarah-Elisabeth” type of miracle with her and the dance ministry or brought further clarity to the word that she received.

After she read my chapter, the light of her prophecy really came on for her. When anyone talks about Miriam, they always talk and view Miriam in light of her dancing and tambourine-playing abilities. But in the real sense of ministry office, Miriam was a PROPHETESS, A SENIOR PROPHETESS, who also was a SINGER! We see the worshipper in Miriam, but we have the tendency to overlook the Prophet Office that she operated in.

My sister, by vocation, is an elementary school principal. She was classically trained in Music-Vocal education; in other words, she can skillfully sing (and teach) operas, and many classical pieces. When she sings the song of the Lord, prophetically; the song of the Lord rolls from her lips with ease.

She was not aware of the full dimension of Miriam’s ministry. But because of this writing, she can now go forth even stronger with her teaching, administrative – leadership, prophetic, and singing skills. (And with much prayer and supplication, the family on special, high-holy days…. will let her play the tambourine.) God is developing a spirit of patience in our family, and we thank God for allowing our sister to be mightily used of Him to teach us in the area of
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patience. (Sis, I really do love you, thanks for letting me use this example.)

Sam 6:14

And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen Ephod.

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Without going into great detail, here we see David (the greatest king, and warrior of Israel) dancing before the Lord with all of his might, passionately, wildly, without couth and/or reservation. Why, you may ask? Because he wanted to display his deepest desire for the presence of God to dwell with him at Jerusalem. David had gotten the revelation of dance as it pertains to praise, and invoking the manifested presence of God in his midst.

1 Chron 15:12-16

12 He said to them, “You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it.
13 It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.”
14 So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel.
15 And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the LORD.
16 David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint
their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

If you have been around any form of worship you should be familiar with this scripture or at least have heard the song, “When the spirit of the Lord comes upon my heart, I will dance like David danced.”

When David made an attempt to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem the first time, Uzzah (one of the attendants) was killed. He immediately got a revelation that something was deathly wrong with his “method”, not his “motive”. His motive was correct and pure, however his method caused the death of an aid who was trying to assist and help. We need to view this verse carefully: It was the Levitical priesthood that was ordained to “carry” the Ark of the Covenant, which symbolized the presence of the Lord. It was David’s responsibility as king to provide leadership, the resources, and a place to make it happen!

The present day truth and prophetic principle is this:

God is ordaining a priesthood that will be dedicated to the administration, maintenance, and perpetuation of the worship ministry. This does not negate nor abdicate the need for leadership to participate wholehearted in the Praise and Worship process.

While we are on this scripture, we need to recognize four important words in verse thirteen. We did not inquire of him (God) about how to do it (bring His presence), IN THE PRESCRIBED WAY.

We must have WORSHIP PRIESTS that minister in the prescribed way, we need worship prophets that will prophecy and minister IN THE PRESCRIBED WAY.

There is a WAY to bring in and usher in the presence of
God! Our failure to do so will cause death in the church. Show me a church that refuses to worship in the prescribed way, and I will show you a dead church. Show me a church with no manifested presence of God, and I will show you a dead church, with no life, vision, outlook, or vitality.

David danced because it was the most potent form of praise that he could produce at that time, in the office where God placed him.

Another thing that dance does is to facilitate transition or deliverance.

Miriam’s example was post-deliverance and David’s example was pre-deliverance. One example was deliverance from something evil; another example was deliverance of something holy. Again; one was evil and the other holy.

In other words, dance is a very serious weapon in delivering corporate bodies during spiritual warfare. The Lord showed me that dispatched angels like to join in when the holy dance party is going on. They dance with us when we dance, especially during spiritual warfare. When the demonic presence sees dancing going on and angels gathering, the presence of the angels alone wards off the demonic presence and oppressive spirits.

If the prophets are allowed to minister in their anointing, then they can bring forth a more powerful word of the Lord, just as the minstrel being allowed to minister out of his or her musical or instrumental gifting.

I had a very interesting personal experience with dancing as a Prophet dancer (or a prophet that God called to dance at a particular time and moment). I am not a dancer by gifting, calling or anointing. I may buck-shout or cut my step when the anointing is high (my fellow Pentecostals know what I mean: we call it the “Holy-dance”). However, I was sitting at the piano just playing and ministering softly in a real soft low prophetic flow. The Pastor of the church where I was ministering was laying on hands and casting out
demons from several people who were identified, and/or confessed a form of demonic oppression in their home or upon them personally. She and a couple of ministers were laying on hands and rebuking, binding, and casting out, but nothing was happening.

This perplexed me deeply, knowing that this pastor had a strong anointing in the area of deliverance. After about 15 minutes of all of the ministers rebuking, binding and casting out... (You all know what goes on during deliverance) the Lord spoke to me and told me if I would dance the way he told me to dance, that every demon and wicked spirit would manifest itself and flee.

Well of course, me being a SAAMM (Strong African-American Macho Man) who was really trying not to hear the LORD say get up and dance in front of the entire congregation kept playing as though the LORD was speaking to someone else. The LORD spoke it again, and this time he said, “Do not fear men and their faces, go forth as I have told you”.

Well, at this point in time, I was more concerned about this Pastor thinking I was trying to usurp the authority and I had never heard of the LORD delivering with the dance gift. Being young and new into the prophetic ministry, I was hearing the enemy saying “STAY HUMBLE AND IN YOUR PLACE!” Finally after being stubborn and disobedient, I felt the shaking anointing coming on, you know, the exploding anointing (the kind where you blow up and scream and fall out because you are quenching the anointing and the Holy Spirit of God?). Well, at least that’s how the LORD worked with me. He may work with you differently. That’s just how he works with me.

So, I stepped away from the piano, politely walked down to the front, off of the platform, whispered in the Pastor’s ear, that the Lord told me to dance. Well, you must know the look she gave me, and then she tried to explain and had
problems trying to justify what I was about to do, (I felt kind of bad, because I didn’t even know what I was about to do, I was just trying to be obedient and stay in the flow.)

Believe it or not, she released me to go ahead. I believe she permitted me to move forward mainly because they were all tired of binding, rebuking, and casting out and didn’t know what else to do.

I took off my shoes as the Holy Spirit had instructed me to do. I politely asked everyone to back up. I closed my eyes and in my heart and under my breath, began to rebuke the fear I had in my heart.

The Holy Spirit said, to cast out all preconceived ideas and perverted thoughts I had about dance (i.e. homosexuality, evil, lust, unmasculine, etc.) and do exactly as he (the Holy Spirit) told me. He told me to lift my hands over my head, and slowly bring them out. Keep in mind, there is no music playing because I was the musician. As I began to twirl and spin God told me that He would give me the music. I blocked everything out in my head with exception of the voice of the LORD and began to obey his every command. I closed my eyes and just focused on what He was saying. About 15 seconds into the dance, the Lord literally took over my body… I swayed, turned, bowed, fell… whatever the spirit dictated, and led me to do, I did it. I knew something was happening, because I could hear the demons scream… but I thought it was just in the spirit.

After five minutes or so, I kind of lost track of time. I completely fell to my knees into heavy intercessory worship (a melodic type of stammering tongues or prayer language). When I came from under the anointing, there were bodies stretched everywhere…. some in worship, some still going through deliverance, the Pastor was even stretched out… the other ministers were stretched out, and the ushers were stretched out.

After that I began to get revelation on the deliverance
element of the dance. I don’t dance like that often, but I try to be sensitive to the spirit when the need arises. That type of freedom in God takes courage and guts. But that is why God could use David in the dance the way he did. David feared no man. He knew that the LORD was his light and his salvation, then whom shall he fear? Let all of us begin to dance before the Lord!
As a closing chapter in this book, I want to talk prophetically a little about worship in the new millennium and about some of the things the Lord has shared with me as a Prophet-Minstrel.

God is raising up Prophets, and yes Apostles who will do nothing but minister in the area of worship. Not only will they be ministering and teaching in areas of worship, they will actually lead in the worship. God has shown me in the spirit that there will be worship gatherings and places of worship that do nothing but worship. As a part of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David as prophesied in Amos and Acts, we are beginning to see those prophecies come to pass as we get more clarity of the Word of the Lord.

The worship gatherings will be held in great arenas for days at a time, around the clock- 24-hour worship. Dancers will be dancing before the Lord. Prophets and Apostles will be prophesying and making their holy declarations. Singers and choirs will be ministering with singing and choruses. There will be clapping, intercession, and minstrels will be prophesying and playing before the Lord. People will come
in droves and literally lay before the LORD of Hosts.

There will be worship centers that will literally be worship centers, as in the Temple and Tabernacles of old. Every form of praise that took place in the Tabernacle of David will be re-established in the earth. God is raising up Master Builders to teach the trade to others until we know how to build the house not made by hands but a house that is built by the fruit of our lips and the sacrifice of our praise unto Him.

Why?

The answer is simple. Presence. A manifested presence of God. I want to borrow an experience from Pastor Tommy Tenney’s book “The God Chasers”. In chapter one of “The God Chasers”, Tommy Tenney speaks about an experience he had at a church in Houston, Texas. He had been asked to come and minister at a church and there was such anticipation in the air that he kept going back, primarily because he sensed that something great was going to happen, and secondarily because the Pastor felt led to ask him to return.

To make a long story short, there was a manifested literal “break-through” of the heavenlies manifested in that church. Here is a paragraph or two of the account,

“My friend is not a man given to any kind of outward demonstration; he is essentially a man of “even” emotions. But when he got up to walk to the platform, he appeared visibly shaky. At this point I so sensed something was about to happen, that I walked all the way from the front row to the back of the room to stand by the sound booth. I knew God was going to do something; I just didn’t know where. I was on the front row, and it could happen behind me or to the side of me. I was so desperate to catch Him that I got up and publicly walked back to the sound booth as the pastor
walked up to the pulpit to speak, so I could see whatever happened. I wasn’t even sure that it was going to happen on the platform, but I knew that something was going to happen. “God, I want to be able to see whatever it is You are about to do.”

My pastor friend stepped up to the clear pulpit in the center of the platform, opened the Bible, and quietly read the gripping passage from Second Chronicles 7:14: If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Then he closed his Bible, gripped the edges of the pulpit with trembling hands, and said, “The word of the Lord to us is to stop seeking His benefits and seek Him. We are not to seek His hands any longer, but seek His face.

In that instant, I heard what sounded like a thunderclap echo through the building, and the pastor was literally picked up and thrown back about ten feet, effectively separating him from the pulpit. When he went backward, the pulpit fell forward. The beautiful flower arrangement positioned in front of it fell to the ground, but by the time the pulpit hit the ground, it was already in two pieces. It had split into two pieces almost as if lightning had hit it! At that instant the tangible terror of the presence of God filled that room.

The account went on to say how for several days, men, women, and children literally laid out before the LORD. Pastor Tenney said that the worship went on and on. They didn’t give any type of benediction; they just simple left to get a bite to eat or something and came back to just worship.
There was no preaching, no teaching. A little song of praise or worship from one of the minstrels and those present would be overcome with tears of repentance and desire. This went on all day and ended about 1:00 a.m. early Monday morning.

This is the type of worship God wants. This example from Tommy Tenney is only the tip of the iceberg. God wants to have that type of presence wherever he is worshiped, honored, and reverenced.

I’m pursuing his presence. I want to prepare Him a sanctuary, a dwelling place. Literally, prepare God a place in the natural realm, where something spiritual can live and dwell among us.

This is the whole purpose of this book. To call forth and activate those other holy Apostles and Prophets so that we can begin to rebuild the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen. The world needs to experience the awesome power of the manifested glory of God. The Shekinah needs to be felt and experienced. Men and women of the MTV generation need to know what is really real. If we prepare God a place to stay and live, He will come.

The Prophets are coming…. And some of them are already present and operating among us. They are armed not only with a word in their mouth, but they have an instrument of warfare in their hand.

As I was completing this book, The Lord spoke a word to me to give to those reading these words. It came in the form of a dream, and then through scripture. The word had personal as well as corporate instruction for those who have ears.

Monday Morning, March 18, 2002 4:30 am MST

The Prophetic dream:
I was standing at a bus stop waiting for a bus to come
with at least five people, 2 of whom I am familiar with, who probably would not know me (in the natural, at least). The interesting thing about all of these individuals is that all of them are single, and in the pastoral ministry. In the dream we began to joke with one another about each other’s need to be married. One of the female pastors in the group pulled me aside and asked me if I was familiar with another single female Pastor who was not present, but I knew who she was referring to. She said, in all seriousness that she felt I needed to be introduced to that female Pastor, and that this pastor and I would make a great combination as a couple and as a ministry team. I gently took her by both hands, looked into her eyes and told her,” I don’t want (whoever her name was in the dream), I want you!

In the dream, she was so shocked by my revealing my desire for her that she gasped and grabbed her chest. Then in a very cute and innocent way, she began to blush and seemed flattered by my response to her.

After collecting herself, she re-proposed the idea of me courting this pastor friend of hers. After she attempted to convince me to meet this friend of hers, I asked her, “Why do pastors and sisters in ministry keep sending good men to each others friends, when the man comes to you because he likes you?

After I asked that question, I realized that I was in the midst of a prophetic dream.

After awakening from the dream, I asked the LORD for the interpretation: He clearly spoke and told me to read Joshua Chapter 3:

Joshua 3

3:1 Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. 2
After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

5 Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

6 Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So they took it up and went ahead of them.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. 8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. 10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. 11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. 12 Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the
Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

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After reading this, the word of the LORD came unto me and said:

Hear ye the word of the Lord, I am doing a great thing. When you see my presence, when you see my glory, when it is revealed unto you leave your position, leave your structure and follow me, for yea I am doing only what I have revealed unto my Apostles and Prophets. This is a new way, this is a way you have not been and have not seen. For yea I have kept it hidden from the likes of mortals only to surprise you with my anointing and yea you shall see my glory, for it shall be revealed. When the way has been made and opened up, I will bring yet others that they may enter into my presence.

That word is paraphrased and I write it as best as I can remember it.
The interpretation of the dream.

There are others who have received this next level of worship and prophetic word. There will be a major shift in the church world as we now know it. I will even go as far as to say if you show a video of your typical church worship 15 to 20 years from now, our children and grandchildren will ask what we were doing and talking about. God will reveal and physically manifest himself in the earthly realm so heavily that what we do now and call “church” will not seem like praise and worship at all. All churches that don’t have “presence” and manifestation will cease to exist. People will seek God, and nothing else but his presence will suffice. A church without His manifested presence will be like an auto dealership with no cars on the lot. People will not have a reason to come and the only way His presence will manifest itself is if he is praised and worshipped “in the prescribed way”. Yes preaching will happen, but prophetic preaching will be the order. If manifestation and signs and wonders do not follow, it will only be good talk. The singles in the dream represented those in Christ that are called out to be the bride. I know that the popular belief is that all will be, or that the church will be the bride. I may have to disagree with that, but I’ll save that for another time. Let me say this: Christ cannot be intimate with everyone! He needs a mature bride who he can have intimate relationship with and thus spiritually procreate children! I maintain that if you have not learned how to be intimate with God, you cannot become pregnant! If, we, as the body are made up of a bunch of spiritually immature beings, how can the bride be mature? Think about it!

The preachers in my dream are the called out that are waiting for the glory. Some of them are Pastors, but they will leave their pastorate to pursue his presence. They are single, (and by the way, all of these pastors are over the age of 40
and still single) but this represents the singleness of focus. Nothing else matters but his presence. Even the desire of his presence was greater than the desire to be married or the desires of their heart. Whatever they are presently doing, it will change when the glory is revealed.

I have not yet figured out why I said what I said or what that represented, but God will make it plain soon. If he gives me the complete revelation, (which he very seldom does) before the book goes to press, I will reveal it. Those of you prophets and prophetesses who can interpret dreams probably have a deeper revelation of what I am speaking forth into the earth. As we know, revelation is progressive.

So my brothers and sisters, Holy Apostles and Prophets, anointed Evangelists and Teachers, and God’s Pastors after His own heart, gird yourselves, for there is coming a shift, and another new level of revelation and anointing in God. For those who are conservative, you priests and maintainers of the way of the Lord, you must “PUT YOUR FEET IN THE WATER” before you see the miracle. You cannot just sit down at the banks of the river. You too must get in. Your feet must touch the water before you experience the miracle. You must lead the way. God’s people and the church are waiting on you! They have been notified, but now, you that are of the priesthood that I have begun to talk about in this work must walk out into the rivers so that the church may cross over into the Promised Land. Don’t worry about the “ites” (Jebusites, Amorites, etc.) God said He would drive them out for you. Let’s GO and FLOW with God.
Notes

Chapter 9: The Prophetic Minstrel in Worship

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Chapter 11: The Apostle Minstrel and Worship Apostles


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