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#### **DEDICATION**

I dedicate this book solely to The Lord Jesus Christ, who by The Holy Spirit granted unto me access into certain spiritual truths and mysteries in the prophetic which I know were beyond my normal range of sight to be able to understand, comprehend and document for the benefit and edification of all. I also want to dedicate this book to everyone that so desire to function in the prophetic, and to those that care so much to have an understanding of how the prophetic functions and influence the earth from the heavens. The prophetic realm have never been exclusive, preserved for a few elites, it is a realm that is open to all by God. The prophetic realm is a manifestation that all are called into in God. May you not be excluded from the manifestation and functioning of the prophetic in our day and time!

Blessings to you all!
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The word 'prophet' is normal in our today society. It has been abused by many although it was not designed to be so. Prophets are God's oracles called and separated for a function till death calls them to rest. Most prophets were called even before they were born on earth just like Jeremiah, God called and ordained him before his birth and separated him, then trained him to be His representative on earth. The office of the prophetic is a prestigious one, no wonder there are many fake and profane prophets in our society today.

There are people that are called into the office of the prophet. They carry the designation of prophets as known by men on earth. The prophetic office is mostly occupied by people that are called to be prophets under the fivefold ministry of Jesus Christ. People called as prophets are called to function from the office of the prophetic

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

Christ Jesus is the one that gives the gift of the prophetic and ordains men into the office of the prophet. Every true prophet must have a desire to express and reveal Christ Jesus to people at all cost. Prophets are always in constant relationship with God and they understand the current perspective of God in due season. Prophets are supposed to bring the words from God as prophesied even when it is not convenient to the people.

A man called into the office of a prophet must be able to give direction to people and guide them aright on what to do and how to do it according to God's pattern. People are always confused in need of direction and guardianship in life. God always sends His prophets to people who are lacking in understanding of His current revelation position concerning their lives.

To give words of encouragement or consolation to people is not always the function of the prophets because God might be speaking words of rebuke to the people at the moment and that may not be convenient to the people who might be rebellious in heart. A prophet is supposed to take a stand with God and declare what God has in His heart for the people, whether it sounds good or bad to the people. The words spoken by a prophet may even sound repugnant to the people if they are rebellious and never wanting to change their evil ways unto God.

In times past, God ordained prophets to speak to His people warning them about their daily sins and iniquities. Sometimes, prophets give them instructions on things to do for success and wellbeing. We saw prophets like Isaiah, called by God in desperate and terrible times in which Israel were backsliding. God chose him to be His oracle declaring His word of rebuke and correction to the people.

The people considered his speaking repugnant and sought to kill him on daily basis.

In the Old Testament, when God wants to speak to a people, He raises a man to be a prophet and puts him close to the king so that He can influence the king in righteousness. The king is left with the decision to either follow what the prophet speaks to him as God's word or chooses to be rebel. Many that were rebellious to God by serving idols died without fulfilling the purpose of which God designed them for. The few that yielded to God by listening to the word of God spoken by the prophet lasted longer and impacted their society.

The prophet Isaiah suffered many shame and reproach even among his own people. He prophesied words of warning and correction to God's people, but they never believed him, rather considered him to be a nuisance. God reveals future events to His prophets and they are to prophesy those revelations into being on earth. We are to believe the words spoken by prophets because it has the ability to prosper us.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:20

Prophets see the heart intention of God and speak His plans to being. When people don't believe the words spoken by prophets, they limit the manifestation of God because they will not collaborate with God when the appointed time comes for the fulfilment of prophecy. Prophet Isaiah prophesied the birth of Christ Jesus The Messiah, His death, burial and resurrection. His people never believed his prophecy, but saw him as a liar and a traitor.

'People that cannot see the future can't believe it either.' God reveals His secrets to His prophets when they fellowship with Him in prayer. He protects and watches over them as His own. He gives them authority over lands to decree as He commands them. Prophets are bound to obey God at all time. Jeremiah was a prophet called by God and sent to a people that have gone far into darkness. God decided to

let the Israelites be captured by the Assyrians and be taken as captives for a while, the prophet Jeremiah was the one called and saddled with the responsibility to foretell to the people what will befall them in the times to come.

The prophet prophesied about their coming captivity, but no one ever cared to believe him. In fact, he was persecuted and put in a dungeon to suffer. He was a unique kind of a prophet and was called from his mother's womb as the scripture said. Although the people refused to accept his prophecy, it latter came to pass in their lives that they were taken as slaves by the Assyrians for a season.

Prophets are not always loved by many, even in their own hometown. Few may love them but many will reject them, especially those that are walking in sin and deep into iniquity. It is normal for people to criticize and speak evil of prophets because they are called to challenge and confront darkness at all levels. Those that speak for the devil and walk in falsehood see them as a threat, but the ones that walk in the light of God see them as messengers from God sent to help them fulfil purpose in life.

Prophets functioning in the office of the prophet are endowed with gifts by God to help them function accurately in the prophetic. They are given the power to bind and lose and to war against spiritual wickedness in high places. You don't just choose to operate in the office of the prophet and become a prophet, it is an ordination from Christ Jesus Himself. People that are called as prophets by God are trained and given the necessary utilities for their function on earth.

The office of the prophet is power. It is kept and preserved by prayer and a close relationship with God. True prophets fear no man as they are intimate with God, and when you are intimate with God you cannot be intimidated by men. Prophets consider God as their source and backbone. If you are called to function in the office of the prophet, all you need to do is to study the patterns and dealings of God through His word on how He related with other prophets in time past. When you see the pathway from the scriptures, then you are to follow suit in obedience.

As you follow after the dealings and discipline of God like the prophets of old and apply the same principles to your life, it will not be long before you begin to function in the same gift and power. There are gifts that function in the office of the prophet. Gifts such as the word of wisdom, the walking of miracles and the word of knowledge.

Prophets do have lots of encounters and visitation from God and angels. These experiences are normal to them because they function in the supernatural most times. Most prophets are known to function in the supernatural. A lot of them are watchers and intercessors. They pray and fast for the people they are called to direct and guide. A Prophet is not necessarily sent to all but to a particular set of people within a location. Prophets have a sphere of influence. God gives territories to them according to His ordination.

Not everyone is called into the fivefold ministry of Jesus Christ, you may not be called as a prophet, but surely God called you to be a true lover of Jesus Christ, and a witness for the sake of the cross. Even if you are called to be a prophet, you are still saddled with the responsibility to build yourself in the place of prayer and the word so that you will have an accurate understanding of the speaking and voice of God as He speaks to you. If you don't build yourself, you will be limited in your functioning in God.

A prophet must have an understanding of the sacrifices that have the potency to open the heavens per season. Sacrifice surely opens the heavens because the realm of the spirit answer highly to sacrifices made with a pure heart and mind. Through scriptures, prophets are demanded to offer sacrifices and obey certain instructions that open the gates and doors of heavens over the people.

Prophets are supposed to be quick to listen and to obey the voice of God. Obedience increase your influence and trust in God. The more you obey God, the more He permits His resources and power to function in your life. Vision, dreams, trance and revelation are a common means God uses to communicate to prophets. The office of the prophet is given the permission and access into the depth of dreams and vision that reveal things that will come to pass.

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God speaks to His prophets in their hearts. They can perceive Him by an inner witness and an inner knowing. He also uses dreams, vision, revelation and trance to reveal the intent of His heart to them at all times. People that function in the office of the prophet are given the ability to create by decreeing the creating word of God.

God has created and is still creating in our days, but His current method of creation now is with the agency of prophetic men. Through a collaboration with the creative prophetic ability, He puts within man to create as He decrees from eternity into time. Prophets can create by decreeing and declaring the things that be not as though they are. When a prophet declares prophetically, the authority on him given by God causes creation to occur.

A prophet has the ability to bless or curse a people. It is the desire of God that He blesses His people, but He can curse evil and wicked people on earth by judging them under His righteousness. When a prophet does as he wishes and not as God pleases, he will be heading towards danger that may cost him his life. It doesn't matter what you are called to function in, even if you have not yet realized your designation as called by God to function in life, you are still supposed to be faithful serving The LORD and growing in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. For He who gives the office to faithful individuals, knows their heart and only He knows what He has predestined them to fulfil. Keep yourself always connected to Him and by many encounters and visitations, a structure will be formed within you to contain the prophetic offices of Christ Jesus overtime. I pray The LORD my God and your God, reveals to you the secrets of His glory as He rewards your labour of love. Amen.

Shalom!!!

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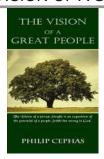
This manuscript is likened to a compass employed by a spiritual sojourner to journey to the desire destination without being weary and tired, lacking the strength, passion, zeal, courage, and the understanding to press further into the realm of light and life.

#### PATHWAY TO THE ANOINTING



Pathway to the anointing is not just a product of a research done in the flesh, but a personal dealing of walking with The Holy Spirit over time which has resulted to a smearing of the anointing upon my life by God.

#### VISION OF A GREAT PEOPLE



The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:

Ps 45:1 MSG

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. Ps~68:11~KJV

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