

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE GOD-ORDAINED WAY**

Message Nineteen

The Prophecy (1)—The Practice of Prophecy

Scripture Reading:

- Lam. 3:22-23 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, For His compassions do not fail; They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
- 1 Cor. 14:26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- Acts 5:20 Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.
- 1 Tim. 4:13-14 Until I come, attend to the public reading, to the exhortation, to the teaching. Do not neglect the gift which is in you, which was given to you by means of prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 1 Tim. 4:15-16 Practice these things; be in them, that your progress may be manifest to all. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things; for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.
- Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has exulted in God my Savior.

I. From our revelation gained from the Word of God and our experience the Triune God during the week, compose a prophecy of no more than three minutes to speak—1 Cor. 14:26:

- A. By enjoying the Lord through contacting Him in a portion of the Word every morning—Lam. 3:22-23:
1. Choose a portion of the Word consisting of ten or fewer verses, covering one chapter of a book each week.
 2. Among these few verses there may be two or three verses which we especially enjoy and we can concentrate on these—Jer. 15:16.
- B. By writing down a short note of our spiritual inspiration, enlightenment, and enjoyment of the Lord each morning as a reminder of what we received from the Lord—Psa. 119:147-148; cf. Lev. 11:3.
- C. By putting all the notes, the "harvest" of our inspirations of the past six mornings together for a total inspiration on the last day of the week and composing a prophecy of no more than three minutes to speak in the church meetings on the Lord's Day.
- D. By having some "tutors" as coaches or instructors, tutoring us on how to compose a prophecy with the proper length, form, and content—1 Cor. 14:29.

II. If we practice PSR (pray-reading, studying, and reciting) each day, from Monday through Saturday, we will surely prophecy in the Lord's Day meeting of the church:

- A. Acts 8 shows that we need the Word interpreted to us.
- B. My new way is PSRP. This is the way for us to cook and to eat the riches, which have been released in these recent years.
- C. We should prophecy with what we can recite; what we can recite is what we have studied; and what we have studied is what we have pray-read.
- D. By taking this way, we will be equipped to nourish people with the unsearchable riches of Christ.

III. Practice speaking the prophecy we have prepared in our home—1 Cor. 14:26:

- A. In this way we will have a proper prophecy prepared in writing.
- B. On the Lord's Day, we will go to the church meeting having something to speak.

- C. This will fulfill 1 Corinthians 14:26, which says that when we come together, “each one has.”
- D. 1 Corinthians 14:26 says, Each one “has”—1 Cor. 14:26.

IV. Speaking with the constituting elements of prophesying—speaking what we see with the living words of this life under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with His enlightenment —Acts 5:20:

- A. Prophesying being a miraculous normality.
 - 1. Normal because it requires us to learn the Word and to be trained to speak.
 - 2. Miraculous because it is speaking with the divine element, the divine light, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- B. To prophesy is to have the oracle of God (God’s speaking, God’s utterance that conveys divine revelation)—1 Pet. 4:11; cf. 1 Cor. 14:24-25.
- C. When we have the human learning of the Word, the divine inspiration of the Spirit, and the clear view, we will be able to prophesy—1 Cor. 14:31.
- D. Prophecy is always composed of the living words of this life, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the clear view through the enlightening of the divine light—1 Cor. 2:11-16.

V. Building up a habit of speaking the word of the Lord—Luke 1:45-46:

- A. The only way to speak the Holy Word is to live according to the Spirit.
- B. In all the daily affairs of our daily life, we need to learn to speak the word.
- C. If we do not practice speaking the word in our daily life, it will be very hard for us to speak much in the meetings.

VI. The learning needed for practicing to prophesy—1 Cor. 14:1; 1Tim. 4:13-16:

- A. Learning the twenty-two main items of the truth.
- B. Learning the twenty-two main items of the experiences of life.

VII. Exercising to prophesy—Luke 1:47; Psalms 16:9:

- A. Exercising your spirit—Luke 1:47; Psalms 16:9.
- B. Exercising your mouth (your tongue) and your voice (your sound)—Psalms 108:1; Acts 2:26; 1 Cor. 14:7-11.
- C. Exercising your speed.
- D. Exercising your gesture.
- E. Exercising your accent.