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LESSON FOUR

THE SEER REALM

Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for he who is called a prophet now was formerly called a seer. (1 Sam 9:9)

Nahbi Prophet vs. the Seer Prophet

Nahbi (naw-bee) – a prophet who declares the words of the Lord as he is given them. The Nahbi prophet often hears and repeats as he is spoken to by the Lord. He often receives revelation from the Lord in spontaneous faster flowing inspired thoughts or words. Sometimes the Nahbi prophet will use the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues. When giving prophetic words the Nahbi prophet will often begin by saying, "I hear the Lord saying..."

Seer – a Seer prophet is one who emphasizes visions and the revelatory gifts verses the audible speaking gifts. A seer will often operate at a slower pace in the delivery of the prophetic word as they describe the pictures and images in their mind. The seer type relies heavily upon the presence of God and angelic visitation to initiate the revelatory realms. When giving prophetic words the seer will often begin by saying, "I see..."

The Importance of Developing the Seer Gift

Jesus who was 100% God; came to earth as 100% man and modeled what ministry should look like when we are in total submission to the will of God. Not one miracle that Jesus did he use his power as God, but as a man. The potential is available to each of us to do what Jesus did. This statement should provoke us to remove all sin, fear and unbelief in our life so we can draw nearer to Him. As we draw nearer to Him we will be able to "see" what he is doing and model that in our ministries.

100% Man: Phil 2:6 Christ Jesus who existed in the form of God did not consider equality with God as something to be used to his advantage. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of man. *He had to go to the cross as a man to represent us as a man.*

Jesus lived his life from a place of intimacy, an “inner relationship” with God, only speaking what He heard the Father saying and only doing what He saw the Father he doing. Jesus lived a life without other options.

John 5:19 "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something **He sees the Father doing**; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner

The Seer Gift is a Restoration of our Spiritual Sight that we had in the Garden

Our sight before the fall was different. This is my opinion but I believe that Adam and Eve could see God. I believe that during the walks in the garden with the Father they could see more than we see now. In the following verse Eve see that the tree was good for food. If you have never seen or hear of a certain berry or fruit would your tell you that it was good for food? The eyesight before the garden contained a level of discernment which I do not see many people walk in today.

*When the woman **saw that the tree was good for food**, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the **tree was desirable to make one wise.** (Gen 3:6)*

After they ate from the tree and fell into sin, note that the scriptures say that their eyes were opened. The eyes that were opened were due to the knowledge of good and evil or sin.

*...she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the **eyes of both of them were opened**, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. (Gen 3:6-7)*

Their eyes were opened but they could not see the Lord walking in the garden with these open eyes, they lost spiritual sight.

***They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden** in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (Gen 3:8)*

These are other verses that support that the fall or sin has blinded our spiritual eyes.

For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM." (John 12:39-40)

*But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because **the darkness has blinded his eyes.** (1 John 2:11)*

Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father. The cross removed our sin and reconciled us to the intimate relationship man had with the Father at the garden. Jesus came to restore our spiritual sight and closed our eyes that were opened due to sin and opened our spiritual eyes.

And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see, your sin remains.' (John 9:39-41)

How to See in the Spirit – Looking for Vision

Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's experiences are important for us to learn how to press into vision. It is important to be comfortable in our hearts that God uses our mind to speak to us by his voice, visions and dreams.

*I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace. "I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and **these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind** kept alarming me (Dan 4:5)*

*Now these **were the visions in my mind** as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth and its height was great. (Dan 4:10)*

In the following verse Nebuchadnezzar sees an angel. He saw the angel in his mind. Seeing the angel in his mind is as real as if the angel was standing before him in the natural. We need to learn to try what we see in our mind.

*I **was looking in the visions in my mind** as I lie on my bed, and behold, **an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.** (Dan 4:13)*

Daniel's experience is another great example of when we see visions in our mind they are real and of great importance.

*In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw **a dream and visions in his mind** as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it. (Dan 7:1-3)*

A vision began in Daniel's mind. Note how Daniel began to take an active role and posture himself to receive the vision and go deeper into the vision. When the vision started Daniel turned aside, blocked out distractions and started "looking" into his vision.

I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. (Dan 7:2)

Daniel continues to posture himself, concentrate on the vision and "keeps looking". As he does this the vision unfolds and he is able to receive the fullness in what the Lord wants to show him.

The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; (Dan 7:4)

After this, I kept looking and behold, another one, like a leopard,...(Dan 7:6)

After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast (Dan 7:7)

By verse 9 Daniel has been pressing into his vision for some time now. As he continues to contend and press he is taken into a Throne Room encounter with the Father. A vision can begin faintly. It is important to learn to press into our visions as we learn to develop our seer gift.

"I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. (Dan 7:9)

Daniel continues press in and "look into his vision". Finally in verse 13 he has an encounter with Jesus.

"Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. (Dan 7:11-12)

I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven. One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days. And was presented before Him. (Dan 7:13)

The Apostle John positioned himself to receive visions. We cannot make vision happen or imagine it on our own. We can however position ourselves to receive visions from the Lord. John was caught up into a vision when he was in prayer and “in the Spirit”. This further demonstrates that we play a part in receiving vision.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: (Rev 1:10-11)

*After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." **Immediately I was in the Spirit;** and behold, a throne was standing in heaven (Rev 4:1-2)*

Another way increase the value we place upon the thoughts and visions within our mind is to remember that God treats that what we see or think in our mind as real as the actual act.

"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matt 5:27-29)

You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court (Matt 5:21-22)

The Transfiguration – A Vision

The Transfiguration was when the three disciples saw Jesus with Elijah and Moses. This event was called a vision! A vision of the mind from God can transform your life.

Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. And Jesus came to them and

touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

*As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "**Tell the vision** to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." (Matt 17:1-9)*

If you have a desire to experience more life changing visions and encounters in your life you simply need to ask:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (Matt 7:7)

Our Imagination was created by God

Our imagination is another word for using our mind. Our imagination is like an organ created by God so we could communicate with an unseen realm. Our imagination is our "spiritual eyes" or as the following verse refers to as the "eyes of our heart.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (Eph 1:18)

When we think of our imagination most of us think of our childhood, imaginary friends, imagining situations and games when we played. Children love the imaginary realm and are easily engaged there.

We deal in the everyday realities of life and many of us have allowed the world to tell us that the use of our imagination is regarded as foolishness and should be reserved for children. Hence the phrase, "Oh well, that is only your imagination!"

Whether we realize it or not, we use our imagination every day. Our imagination has been bombarded by the world and clouded with unholy images and by our experiences. Because of these thoughts we often are afraid to use or exercise our imagination. We can shut down our imagination and hinder our ability from hearing God rightly.

God created our imagination to communicate his specific plans and definite purposes in our lives. His will is made known to us because the imagination is the place where God most often speaks to us by dreams and visions. Actually our imagination is a powerful path to prophetic revelation and destiny.

God wants us to develop a child-like faith. Bill Johnson wrote a book called, "Dreaming with God". It takes a child-like faith to allow ourselves to dream his dreams and see those dreams in our imagination.

Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 18:3-4)

Examples of the Use of a Sanctified Imagination

Building of the Tabernacle(2 Sam. 7:2,3) *And the King(David) said to Nathan the prophet, "See now I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains." Nathan said to the King, "Go, do all that is within your mind, for the Lord is with you."*

Tabernacle(1Chron. 29:18) *Oh Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their hearts unto thee: And give to Solomon a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace for which I have made provision.*

Prophetic Word for a Nation (Jer. 1:11-12) *The word of the Lord came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."*

Direction for the Church(Acts 11:5-10) *I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet, lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me; and when I fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four footed animals of the earth and the wild beast and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air....*

Direction for Evangelism(Acts 16:9) *A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying. "Come over to Macedonia to help us."*

Seeing in Heavenly Realms(Rev 4:1) *After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."*

Faith to See

I have heard many people in referring to Enoch, say that he was taken to heaven and did not see death because he got so close to God, and God loved him so much. Actually the scriptures tell us Enoch was taken to heaven because of his faith. Our faith is powerful and is necessary to release the promises of heaven over our lives.

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, **for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** (Heb 11:5-6)

Our level of prophetic ability and gifting is determined by our faith. When we stir ourselves to receive visions in the seer realm we will!

*Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: **if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;** (Rom 12:6)*

All things are possible to him who believes. (Mark 9:23)

*Therefore I say to you, **all things** for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. (Mark 11:24)*

Biblical Safeguard

Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" (Luke 11:11-13)

Many people in the church have a fear of the new age movement and avoid anything that resembles the new age. This has caused many to shut down their imagination or the "eyes of our heart". The above verse from Luke is a covenant promise which proclaims the promises of the Lord. If we ask the Lord for vision to see in the seer realm, we can be confident that the power of God to keep us safe is stronger than the power of enemy to deceive us.

3 Steps into the Seer Realm

How do we posture ourselves to see visions and operate in the seer realm? Ask God to baptize you with a fire of Holiness and remove the uncleanness of this world from you. Then press in, contend for a greater anointing in the seer realm. Finally when the visions begin, trust they are from God and receive them like a child.

1. Matt 5:8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*
2. Matt 11:12 *From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men **take it by force.***
3. Mark 10:15 *Truly I say to you, whoever does not **receive** the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."*

Activation

The Bible is met to be experienced, not just read as history. Choose a scene in the Bible and within your mind and insert yourself into it. Ask Jesus to speak to you through that encounter.

Homework

Practice activations daily that will allow God to restore your visionary capacity. Quiet your mind and ask the Lord to show you visions. A vision can come very faint, but focus and "keep looking" like Daniel did.

...Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. (Ps 4:4)

Notes