Abiding in the Apostolic-Prophetic Realm

Luke 11:11-13 AMP
11 What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?
12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
13 If you then,...know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!

All ministries desiring to flow in the apostolic-prophetic realms must focus upon a specially trained ministry TEAM. The Lord Jesus did and the apostles followed His pattern to build the church in the 1st century church. This TEAM must make every attempt to meet, counsel, pray for and follow-up with those who come forward for ministry in any church function.

All must desire to grow in spiritual maturity and knowledge of the Word of God.
1 Cor 14:3-4 AMP
3 But [on the other hand], the one who prophesies [who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching] speaks to men for their upbuilding and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation.
4 He who speaks in a [strange] tongue edifies and improves himself, but he who prophesies [interpreting the divine will and purpose and teaching with inspiration] edifies and improves the church and promotes growth [in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, and happiness].

The TEAM must understand the full realm of spiritual matters. Paul encourages the church to grow by prophetically comforting and exhorting each other.

1 Cor 14:31 AMP
For in this way you can give testimony [prophesying and thus interpreting the divine will and purpose] one by one, so that all may be instructed and all may be stimulated and encouraged;

Here are specific requirements of those who would venture to become active as a member of an apostolic-prophetic TEAM:
1. Pursue restored intimacy with the Lord in communion with the Holy Spirit.
2. Pursue renewing of commitment and call.
3. Pursue enlarging and clarifying spiritual vision for personal and corporate ministry.
4. Pursue rekindled passion for the Lord Jesus.
5. Pursue the work of the Kingdom and re-structure the local church..
6. Pursue the spiritual graces to minister Impartation:
   > Refreshing
   > Re-commissioning
   > Anointing
7. An Apostolic-Prophetic Ministry sets a divine goal to concentrate on raising up a ministry TEAM through divine fellowship.
   Objectives for training and equipping the Church:
   > Work within, gather and build up the local body pattern: Study Barnabas & Paul.
   > Extend encouragement to as much of the larger Body as possible.
8. Who of God’s anointed servants are demonstrating the Glory realm?
   What is the possibility of engaging them in the training process?
   Our TEAM must be exposed either in our ministries or sent to where the Holy Ghost is releasing apostolic dimensions to the church and individuals. Impartation is a power dimension of God to cherish.
9. Empowered by the Holy Ghost, one must step into a certain arena of ministry. Boldness with a gentleness must be practiced.
   > Simply desiring the Holy Ghost’s outpouring is not enough.
   > We must be persistent in our pursuit of the Lord’s renewing graces and line up repeatedly to receive apostolic-prophetic prayer whole heartedly seeking the Holy Ghost’s anointing Presence.
   > God wants us to test our faith in Him, that we are bold to seek Him for His release of Joy and Power. He will back up this kind of faith!
   > God wants us to walk and flow in His administration of spiritual gifts.
      so that we carry the Power of Impartation with us to ignite Holy Ghost Fires wherever we go! The anointing graces of the Holy Ghost are remarkably transferable!
   > God the Holy Spirit wants to manifest renewal and revival! He wants us to receive His great blessings and impartations with such intensity that we become as known “fire-lighters!”
   > The Lord wants the Body activated so that more people can receive prayer more frequently…When the Holy Ghost arrests an individual under His working presence, He expects them to stay where they are…off their feet and on the ground (floor) to “soak”! This is a form of worship we can witness throughout scriptures. Let the TEAM ministry members move among them and minister an increase of anointing into them!

The divine purposes of God during these special meetings of outpouring are for:
   > Refreshing
   > Restoration
   > Healing – emotional and physical
   > Radical deepening of Faith
   > Radical deepening of Hope
   > Re-commission for ministry
   > Power release for new aspects of ministry

There will not be any true unity among the universal church families and ministries until they begin to respond to the apostolic-prophetic call of the Father.
The “breaking” of pride and stiffness will result in producing believers and Leaders which can fit together [like lively stones] in the Master Builder’s hands.

Being set in place but not working as “living stones” is currently causing the Body to be unable to fit together compactly because of religious spirits manifest as powers of legalism, religious traditions, regulations, requirements, self-serving ideologies, liberalism and extreme conservatism. None of these are Born of Spirit revelation but of men’s thoughts and ways. Religion also raises its false ugly head in interpretation of truth found in the Scriptures apart from Spirit revelation. These religious powers are spiritual protrusions on the “stones of the church.

In contrast we are to be “lively stones” built upon the apostolic and prophetic with the Lord Jesus as the chief cornerstone! In effect, protrusions keep Leaders and the saints at arm’s length from one another. The protrusions are pride and arrogance! When we all humble ourselves to the will of God, church unity becomes a growing and powerful vehicle for carrying forward the love of Christ to cities and nations.

We can be a new standard--- working in co-operation as we pray together and do outreach together.

When we move together, a new freedom is received!
We move in apostolic strength with the Holy Ghost!
We experience a new freedom for worshipping God with His favor and with His presence resting upon us!
In this atmosphere, churches begin to take worship out into public arenas where the unchurched and those of "religious practices and convictions" can be directly exposed to the beauty and power of our Living God! Just imagine artists and musicians experiencing a strong move of the Holy Ghost with prophetic songs and dances causing stiff-hearts to yield to God’s love!

Do you recall that the disciples of Jesus were gathered from several different career fields? So, too, “Leaders” of a “Move of God” are going to come from different backgrounds of graces and nationalities. Many are NOT going to be “Mainstream.” Many will be without much experience as “Leaders.”
The good news is that God is going to use them in evangelism: signs, wonders and miracles will follow them. They will also teach converts the ways of God… not the ways of religion.

Many current Leaders will disqualify themselves by not responding to what the Father will be saying. Those who do yield and obey will have a tremendous prophetic anointing on their ministries and will become the Lord’s spokesmen to cities and nations. God will open doors to citywide, regional and national conferences for them to speak the truth of the Gospel!

Luke 19:26 AMP
And [said Jesus,] I tell you that to everyone who gets and has will more be given, but from the man who does not get and does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

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It is imperative that we as apostolic-prophetic sons and daughters know what the Lord is doing in the apostolic-prophetic realms!

First, a Word of prophetic insight must set the direction for which way God wants us to go. Few have yet gone the way He has ordained. [see Joshua 3:4]

By inspiration of the Holy Ghost, here is a perpetual Living Word from the Lord…

“There is set before My Leaders a path of increase in evangelism, the move of My Spirit and the call to deeper intercessory prayer. I Am accelerating all things in both the spiritual and physical realms. I Am increasing My refiner’s fire in My called Leadership. It is My Fire of Malachi 3 of which you shall be tried. Who can stand when the refiner’s fire comes?

Many of you are going to be shaken! I am giving you two choices in which you may go. Follow Me into prayer, waiting and listening to My voice and walking in obedience, or, fall into temptation and sin where I shall close the doors of your ministry and you will call forth judgment upon yourselves. If you choose the later, I will even shake the very foundations of your churches and in turn they will fall.

“Word of knowledge” January 2011:
For those who hear My voice and harken to my call, you will catch the wind of My Holy Spirit. The Wind, the Fire, the Water, the Wine and My Oil shall turn you and you will take radical steps. Be strengthened in Me this very hour for those who will not hear My Words and abide in Me shall fall on difficult times. I raise up and take down kings and nations. Will I not surely pass by those that will not hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying?

Thus says the Spirit of Almighty God 01-21-11
Delivered through Ron Gann

Can the Lord be more clear than what He has spoken? It is vital for Church Leaders to humble to pray for other Leaders in their city and for the cities and nations of the globe. God is loving and kind toward us, He is also very serious about our taking Him serious! In like precious faith, there are two basic stages of which we must know and in which we must walk. They are represented in Ezekiel’s God inspired vision of the valley of dry bones.

The first is that the dry bones will receive muscle, sinew and flesh. This is a prophetic dimension where the church begins to seek the Father and cry out to Him for grace, mercy and a sovereign move of the Holy Spirit. It is time that prophetic decrees go forth proclaiming that Leaders come together. Much has been written extensively on www.thepropheticvoice.com/kingdomkeys.html in presenting the ways of God for His apostolic moves. We must realize the time and season of which we are positioned and in so doing, know that God is calling us to do things which are completely sustained in spiritual realms. God ordains and greatly blesses the “Church of the City!”
Let us understand one of the basic principles of the prophetic. It provides insight to God’s will, purposes and planned actions. The gift of prophesy points the way, gives us the particulars for the actions God will take along the path. The prophetic requires the exercise of faith and the doing of that which is revealed. The prophetic must be received in the same frame that the men exercised actions to do all they could to purchase the Field in which was the Buried Treasure and to purchase the Pearl of Great Price! (Matthew 13:44; 13:46)

The prophetic dimension is seen in Ezekiel’s response to the vision of the dry bones and to make judgment as to their coming back to life. The Lord Knew! In the same manner, Leaders are going to experience hearing things that appear equally as impossible as to what has been experienced thus far in our time and cultures. We are in that season where the impossible becomes demonstrated by God! No matter how challenging the task, God is making the changes!

The second dimension of the apostolic–prophetic church is the power and authority realm coming on the church. There is a movement of the Spirit of God on our cities that is going to be marked by powerful signs and wonders such as the 1st century church experienced! God moves radically in the times of greatest persecution! During these seasons, in the apostolic dimension, God raises up leaders in the Body of Christ that move in an power, right and privilege that is wholly, Holy Ghost led and not led by men’s designs! This “authority” is “trans-denominational,” it bows to no bounds of men.

There are apostolic-prophetic voices who will be recognized and fortified. They will be spokesmen and Leaders for the Government of God in the Body of Christ across all denominational lines.

In the apostolic dimension there is great freedom to move in miracles. Healings, signs, and wonders are prevalent where there is a believer of Christ exercising King Jesus’ authority: His blood and His Name.

The lives of unbelievers are especially touched by demonstrations of apostolic power and authority. With all this knowledge of what God has decreed in this letter, what are the things required to be obedient to them?

God has spoken because in His divine order everything rises or falls on leadership as He has proclaimed! Therefore,
> We must be broken displaying pure hearts and humble spirits.
> We must submit ourselves to one another in pure and holy relationships.
> We must submit ourselves individually and corporately to God.
> We must maintain a heart’s desire to deepening our intimacy with the Lord.
> We must keep committed lives to the service of the Kingdom and to the Church
   (The church is the instrumentality of outworking of the Kingdom of Heaven)
> We must exercise generosity and open-handedness.
We must hold to high respect, honor and desire to bless the larger Body of Christ by being motivated to travel to foreign lands. We must receive and bless what the Lord is doing through flawed humanity. We must operate in implicit love and stamina. We must walk in Father God’s Initiatives!!!

His Son’s sovereign apostolic authority.
His choosing to visit all flesh.
His pouring out of the Holy Spirit.

Note; Today, 01-28,11, I revisited this letter. It is always amazing to see the wonderful faithfulness of God. Not that we doubt Him, but, that He so many times in short order confirms the ‘words of wisdom’ and ‘words of knowledge’ He releases.

The above original letter was written in the morning session of devotion time with the Word and in prayer on 01-22-11. It was evening before having the opportunity to type it into the Microsoft Word composer for distribution. Tonight 01-28-11, in checking out the world news, it was apparent the Lord Jesus was changing the guard, making way for new leadership of the nation Egypt. Egypt is destined to become a haven for the Gospel and a center of peace. This is a nation that needs much prayer cover! Will the Body of Christ respond to the call? This is a nation that needs the Light of Christ and we should be very concerned for the Coptic Christians that are in the “cross-fire’ of a possible extremist Islamic revolution to emerge as the dominate power.

Desk Note: Further development is that the Prime Minister of Egypt was captured and soon to be killed. The Islamic “Brotherhood” has judged him and taken over the nation.

Read the following passage as given to Spiritual Israel, the Church.
Zech 10:11-12
11 And [the Lord] will pass through the sea of distress and affliction [at the head of His people, as He did at the Red Sea]; and He will smite down the waves of the sea, and all the depths of the [river] Nile shall be dried up and put to shame; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down and the scepter or rod [of the taskmasters of Egypt] shall pass away.
12 And I will strengthen [Israel] in the Lord, and they shall walk up and down and glory in His name, says the Lord.”

The Church of Jesus Christ, united in purpose, is Spiritual Israel.