

**Issachar Prophetic Teaching newsletter**  
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## **Prophetic Conference report**

Hi and many blessings for this season to you all.

This month I thought I'd post the following report for you, which came out of a conference conducted by Fresh Fire Ministries in Canada during April this year. By now many people may have heard of the supposed supernatural signs of falling feathers that were reported from that conference. Whatever the actual reality of that, for me the real point lay in the messages delivered.

I trust we will focus not so much on "signs" but the delivered word. I am not discounting such signs as "falling feathers" but we do need to discern accurately even if supernatural signs occur in a meeting. Even if there were "of God" the focus should certainly be Him not the signs that He might allow to manifest. It certainly is a time in which we need to use mature discernment well and wisely.

Any way, here are the basics of the report.

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### **SUPERNATURAL SIGNS APPEAR AT PROPHETIC CONFERENCE**

"Feathers supernaturally appeared in the air and gently fell to the floor, as if God was opening up the Fresh Fire Ministries prophetic conference with a special divine sign of an open heaven over the place. This sign caught the attention of the capacity crowd at the Living in the Supernatural conference listening to the opening prophetic message of Revivalist and FFM founder, Todd Bentley in Abbotsford, B.C., Canada. About 36 feathers seemed to appear in mid air, a few at a time, throughout the meeting - they started ten feet below the ceiling, before drifting to earth, as heaven invaded the building.

During the 4-day event, Todd, as well as international speakers and prophets, Rick Joyner, John Paul Jackson and Charlie Robinson equipped the more than 2000 attendees and called them out of natural living into a life walked out in the supernatural realm. Worship leaders, Michael Larson and Don Potter, also helped usher people into the supernatural realms with anointed worship and heavenly songs.

In his opening message Todd referred to the appearance of feathers and an angel called Promise that had visited him just days before. He announced that God was releasing a new season in which promises given over the past 20 years would begin to come to pass. "There is something supernatural about this; I sense real divine destiny," he said. "There are actually angels in heaven that oversee answered prayer. They oversee what God has promised to be sure that it is released in your life, city and nation."

Besides the promised blessings to be released, Todd prophesied an imminent shaking in the North West (the region including Canada and the U.S.), as well as globally, in both the spirit and the natural. (The full prophetic word is soon to come on email). Referring to a prophetic word he delivered in July, 2004 about a tsunami wave hitting S.E. Asia, Todd said that the church was now entering a season in which judgment would continue to hit the earth. "There is judgment right now and I will tell you what it's about. And it's showing up with whole nations shaking and trembling—earth quakes. It's God judging Islam. It's God stepping into the war on terror and God opposing that Islamic spirit. That's only one part of it. The spirit of homosexuality that rules in this area - we got some major things going on

in Canada right now - God is about to judge it. When the judgment of God shows up it's an answer to prayer."

Sometimes judgment is an answer to our prayers for righteousness in the land and sometimes it shows up with natural disaster. Todd again referred to other accurate prophecies he recently gave about an earthquake in Japan and floods in Birmingham, Alabama. He then spoke of a great shaking (along with revival) to come to the Pacific North West of America and Canada. We have entered a season of both great blessing and great judgment and a key Scripture for this season is Isaiah 64:1,2.

## **JUDGMENT AND REVIVAL**

Charlie Robinson, a recognized seer prophet from Abbotsford, began by describing the message about the glory that God birthed in his heart years ago. The Lord had promised that he would see the goodness (glory) of the Lord in the land of the living (Ps. 27:13). He also described prophetic words God had given him many years before about revival in Canada and in Abbotsford, before describing manifestations of that revival in the city and through Fresh Fire.

Charlie spoke about the power that is released when God puts a roar like a lion in our spirits and we release it. Years before the Lord called him to roar over each province in Canada in order to disarm the religious spirits in the nation. He said that recently, when he was in Indonesia, God prompted him to roar like a lion - six days later there was an earthquake and the tsunami hit. Charlie noted that this event was actually just a natural manifestation of God's judgment of a spiritual principality - it wasn't a judgment on people.

At the end of Charlie's message Todd came forward. He added that several prophets received revelation that there will be a major catastrophe in the North West. "Pray, pray, pray; it's coming, and coming in a way we don't expect," he said. He called for people to pray for the preservation of righteous lives - we'll see revival come because God is judging His adversaries to bring blessing to His people.

## **DOING THE BASICS RELEASES HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS**

Rick Joyner, renown speaker, prophet, teacher and writer, focused on some of the keys for seeing revival and walking in the blessing of an open heaven. He said hunger to know God is one of the biggest keys - we must keep seeking and setting our minds on things above and not on things of the earth (Col. 3:2). He said we need to have our minds renewed by the Spirit of God because then we're not just walking according to our carnal minds, or natural light.

The key to walking in the spirit, said Rick, is entering into the heavenly realm and seeing things there that can't be seen in the natural realm (John 1:46-51; Revelation 4:1). We enter into heaven through a progressive revelation of Jesus Christ. He said our job is to ascend into heaven all the time and return with a practical reality to share with others. There is no lack, but rather an overflow in heaven - we need a vision of that.

Rick said God made each of us to be creative; therefore, Christians should be the most creative people in the world. "Copies aren't going to work anymore... the world ought to be copying our kids!" We need to be practical. Unfortunately, most gifted people never bear fruit with their gifts because they don't want to do the "hard stuff", the basics. If Paul wasn't willing to suffer the drudgery of making tents he never would have been trusted with the gospel, he said. We need to practice the basics, like loving our children and our neighbors.

Rick also challenged attendees to walk in integrity with their finances: "We should be financially independent." If we are faithful with someone else's riches, or unrighteous mammon, then we can be entrusted with the true riches (Luke 16:11). Walking in humility means paying your bills; otherwise you open the door to the spirit of poverty, said Rick. He advised believers to tithe, saying that it is the best investment we can make - we can test the Lord in this matter, according to Malachi 3:10. Also, Rick said that he has been so extremely blessed by God that he must have God's supernatural grace to administer the blessings. God wants to bring His simplicity into living a blessed kingdom life. "Love

your neighbors as yourself" and "seek first the kingdom of God," Rick emphasized. When we do these things then we'll become dread champions - but we must do the basics first.

## **MAXIMIZING HEAVEN'S HELP**

International speaker and prophet, John Paul Jackson, spoke about Maximizing Heaven's Help by making good choices, thinking God's thoughts and having positive expectations. As we see in the supernatural realm, like Elisha's servant Gehazi, God will birth faith in our hearts to help us walk in victory. "Many of you want to live in the supernatural realm," he said, "but you don't want to pay the price to live there." That price is paid as we guard our thoughts, keep our hearts clean and stay close to the Lord.

Victorious living, says John Paul, is dependent on our choices - whether we choose to think about things that are negative or impure or whether we think about things that are pure and lovely (Col. 2 and 3). "Your success and failure today, you chose years ago," he said; "Every decision depends on a thought."

God wants us to embrace thinking that builds His kingdom, (kindness, love, compassion, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness), not empire building thinking which is selfish and bears the soulish fruit described in Colossians 3. John Paul explained that when we focus on kingdom thoughts, we make room for the supernatural realm and the blessings of heaven to manifest in our lives. "If you are not getting what you are longing for, then your thinking must change," he said. "The decisions you make today will show up in your life 5 years from now."

## **TASTING THE POWERS OF THE SUPERNATURAL REALM**

In another session, Todd described some of the supernatural manifestations we can expect to see if we faithfully nurture our spiritual life by embracing kingdom thinking. He said that when we start to talk about "the stuff" - gold, angels, feathers, deliverance and healing - they show up! "Whatever you can expect to see in heaven eternally, should be what I can expect to see now in the spirit." Todd said that because there are so few supernatural experiences in the church today, most believers do not expect them. "We settle for no supernatural experience because we want to play safe!" he said. However, God has invited us to come boldly to His throne (a place of supernatural encounter).

God has promised that He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh, continued Todd. "But you can't speak the heart and mind of God, if you aren't living in the supernatural and listening to His voice." Such a supernatural life involves trances, visions, dreams, angelic visitations and being taken up into the third heaven. Todd examined Hebrews 6 in which Paul encourages believers to go on from the elementary principles (repentance, baptisms, laying on of hands and basic doctrines) to the place of having "tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come" (v.5). After we see into this realm of "the powers of the age to come," he said, we can decree what we see in order to bring them out of that realm into the natural realm.

Referring to Isaiah 2, 1 Corinthians 2 and Job 29, Todd noted that God wants to entrust His true friends with the kinds of revelation that Jesus experienced. He said we can have this revelatory wisdom 24 hours a day. Then, just like Jesus, we will do nothing but what we see the Father doing.

## **REVELATION THROUGH DREAMS**

In one of his sessions, John Paul spoke about dreams, one of the ways Christians can begin to see what the Father is doing. He described how that God challenged him to learn how to teach people how to interpret dreams (a gifting God has given him as a young man). Someone said to him, "if you don't know how your gift works, you won't be able to train others to continue where you left off." John Paul spent the next 20 years learning and digging into Scripture to learn about dreams, how God speaks through them and how to interpret them.

Today John Paul's ministry, called Streams Ministries, puts up dream interpretation booths and

spiritual readings booths at New Age festivals, Starbucks, Barnes & Nobles, psychic fairs and high schools. In these places, prophetic teams often have opportunities to lead people to Jesus as they are touched by the Spirit through a prophecy or dream interpretation.

During this session, John Paul examined 20 different types of dreams including: healing dreams, flushing dreams, warning dreams, calling dreams, correction dreams, direction dreams, dark dreams, soul dreams and spiritual warfare dreams. He also taught about trances, visitations of angels and the Lord, transportations, as well as appearances of heavenly lights. He said that the Lord appeared to the apostle Paul as a light and, because He is the "Father of lights" (James 1:17), He sometimes still appears to His people in the form of a light.

## **BASIC KEYS TO SUPERNATURAL REVELATION**

It's right to pursue supernatural revelation and phenomenon, said Rick Joyner - 1 Corinthians 13 (in the original language) tells us to earnestly desire "spirituals." However, he said, until Christians are rooted and grounded in love, they are not ready for the spirituals - the supernatural visitations and power - that will come in the future.

He also spoke about other basic foundations for Christians who want to walk into supernatural experiences, which include prayer and step-by-step growth in the kingdom through practical actions. "If we can abide in God's peace and diffuse anger and fear," said Rick, "we can stay in the zone (of seeing into the supernatural)." He also discussed the greatest foundation stone for a life in the supernatural realm: fellowship with God. "The true essence of prophetic ministry is friendship with God," said Rick. "Anybody here could be God's best friend in the last days," he said. "We are all as close to God as we want to be." Out of that friendship God will speak to us in many supernatural ways. He also examined the four purposes of man: to have fellowship with God, to do work, to be fruitful and to take dominion.

## **THE GOLD AND THE GLORY**

In the next meeting Charlie said that as he has grown in deeper friendship with the Lord over the years, the Father has called him to contend for God's glory in the earth. For years he has prayed in faith for revival and an invasion of God's glory on the earth which would usher in a great harvest of souls. He noted that God is actually called "the Father of Glory" (Eph. 1:17). When deep darkness is on the earth, He will pour out His glory, power and presence (Isaiah 60:2). He said that when the glory comes, the multitudes will flood into the church.

However, before the glory comes in fullness, Charlie said, the Lord wants to release great financial provision - the gold - to bless His people and fund the harvest. He noted that God says that the gold and silver is His (Hag. 2:8), not the world's. To reap the silver and gold, he said, God's people will have to die to their fleshly nature so they can be pure channels of His blessings. "Resurrection does not happen on the cross, but in the grave when you're dead, buried and gone," he said.

Over the years, said Charlie, the Lord has continually spoken to him about the gold to come. God has shown him that, as with Solomon's temple, the gold must come into the Lord's house first before the glory falls. Recently, he said, God called him to believe for a manifestation of the gold and silver as first fruits. On the Day of Atonement he began calling in these blessings and then held a prayer meeting for this specific purpose. Weeks later, in a meeting in California, the Lord answered the prayer in a dramatic way. In one offering in the conference he was speaking at, the ushers found 24 gold coins and 40 silver coins (1881 Morgan silver dollars).

This first fruits blessing (given to feed the poor in Israel) is an encouragement for all believers that greater provision is on the way for His people, according to Charlie. He said that many people have tithed and given faithfully over the years and are still waiting for their blessings to be released. Through prayer, Charlie said that, like Daniel (chapter 10), we can bring the blessings out of the second heaven (where they are stuck) into the natural realm.

## DESTINY WORDS

On the final night, Todd spoke about how God wants to give mandates and destiny words to his people so they have a clear picture of their calling and future potential. He described a visionary experience in which he was taken (several times) into a library in heaven with shelves stretching higher and further than the eye could see. This place contained records of history and the book of the future (remembrance), as described in Scripture (Mal. 3:16). Todd said that God had allowed him to look into this book and see God's destiny for him. He described how that, in one experience, the Lord had allowed him to eat a honey scroll (like Ezekiel did), which launched him and his ministry into the next seven years of supernatural activity.

He said God wants to supernaturally impart to His people what they need to reap the great harvest of souls to come. Just as he received divine revelation that allowed him to live out of what he ate, said Todd, so God's people can "peek into the books in heaven" to see what is to come in their lives. Then they can participate with God in writing their future. "Some of you haven't even started your story yet; you're just stuck in chapter one. Unless you can see tomorrow, you'll never get out of the present. These books carry your potential. God has a season of prophetic destiny for you."

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May you all have a relaxed time over the season's break and may we know Him deeper and more intimately in the year to come.

Let us be wise in all we do, and act from the inside out, from the mature man within!

Grace to you in the Head of the Body, our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

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