

PROPHETIC POSSESSION

PRO 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? ²She standeth in the top of high places, **by the way in the places of the paths.** ³She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. ⁴Unto you, **O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.** ⁵O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. ⁶Hear; **for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.** ⁷**For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.**

I must stop in the middle of the reading to stress the important of coming to terms with normal conversation. The speaking of truth must become a way of life. For those who want to preach and prophesy cannot have unwise things coming from their mouths. A froward tongue is wickedness and deemed an abomination. (Pro 8:7b) This should not be a transition over a number of years, but a way of life. **“for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things”**(Pro 8:6). Only speak of excellent things.

PRO 8:8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is nothing froward or perverse in them.* ⁹They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. ¹⁰**Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.** ¹¹For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. ¹²I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. ¹³**The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth,** do I hate. ¹⁴Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: **I am understanding;** I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. ¹⁶By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth. ¹⁷**I love them that love me;** and those that seek me early shall find me. ¹⁸**Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.** ¹⁹**My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;** and my revenue than choice silver. ²⁰I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: ²¹That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. ²²**The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.** ²³I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. ²⁴When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

PRO 8:34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, **watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.** ³⁵For whoso findeth me **findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.**

The ways of God are the ways of wisdom. For the origins of God were found in His word. They are eternal wisdom. God's wisdom offers something better than gold and silver. (v. 19)

The wisdom of God contains the durable riches. (v.18)

The wise of this world long cannot find the wisdom of God, for they are contained in God himself.

Proverbs chapter 8 finishes this way. (v.35) Whoso findeth me (WISDOM) findeth life.

In (Pro 8:34) men are waiting at the gates to hear a word of godly wisdom; that seasonal word of wisdom from God. God's wisdom is at the crossroads waiting for men and women to align themselves with it.

ISA 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

This is what prophetic ministry is all about; daily receiving a word of wisdom that becomes the seasonal word of blessing to the hearer. The word in season is spoken word of God's wisdom. It is beyond man's knowledge for it comes from God.

JER 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.* ⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child. ⁷But the LORD said unto me, **Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.** ⁸Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. ⁹**Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth.** And the LORD said unto me, Behold, **I have put my words in thy mouth.** ¹⁰**See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.**

Deu 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

The Old Testament description of a Prophet was simply an "inspired man". Not many believers will be called as Prophets to the nations. But due to a great hunger for God, Jeremiah soon found out at a very young age what God's plans were for his life. I believe that God is all sovereign. Our spiritual life depends on it. His heavenly character should blend with our spiritual character. Those who yield to God can be partakers not only of sovereign hunger, but be spiritually filled with the fullness of God. Man can be overcome with spiritual leanness, but when we yield to God's call we will experience the richness of His anointing. In Proverbs chapter eight, Solomon shares his experience of the riches and honour. God so possessed his life (v.22) that he personally possessed the attributes of God.

His life fruit was better than riches. He walked in great wisdom. Note his words “I am understanding”. (v.14) Even as God possessed Solomon, (Pro 8:22) God possessed Jeremiah; he walked in the durable riches and wisdom that God had ordained for his life. (Jer 1:5-10) Isaiah possessed that “word in season”. (Isa 50:4)