

## PROPHECY REVEALS IDENTITY

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**Note:** This teaching on *Establishing a Kingdom Culture: Prophecy Reveals Identity* is taken from the teaching that Jane Hansen Hoyt presented during International Council in 2011, Session 1. You should take time to allow your group to view the DVD of Jane from this session to strengthen this teaching. Before teaching, your team, personally, should review the DVD. For further insight, read Graham Cooke's book, *Prophetic Wisdom*.

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Identity is the key to our transformation. Coming out of old mindsets based on behavior and performance and thinking out of new mindsets based on our identity in the Kingdom will cause us to be propelled into our destiny. Our identity in Christ is our firm foundation. From that foundation, God speaks to us through prophetic words and scriptures.

These prophetic words and specific scriptures further enhance our identity and pinpoint our specific assignments in God's end time army. It is time we shake off the old man who died and was buried with Christ and arise to the fullness that our new life in Christ brings to us.

**Prophecy connects us with the next stage of our identity.** When we receive a prophetic word, the Lord stands in the future, looking back at you in the present, saying, "I already see this prophetic word working in your life. All the blessings, all the benefits of being this person belong to you the moment I speak this word to you." All the issues you face after receiving that prophetic word are faced in the promise of the identity of the prophetic word.

**Prophecy is a declaration of an upgraded intention.** Many times we find that prophetic words are 'larger' than we are because God is standing in the future and speaking back to us in the present telling us what we are going to become. We will grow into that identity; however, it is important that we accept, assume, and proclaim that identity the day it is spoken. We will start the walk toward it by faith and find that we 'become' the word the further we walk.

As we begin the journey from the present into the future, becoming what God has told us we will be, hope is stirred within us. The atmosphere around us is electric with anticipation.

**Prophecy has a quickening Spirit attached to it.** As we receive prophetic words, individually or corporately, and began to walk toward them, God begins to walk toward us and the fulfillment of the prophetic word can happen more quickly than we expected. On the other hand, if we take our prophetic words and set them on a shelf to gather dust, we can cause the delay of the fulfillment of that word.

While prophetic words are not fulfilled by our own efforts – like Abraham and Sarah having a child – we can hasten the process if we walk in faith believing that we will see, receive, or become what God has spoken to us. Walking in the identity of the prophetic word actually attracts the provision of the prophetic word to you.

**Prophecy is designed to take your thinking to a whole new level.** Most of us see ourselves like Gideon while God wants us to see ourselves like Joshua and Caleb. Listen to Gideon's conversation with an angel who identified Gideon as a mighty man of valor:

*O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. (Judges 6:13)*

Gideon really needed to have another thought! Imagine the angel rolling his eyes as Gideon speaks out of an old mindset that is not seeing himself as God sees him. The conversation goes back and forth between Gideon and the Lord with the Lord speaking to Gideon as He sees him and Gideon replying back from the place of how he sees himself. Finally, in Judges 7:15 Gideon moved out of his identity crisis from being the weakest and the least to standing before his army of 300 and saying, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."

When Gideon began to see himself as God saw him, his whole world shifted.

Joshua and Caleb were men of a different spirit. When sent on a mission to spy out the land, it was the report of Joshua and Caleb that came forth from a place of their identity. Yes, there are giants in the land, but because of God being on our side, we are well able to take them. They were not hooked into the same identity crisis that caused the other spies to give a faithless report. When they left Egypt, they also left that old slave mentality that the other spies were trapped in. They did not see themselves with meager possibilities. Like David, they saw themselves able to overcome with God's help.

## **RISE UP IN YOUR IDENTITY**

From the moment God speaks to you in a prophetic word or highlights to you a scripture, your persona upgrades. It is up to you to receive it and to begin to proclaim it. It is up to you to face each new situation in your new persona. God knew those situations were coming. He equipped you to meet them through upgrading your persona so no matter how big the giants in your land appear, you are well able to take them because the Lord is on your side.

## **A CANDIDATE'S IDENTITY**

A man was running for the governor of his state. He lost the election. Much to his surprise, he felt the Lord tell him to run again in the next election. The Lord went further to say to the man, "Begin to say out loud, 'I am the governor. I am the governor. I am the governor.'" The Lord wanted the man to hear himself accepting his new identity.

David was anointed king long before he became the king. What had he been declaring out in the field as he watched over his father's sheep? Like most boys, did he dream of one day becoming king? Did he pick up a stick and practice killing a bear that might come to kill his sheep? Was his child's play propelling David towards his destiny?

## **A GOAL ATTAINED**

A bus pastor at a medium sized church was given an assignment for Palm Sunday. Bring in a minimum of 300 people on your busses. That had never happened before and seemed like an insurmountable task. As the bus pastor went from door to door in her town, knocking on doors and inviting children to the special pre-Easter events at church the next day, she began to say to everyone who answered the door, "We are going to have 300 on our busses tomorrow." At first, she did not believe it, but more she proclaimed it, the more sure her words were. On Sunday after the load was counted on each bus, a total of 306 had been transported to the event! She had assumed the identity of her assignment the day before and by faith partnered with God to see the task come into existence.

## **A PROPHET'S PROCLAMATION**

A certain man was given a prophetic gifting. In fact, he did not just prophecy, he was a prophet. The Lord required of him to speak this out loud to receive his identity as a prophet fully. The man tried to do it in a small church in a faraway place from his home church, but the Lord said, "No. I want you to receive your identity in the midst of those who know you."

The truth is, our identity is not based on what others think about us. Our identity is based on who Christ is in us and who God has said we are in prophetic words and specific scriptures. This identity is the key to our transformation in becoming the prototype that God spoke to us in a prophetic message in 2008. (If you have not heard this message, you can order it from Fresh Audio Video at [www.FreshPublishing.com](http://www.FreshPublishing.com) Click on conferences, 2008, Graham Cooke, 2<sup>nd</sup> message or download the transcription of the message from MyAglow.)

Our identity is not about us being fixed. We will not become a new person by changing our behavior. Our identity is about our future being determined. We discover the person we already are in Christ and we behave accordingly.

- Every relational difficulty is about identity.
- Every problem in life is about identity.
- Victory comes through identity.
- Promises and resources are realized because of identity.
- You get your needs met because of identity.
- You get your inheritance granted because of identity.

## **DECLARATION**

Father, I thank You that this is a whole new day. I want the next stage of my identity. I want to know who I get to become next. I want to know who I really am in Christ and who Christ really is in me. I want to know what provisions come with who I am becoming. I want all my upgrades to catch up with me. I want all my promises to reveal their provisions. Let every bit of favor and blessing catch up with who I am becoming now so that I stop living and moving in measure and start to move and live in fullness and abundance.

Father, I want to be like You. You are indomitable. You have never been overwhelmed by anything. Jesus has never been defeated and the Holy Spirit continually leads me into victory. This is who I really want to be. I want to think like You. I want to act like You. I want to sound like You. This is so exciting!

And I'm so excited that You are excited about me! You are not mad at me. You are not judging my behavior. You are looking at all the possibilities of who I am becoming.

Thank You for the prophetic words You have given to me individually and corporately as a person in the ministry of Aglow. I do not have to try to be the person in those prophetic words. I AM the person in those words. I want to find out how powerful my new identity is. I am going to face each problem that comes based on who I am now as defined by the prophetic word and special scriptures You have given to me.

Father, I embrace the new me. All the resources that are attached to my new identity belong to me. I am going to see issues differently, not as the 10 spies who failed to walk in their new identity, but as a Caleb, as a Joshua, as a David, as an Esther, as a Deborah. I am going to look at people differently. I'm going to push the envelope to see how Heaven is going to resource me. Take my thinking to a whole new level so that I think like Heaven thinks.

**ASSIGNMENT:** Choose a prophetic word over Aglow and write intentional declarations from the prophetic word and speak them out loud each day for 4 weeks. For help on how to write crafted prayers, visit [www.Brilliantbookhouse.com](http://www.Brilliantbookhouse.com) and order Graham Cooke's interactive journal, *Crafted Prayer*.