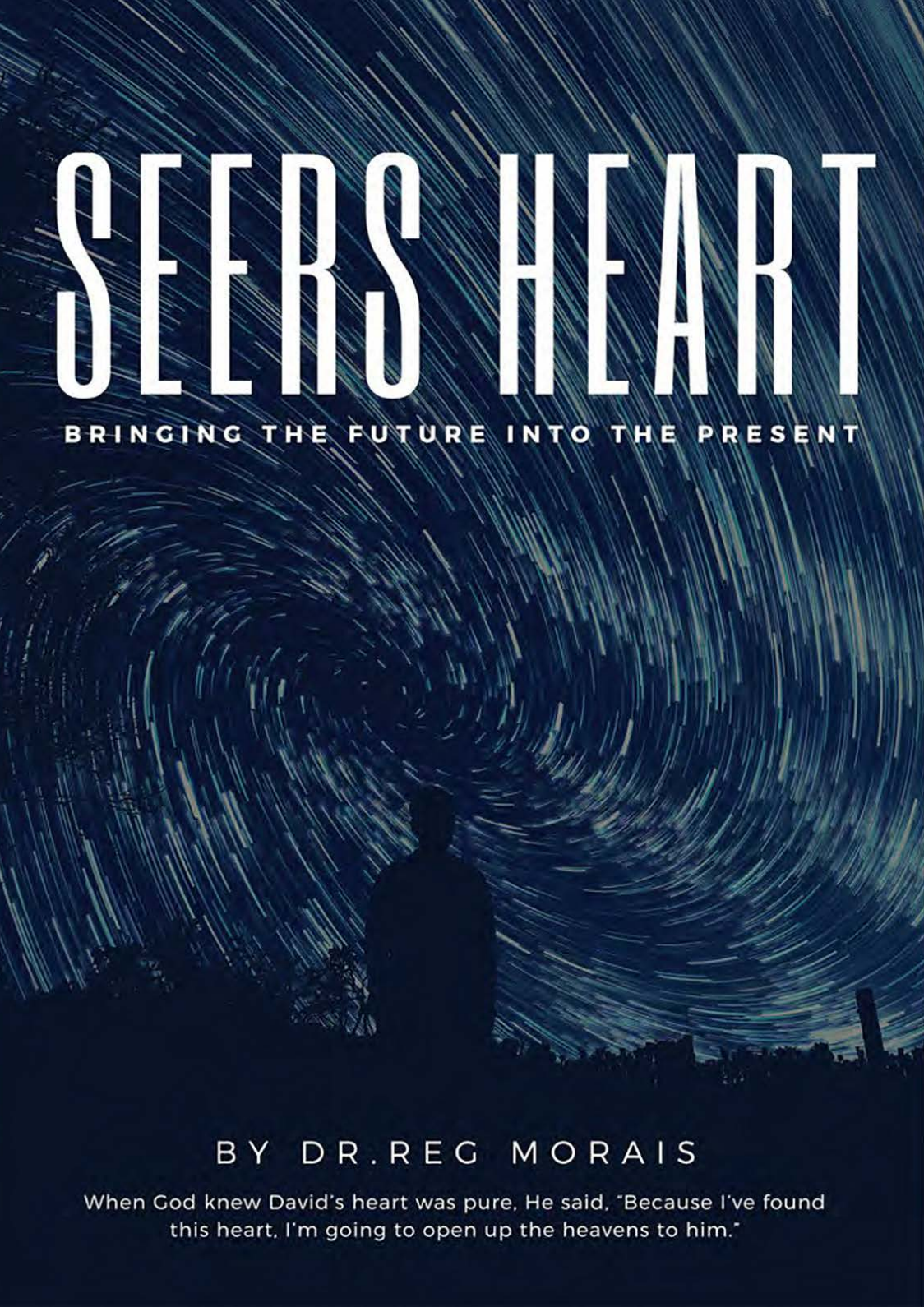

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to the late Dr D.G.S Dhinakaran who, in my eyes, was a true and humble Seer. He mentored me from the age of 14 when I gave my heart to Christ, right up until to his death in 2008.

Dr Dhinakaran worked tirelessly for the kingdom of God, and was often known as the "apostle of love". His encouragement and his experience ushered me into a higher realm of knowing God.

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Foreword
Dr Frank Hultgren

As I was in prayer one day, the Lord appeared to me for about 15 seconds and told me that the highest level of prophetic ministry is the ability to see in the Spirit. So I was of the opinion that as a prophet my next level of ministry was to be able to see visions that are given by God – not the vain imaginations of an unstable soul, but the ministry of the Holy Spirit conveying the revelation God is wanting to impart.

I further believe that a seer not only "sees", but is translated by the Holy Spirit to other realms – even other cities and nations. The seeing prophet sees visions, the seer prophet has visitations. Of course there is often mixture; one prophet I know has every prophetic gifting and often "travels" as did Ezekiel and Philip.

There is no doubt you will enjoy this very different subject. The chapters by Tom Inglis will open a new dimension of searching for truth. Bless you as you carry out the power of this word.

Dr Frank Hultgren

Pastor, Pioneer, Apostle to the Body of Christ.

Chapter One

The Work of the Holy Spirit in Worship

Pastor Tom Inglis – Psalmody International

I was the worship director at the Rhema Church in South Africa during the time it grew massively from thirty people to fifteen thousand. All through that time we had a great praise and worship ministry.

Everything was going well, and then in 1984, while having a day off in my study, I felt the presence of the Lord. I was quite taken aback because I hadn't been fasting or praying or asking God for anything. For about 40 minutes He spoke to me, and gave me insight into the future of the Church – the way the Church would look before Jesus returns.

I was quite amazed by this, so I went to my wife and said, "Barbara, you've no idea what just happened. I felt the presence of the Lord come into the room and He gave me this word which I have written down." After I told her what God had revealed, she said, "Wow! But let's not tell anybody. Let's just keep it to ourselves and see how it goes." I agreed.

Over the following weeks I was unable to sleep at night because I realised that God had given me something extremely important regarding worship. I knew the anointing associated with leading worship in front of thousands of people, but the anointing associated with this word from God was something quite unfamiliar.

I felt the Lord was saying, "My people do not understand worship. They understand music, but they don't understand worship." He said, "Put together a school and teach people the principles of worship." You'll be amazed when I teach you these principles because most people in the Body of Christ do not understand the subject of worship. We still relate it to singing, but it's much more than that.

In obedience to God's directions we started the school where I taught the principles God had revealed to me. I asked the people who attended to apply the principles of worship in their ministries and lives, and to tell me if they worked. The reports that came in were unanimous – the principles definitely worked.

So over the next few months we invited pastors from different denominations, and their wives, to attend the school. We gave them the same principles and asked that they apply them in their

own churches, and report back how well they worked. Again, no matter which denomination, the reports came back declaring that people were being impacted by the ministry.

Within five years of that starting point, God exploded the ministry into nearly 40 nations. Translations were made into thirty languages, and I was travelling the world all the time, sharing the principles God had revealed. We even went into the Dutch Reform Church, who took my message underground. People from some of the most remote parts of the world have now done the course. It's been incredible.

The end-time Church is a worshipping Church

We then stopped teaching it for a while when I went to America. Then God said to go to Australia, which we did. So now there has been a resurgence in this ministry in Australia. People all across the country are asking about worship. That's because Jesus will come back for a worshipping Church. You can be sure about this. Jesus will come back for a Church that's totally, absolutely, over-the-top in love with Him.

The book I wrote *The Worshipping You* is about that. It paints a picture of the end-time Church which won't rest in their worship.

Day and night, congregations will attend church in shifts because they want to worship Him. And "Holy, Holy, Holy" will be the theme. I wrote these things back in 1984.

We'll hardly recognise the Church – just before Jesus comes back it will be so different from what it is now. The Church today is doing okay; we're doing the best we can; but there will come a time when the outpouring of God's Spirit will be so incredible that we're going to see things we've only dreamt about. We'll even have the finances to do what we need to do. There'll be such massive outpourings of God's presence and God's power that churches will grow dramatically. And that's the key – the presence of the Lord. We'll need and know God's presence like never before. Massive churches will be too small to accommodate the influx that's going to happen.

That's the end-time glorious Church which Jesus is coming back for. He's not coming back for some *Mickey Mouse* Church that's walking through the wilderness. That's why I don't believe that Jesus will come back tomorrow. I believe He'll come back for a Church that's glorious. In the end-time Church we'll see a remarkable move of God's Spirit.

But first, people have to be taught what it is to live a lifestyle of

worship – and I'm not talking about singing. A lifestyle of worship is probably the most important subject in the entire Bible. It encompasses everything. Everything you and I know in the Church is related to worship. That's why Prophet Kim Clement and I are going to be working very closely to raise up a generation of worshippers.

Jesus, in John 4:23 of the Message Bible says, "***But the time is coming. In fact, it has come***." In the New King James Version, Jesus says, "***But the hour is coming, and now is***, *when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.*" That's an interesting statement; how can something be ***coming*** and also ***now is***?

Worship brings the future into the present

Perhaps worship is the very thing that brings the things we're believing God for into the present. There's possibly a quickening when we worship God. When you really know what it is to worship God, you'll start to bring things from the future into the present.

King David was a prophetic man. The most intense, concentrated prophetic time in the whole Old Testament was in the Tabernacle of David. The restoration of the Tabernacle of

David is going to be a great outpouring of prophetic people; many of whom will be musicians. We must therefore raise up a whole generation of musicians who understand the prophetic.

David was an incredible person and a great musician. He was so prophetic that God allowed him to see into a time frame far outside his own. I believe that because David's heart was so pure, God allowed him to see the worship that was taking place in heaven. When God finds a pure heart, He opens a door into the prophetic realm that's never opened before. That's why, if you operate in the gift of a prophet, you have to watch your heart.

A worshipping heart is very important because it will keep the prophetic intact, and explode it so we start to understand and see things that are going to come to pass.

When God knew David's heart was pure, He said, "Because I've found this heart, I'm going to open up the heavens to him." So David started seeing the worship that was taking place in heaven; then brought that worship to the earth.

The worship you and I do today – the lifting of hands, the shouting, the clapping – is the worship taking place in heaven that David was shown by God. God opened to David a heavenly realm where he saw true worship. Then David duplicated it on the earth

for 40 years.

The structure in the Tabernacle of David was strongly prophetic. There were 4,000 musicians with younger apprentices being raised up. They would take turns responding praise-fully and worshipfully to the presence of God that was in their midst.

What we have now is a shadow of what was happening then. We're still trying to get God's presence when we worship Him, but we shouldn't be doing that. We should be trying to release God's presence that's already in our midst. When we worship God for a healing, for example, we enthrone God in that realm of healing making Him Lord over our health.

Look at John 4:23-24 from the Message Bible, *But the time is coming – it has, in fact, come – when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before Him in their worship.*

Worship is the result of the Holy Spirit quickening God's Word in your spirit and in your mind. That's what Jesus was alluding to in John, chapter 4. In other words, the Holy Spirit connects with

your spirit and brings God's Word alive in you so you can respond with worship. That's what worship is all about.

Worship releases the Word of God in your life

Churches often think that praise is fast songs, and that worship is slow songs. Biblically though, it has very little to do with that. You cannot effectively praise God unless there is something to praise God for. Everything goes back to the Word of God. When you start to read the Word of God, you start to understand it in your mind first. And then the Holy Spirit connects with your spirit so that you can release the truths of God that you know and believe. That's called praise and worship.

The Church is kidding itself if it thinks we can praise God without the Word – it's impossible. The Word is the catalyst that causes us to praise. It took me years to see this. When I was leading worship for five thousand people, three times a day, I often wondered how some people got it, while others didn't. Because our music ministry was one of the best in the world in those days, I knew it had to be something more than the music and songs.

I wanted to understand why some people would praise God and some wouldn't. Sometime I thought that maybe the music

ministry wasn't up to scratch, or maybe we chose the wrong songs, or maybe someone in the team had sinned, or maybe something else was going on. For a long time I was bothered with these questions. There had to be something to help us understand how we could effectively praise God and not just stand there and go through the motions. I finally asked God, "Lord, I need to find out what it is that makes people effectively praise and worship You. What is it?"

When the Word of God moves from the conscious to the subconscious, the Holy Spirit will then take it, and it'll come back again as praise and worship. Praise and worship is a result of the Word that you know and believe, and are demonstrating in faith.

The Spirit connects with your spirit and brings God's Word alive so you can respond with worship. For this reason, worship cannot be manufactured; it has to be a response based on a genuine relationship with God and His Word. It's such a personal thing because it's your spirit and God's Spirit connected through the Word of God. You're giving back to God.

Jesus used the term true worshippers because there are also false worshippers. False worshippers are people who go through the motions but their worship isn't based on the Word; we call that

religion.

When you go through the motions of singing, it's meaningless. We're just doing it because the band is singing songs. And then we wrongly interpret what we are doing as praise and worship. True worship usually has nothing to do with the music, although that helps, true worship usually has a lot more to do with you.

Don't go to church to worship – bring worship with you

This concept might be foreign to you – you don't go to church to get worship or praise; you bring worship and praise with you to church. When the worship is inside you it doesn't matter if the band is good or bad.

Praise is the highest expression of faith because God's Word finds its greatest expression in praise. You don't just believe what is praiseworthy about God, you give it release when you sing it. And because there is so much to praise God for, you find it hard to shut up about it.

In the last 50 or so years, the Church has gone through some incredible revolutions. In that time we've had people of God able to interpret a lot of what was previously poorly understood. We've

also had in that time an incredible explosion of the Word from people who received greater understanding of it, and we've had the ability to spread it further through the Internet. This generation knows the Word like no generation before. So there's no excuse for us not knowing the Word of God, right?

In the last 50 years we've also had some of the greatest faith teachers and some of the greatest faith healers come and gone. So I like to think we all now understood something about faith, and that God has, in fact, taken the Church through an explosion of faith. And now as the Holy Spirit is taking the Word and faith, the Church is beginning to experience a spirit explosion.

The Word and the Spirit work together

John chapter 4 is talking about the Word and the Spirit working together. The Holy Spirit is hungry for your knowledge to be released through faith. We're going to start to see incredible, explosive growth in churches worldwide, through people who have hold of this information. We're going to see incredible explosions of the Holy Spirit in our homes and in our businesses. But that cannot happen without true praise and true worship.

It used to bother me that a lot of people who had the Word of

God never got very good results. Now I understand it was because the Church needs a fresh understanding about worship. And that's why what God showed me has exploded in the nations – you need the Word and the worship, then the Holy Spirit can do something exceptional. That's what we're going to see between now and the end of the Church age. We're living in exciting times.

I want to try and express this in terms of something very important, yet easy to do. I'm a practical guy; I like to think how things work practically, especially Christianity. What we know and understand and believe can't be all theoretical or we don't get any results.

Singing and praising God activates the Holy Spirit

We can all sing, right? And we can all read the Word of God, right? Okay, then we have all the ingredients we need. If you can read the Word of God and sing, then the Holy Spirit is ready to come and do some explosive stuff in your life, and in your church.

Let's look at 2 Chronicles 20:17-22. I'll give you the background. Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah which was surrounded by many enemy armies. There was no way they were going to get through this situation safely – they were going to die.

So Jehoshaphat started to fast and pray and then to worship God. He then appointed singers to praise the Lord.

In verse 17, the Spirit of the Lord spoke through one of the Levites, saying, *"You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!"*

Then the king bowed down and started to worship the Lord, and the sons of Korah – the worship team among the priests – stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high. (Verse 19)

2 Chronicles 20:20-21 tells us what they did the next day – the day of the battle: *So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever."*

Now look closely at verse 22 – *Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab,*

and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. Notice the words *they began*. In other words, they had only just started to sing before God started to fight for them.

Before the battle, Jehoshaphat had sent his princes and his teachers throughout the nation teaching the Word of God. So when it came to the crunch, they knew exactly what to do. He said, "It's time for us to sing." And as soon as they started to sing, the Holy Spirit released His power. There is something fabulous about singing and praising God which quickly activates the Holy Spirit in your life.

You need to understand that singing praise and worship is not just for the music ministry; it's for everyone in the Church. Even the New Testament tells us to sing (e.g. Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16).

Jehoshaphat's people sang, *"Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever."* Now these words had already been written. At the dedication of David's Tabernacle, when the Ark of the Covenant was put inside, they said, *"Praise the Lord for His mercy endures forever."* (2 Chronicles 5:13. See also Psalm 136). When you start to sing something that's already written in the Word of God, it has power because you bring it by faith into the present as if it's

happening for the first time. This is exciting!

Sing for what you need

It's happening as if it's for the first time because God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When you start to sing, "By Jesus' stripes I am healed", it's as if Jesus was on the cross at that moment while you're singing, taking the stripes for you. A lot of people say, "If Jesus wants to heal me, He'll heal me. A prophet can lay hands on me. That's fine." Instead of waiting for a prophet, you can just start singing yourself. Then God gets what He wants, which is praise and worship, and you get what you want, which is healing!

Jehoshaphat didn't ask, "What are we going to sing, men?" He said, "It's written 'Praise the Lord for His mercy.' We need mercy, so we will sing what we need." So they started singing for mercy, and guess what they got? That's exactly what they got. You sing what you need, and when you do, you get what you need. Singing the Word is powerful.

Let's look at Paul and Silas in jail (Acts 16:16-40). Paul and Silas were unjustly arrested, beaten and thrown into jail for casting a demon out of as slave girl. Rats were running around and Paul and Silas were chained down, unable to rest because of the pain

from their beating. It was not a good place to be. You can imagine Silas saying, "What a mess. Here I am with a man of God and we end up here. This is not good."

Silas probably said to Paul, "So Paul, what are we going to do now?" Have you ever been in that place where you say, "Now what am I going to do?" We've all been there, right? And Paul probably said something like, "I've been thinking about it, and I know exactly what to do. We're going to start to sing." "Sing what?" Paul probably said, "I've been thinking about Psalm 119, verse 62, where it is written 'At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments.' And guess what? It's midnight. We need to rise! Let's sing what's already been written. If we sing it now, it's as fresh as when it was written."

So they started to sing. And the Greek text of Acts 16:25 literally says, *And the prisoners listened intently and with pleasure.*

When Paul and Silas started singing, they were singing prophetically, they were bringing the past into the present. And when they sang, an earthquake shook the prison causing all the prison doors to open and the chains to be loosed. The Holy Spirit is active in the realm of praise and worship – so we need to sing.

Jesus joins with you in song

When you start to sing, the Holy Spirit is right there. Do you know that Jesus is still singing in the midst of the Church? Do you know that one of the last things Jesus did on the earth with His disciples was sing? In Matthew 26:30, it says they sung a hymn together. Then they went to the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed, and was arrested after betrayal by Judas.

Here's an amazing thing: Jesus is praying at the right hand of the Father on our behalf, but He's still singing in the midst of the Church. Jesus says in Hebrews 2:12, *"In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."* When you sing praises to God in the congregation at church, Jesus is singing along with you. This drives the devil crazy because when you start to sing, the powers of darkness don't hear you singing, they hear Jesus. This is agreement and unity, so the Holy Spirit says, "That's all I need to be able to move."

Hallelujah, thank-you, Lord! God has the whole thing worked out.

Chapter Two

Joyful Mothers and Praising Fathers

Pastor Tom Inglis

I have four children. My oldest is 33, then there's my 31 year old son who is my worship leader at church, my 25 year old son who is a graphic designer for C3 (Christian City Church), and finally my 19 year old daughter who is also part of my worship team. Someone asked me once, "You have immigrated to two countries. Moving your entire family to a new country is huge, but doing it twice must have been even more traumatic, have you had any problems with your children doing that?" I answered, "I've never had any problem with any of my children, even going through the processes of moving to America and then coming to Australia." I don't say that to brag, but there are principles here: joyful mothers – that's what my wife Barbara is – and praising fathers. If we can keep that right, then the children grow up in an atmosphere of joy.

Mary was a great worshipper

I was once invited to be the first Protestant speaker at the

Charismatic Catholic Conference in Italy. The event took years to set up because it was aimed at reaching about 21 million Charismatic Catholics worldwide. Matteo Calisi, who organised the Conference said to me, "Tom, we would like you to speak on worship." and I replied calmly, "Great. I look forward to that." But in fact I was very nervous about what I could say to reach a Roman Catholic audience. So I put the problem in God's court saying, "Lord, what do You want me to speak about relating to worship?" And the Lord said, "I want you to speak on Mary the worshipper." And I thought, "Mary the worshipper? A Protestant talking to Catholics about Mary has to be crazy." But of course I did as the Lord directed.

The attendees of the Conference were mostly church leaders from all over Italy, all wearing their gowns and accoutrements. Not having been brought up Catholic, I found it all very foreign. I also found it somewhat uncomfortable because being raised in Glasgow as a Presbyterian Protestant, we used to fight Catholics.

So to this unusual crowd I spoke about Mary, the greatest worshipper, outside of David, that ever lived. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that Jesus, the Christ, would be born to her, he said "*Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord*

is with you." – Luke 1:28. According to what the angel said, Mary was encouraged to maintain a continual lifestyle of joy. If there was to be any chance for Jesus to fulfill His ministry from a natural point of view, Jesus had to be brought up in an atmosphere of joy. She knew the value of what she carried – she carried the presence of the Living God.

Joy is the atmosphere of birthing. I have taught this concept to business people regarding their businesses. In business you have to maintain an atmosphere of joy because doing so will birth things.

Mary said to the angel Gabriel, *"Let it be to me according to your word."* – Luke 1:38. At that point, she submitted to the will of God, and the angel left, leaving her a future of joy.

You are always in the mind of God

God says, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."* – Jeremiah 29:11. God is continually thinking about you. There's not a microsecond when you're outside of the mind of Almighty God. God's thinking about you right now. In fact, you have always been in the mind of God.

You have always been in the mind of God. There's never been a time in eternity past when you were not in the thoughts of Almighty God. When you were born, it was a big deal to God. Since God had been thinking about you forever, imagine how excited He was when it came time for you to appear on the planet? The next big event that happened to you after birth was that you were born again. Imagine how excited God got then? Even the angels rejoiced when that happened.

I want to show you how valuable you are, and how incredibly exciting you are for God. In fact, the Bible says that God rejoices over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). He spins around over you in excitement and joy because of who you are. Why? Because He knows what you carry. You carry the Christ, the Son of the Living God. We walk through life sometimes thinking, "I'm just me. I have no power, I have nothing." And God says, "You have everything."

The point I'm trying to make is that this generation is very unique. Jesus could come back for this generation. God has predetermined what the generation He is coming back for is like. I've been carrying this same word for around 30 years, "God, come back for this generation, come back for me. Let it be me."

Maybe God has said, "It could have been sped up if only some generation would dare believe that they're the ones to carry the Christ." Something very profound is taking place in the Body of Christ universally – this generation could be the one.

Science tells us that there's inter-connectivity in everything. Einstein's theory, $E=MC^2$, says that all energy is convertible to matter, and that all matter contains energy. Everything in the universe contains energy, and that energy – the molecules, atoms, and subatomic particles – have frequencies.

When God created you, and then recreated you when you were born again, He recreated your spirit at the same frequency as His Spirit. Your spirit is at the same frequency as the Almighty. That's why you have to renew your mind. And when you renew your mind, you start to gain understanding. That understanding then transfers from your mind to your spirit, and that's where the creative energy is formed. Then from the spirit, it is birthed into reality.

We must pray AND think

My friend in Nigeria has one of the biggest churches in the world. The building seats 50,400 people. Can you imagine 50,400 in one

building? And it was all paid for with cash – he doesn't believe in debt. I've had the privilege of staying in his home many times. He calls me his friend, which is another incredible privilege. His name is Bishop David Oyedepo.

The BBC sent one of their talented journalists to interview him. When the interviewer looked at everything – the massive complex, and university buildings that house up to 6,000 students he asked, "How do you do it?" Before Bishop Oyedepo could answer, the astute interviewer said, "It must be because you are a man of God. You must pray a lot." The Bishop responded, "Not necessarily. I think a lot." He explained, "I thought out this entire complex many years before it was built. I went away for three or four weeks, closed myself away, and thought everything through."

The Bishop acted similar to how God did before He created the universe. It was in His mind, it was in His Spirit, and then He spoke it. The creative force that made everything come into being began with thinking.

The bewildered BBC interviewer asked, "You think a lot?" And Bishop Oyedepo answered, "Yes. The problem is that we often pray but we don't think. God wants us to do both." The Bible says something very powerful in Ephesians 3:20, *Now to Him who is able*

to do exceedingly abundantly ***above all that we ask*** *or think, according to the power that works in us.*

Above all that we ask refers to prayer; ***or think*** refers to thinking. That scripture shows us that what you think is as important as what you pray. Many Christians pray about something in their prayer closet, and then go out and start thinking the very opposite.

You're in your prayer closet praying, "I'm going to be healed, I'm going to be healed. Thank you Jesus." And then you go out and meet somebody who's friend just died of the very thing that you're praying to be healed from. What is your mind going to do then? See, your thinking is very important. But the creative force doesn't come from your thinking, it comes from the spirit. Those thoughts have gone deep and settled in there, and the creative force will come out of you when you start to speak those words.

The amazing power of thanksgiving

I remember one time I went to Kazakhstan to speak at a conference. I had taken my elderly pastor from America with me, and we were travelling through Schiphol Airport in Holland. My pastor said to me, "I'm going to phone my wife and tell her we're on

time." And I said, "OK, I'll see you in ten minutes."

Then I saw a crowd of black folk surrounding him. They were talking, joking, and high-fiving. I could vaguely hear people saying, "Praise the Lord", so I thought that many of them must be Christians. I walked up to them, and one lady said, "You're Tom. I know that accent. I know your voice so well. I have your albums." She continued, "We've just been to Nigeria, to the most incredible church." I had never heard of the church she was talking about.

Then someone told me, "This is the Bishop of that church coming now. He must have been on the same plane as you." I saw a well-dressed man walking toward us, whom they introduced to me as Bishop Oyedepo. Within 30 seconds of us meeting, he said to me, "I want you to come to my church and minister." I was blown away. I'm still blown away by it because that church is now one of the cutting-edge ministries in the world.

Later, when I visited his church, he introduced me to his children. The little one was about ten and she had a beautiful, smiling face. I said, "Oh, your children are beautiful. That little girl, she's gorgeous." Then he told me this true story: "When I first started the ministry, God said to me, 'What do you want from Me?' I prayed about it and came back and told God, 'I want everything

that's in this book.' And the Lord said to me, 'You can have everything that's in the book if you can find it, but if you can't find it, you can't have it.'

"So the years went by, until one morning my daughter got up for school and complained about a slight headache. She got on the school bus and went to school. I had a prayer meeting scheduled at the church that morning. When I arrived at the prayer meeting I received a phone call from the school saying, 'We don't know what's happening, but your daughter's unconscious, and we can't find a pulse. We're rushing her to the hospital this very moment.' So they rushed her to hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. They told me that she must have had a seizure.

"So I called my wife and said, 'We have a challenge, but it's not insurmountable.' Then I called my elders and said, 'We have a challenge, but don't tell anybody. Start the meeting. Get things prepared.' Then I told my wife, 'I would like one hour alone with God.'

"I said, 'Lord, I'd like to remind You of the conversation we had many years ago. You told me I could have everything in the Bible as long as I could find it.' Then I opened the scriptures to three places where it talks about resurrection life. And I said, 'God, I've

found it and I want it. Resurrection life, I want it.' Then I closed the Bible, and for the next 50 minutes, I thanked God. I thanked God for resurrection life.

"After 50 minutes, I went to the meeting. I didn't go to the hospital, I went to the meeting, which had just started. When I arrived, I conducted the prayer meeting for an hour-and-a-half, as if nothing unusual had happened. When the meeting was finished, I went to the hospital. My daughter had been dead about two-and-a-half hours, with sheets over her. I went into her room, pulled back the sheet, and said, 'I command you to come back from the dead in Jesus' mighty name.' And immediately she came back from the dead."

There's great power in thanksgiving. The very core of thanksgiving is resurrection life. Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, and when He got there He said, "Father, I know that You have heard Me." This means that He had already prayed – before He got to the tomb. Jesus then gave thanks and commanded Lazarus to rise from the dead, and Lazarus came forth from the grave. So if there's anything dead in your life, to resurrect it, give God thanks. Anything dead – your business, your relationships, your ministry whatever it is, give God thanks.

I'll close with this personal story. Many years ago in South Africa my wife went in for an operation . It was a simple operation. She was only supposed to be a couple of hours so they said to me, "Mr Inglis, come back at five o'clock to pick her up." So I went back at five o'clock, but I could tell by looking at my wife that something was not right. I told the nurse, "I want to see a surgeon. I want to speak to someone who's looking after her."

When the surgeon came, he was very upset and said, "Mr Inglis, I'm sorry to tell you, but we are struggling to keep your wife alive. Her veins have collapsed." I couldn't believe it – especially as this was a minor operation which should have taken only an hour or two. The surgeon told me to go home and bring my family back because he wasn't sure if she would make it.

I walked out of there with my mind a mess. I thought it couldn't be true. As I was driving home, the Lord said to me, "I want you to give Me thanks for your salvation. Not for Barbara's. Thank Me in the midst of this." I started to thank God from the bottom in my heart that He had saved me, that He had set me free, that He took me from a place of darkness into the eternal kingdom of His dear Son.

I gave the best thanksgiving I had ever given in my whole

career in praise and worship. While I was doing that, all of a sudden peace filled my soul. After asking some of the pastors to look after the kids, I went back to the hospital. An hour had gone by.

The surgeons were just coming out, and they said to me, "Mr Inglis, she's going to be fine. We think it was a wrong combination of anaesthetics." But I knew the exact moment she started to recover – it was the moment I gave God thanks for salvation. Thanksgiving is so powerful, so amazing.

Remember the ten lepers from scripture (Luke 17:11-19)? Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests so the priests could declare them healed and clean. While they were going to the priests, they realised that Jesus had healed them. Then one of them came back to find Jesus to give Him thanks. Here's the incredible thing – it appears that Jesus was standing at the exact same spot where those ten men left. He was waiting for them all to come back, and when the one did, Jesus said, "Where are the other nine?" The one who came back was made whole.

So when you operate in faith plus thanksgiving, you always get more than those who operate in faith alone.

Perhaps Jesus is waiting for you to come back and give thanks

for the last thing He did for you, before He moves again in your life. I've taught people this lesson before, and they have come back telling of incredible results.

A woman from the Pharaoh Islands came up to me and said that she had lost her father and her sister in the same week. She didn't know what to do, but she remembered my teaching on thanksgiving and started giving God thanks for salvation. The peace that came to her was incredible because she focussed on Him.

The Bible says, *In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* – 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Not ***for*** everything but ***in*** everything. What does that mean? It means in the midst of whatever you're going through, give thanks. Why would God ask you to be thankful when you feel like you're going through hell? Well, the question is, are you still saved?

Suppose you have a decision to make but you don't know which way to go. Scripture says, *In everything give thanks*. Decide you're going to give thanks, because when you do you're in the will of God at that moment.

When you develop thanksgiving as a lifestyle, you're going to get more of what you're supposed to get. You're not going to get

lost. Thanksgiving can do that. It is so powerful.

Chapter Three

The End-time Church

Pastor Tom Inglis

In 1984 when God appeared to me and gave me a prophetic word for the Church, He showed me what praise and worship would look like in the Church of the future which He would be returning for.

The End-time Church will look different

The Church will look very different when Jesus comes back – there's going to be such a movement of God, such a presence of God, that we won't be able to keep people away. At the moment we're trying to get people into our churches, but the time will come when all of that will change – people will come just because of the presence of the Lord. And because of God's presence, there will be a surge in praise and worship because praise and worship is a response to God's presence.

In those days, we'll also see a surge in the miraculous – people lining up to get into churches, bringing with them the sick on beds.

In fact, churches will not be able to accommodate the presence of the Lord, there'll be an overflow onto the streets. Home groups will be everywhere. This is from the picture I saw and wrote down in my book *The Worshipping You*.

Prophecy is an invitation to intimacy

Worship is an essential part of the future Church. Recently someone asked me, "What is the future of the Church? Where is the Church going?" The answer is quite simple. The Church is heading towards what God is seeking – and God is seeking worshippers. In other words, the Church is heading to intimacy with God.

For the times we live in, the ministry of prophecy is very important. In fact all of us, in a sense, are moving into a realm of prophetic ministry to hear what God is saying for you, for your family, for your church, and for your business. These days you need to hear all of that.

I've noticed over the years, that many people who have at some time received prophesy over them, we're still wondering several years later, why the prophecy hadn't come to pass. People think that because they were prophesied over by a great man of God, it

must come to pass. In some cases when it doesn't, it's because of God's sovereignty. But in many cases when it doesn't, it's because the intent of God through prophesy is to invite you into a place of intimacy with Him. When people reject that invitation, they limit the fulfilment of the prophecy.

It's great to receive prophecy, but first and foremost prophecy is an invitation to intimacy with God. In that place of intimacy God gets what He wants, which is fellowship, and you get what you want, which is the prophetic word fulfilled.

I mention this because at first I didn't know what to do with the prophecy which God gave me in 1984. I went to Pastor Ray McCauley and said to him, "I don't really understand this," and he said, "Work it out." It took 25 years before I worked it out enough that I could write the book. Yet through all those years, God gave me a strategy – He said, "Teach My people how to worship."

Now remember that I came from a music ministry which was probably the *Hillsong* of the day, with almost 100 musicians, celebrities, and great singers and actors in the church. And in the midst of that success, God spoke to me and said, "This is not really what I'm looking for; I'm looking for something beyond this. What I'm looking for is for My people to really understand what worship

is all about." I was quite astounded because I thought that what we were doing was the epitome of worship – that there was nothing else to be learned. When I told Pastor Ray what God had said to me, he said, "Tom, if God's saying that, then you need to start teaching it."

So I started putting sermons together. Then the Lord said to me, "Make it a school." So I started putting the sermons into a format suitable for a school of worship. As soon as I started the school hundreds of pastors came from across the nation to learn. From there, the nation opened up for me to teach what God had showed me, and from there I was invited all over the world. I have now been to more than 40 countries to teach worship.

The program and material we developed is now available on a DVD called *The Psalmody School of Worship*. It is 13 sessions covering the lifestyle principles of worship; which I'm going to show you now.

My background is in analytical chemistry, so my thinking was, "God, I want to understand how this stuff works so we get the same results time after time." After leading a congregation of 5,000 three times a day for many years, I had noticed that some people weren't *getting it*. It didn't matter how good the music ministry was,

it didn't matter how anointed we were, some people still didn't get it. I thought, "God, there must be something else. What is it?" And the Lord said, "I can never take people beyond their understanding."

I had done an album with *Integrity Music* which did very well in the United States, so I was invited by a church in America to come and preach. After I preached, the pastor came to me and said, "We have $1 million in the bank and we have a church of 600; and I'm stuck. We can't seem to move beyond 600. I don't know what it is." By all accounts he was a very good teacher and preacher of the Word. He then asked me if I would move to the United States and lead worship for them. I told him, "No."

At that time I was proud of my position in my church and in the great ministries of the world; there was no way I could give up that kudos to lead worship in a small church in America. But the Lord spoke to my wife Barbara and me, telling us He wanted me to go and help this man. So I agreed to go, and moved my entire family across the world.

When we got there, I fired the whole worship team. The main problem was in fact the previous worship leader who intimidated the whole church. I had to get rid of everybody to get rid of the one

person. So we started from scratch.

I knew the problem in the church which prevented it from growing was related to the worship. But it wasn't only the worship team – it was the congregation too.

The Lord spoke to me and told me to begin teaching the principles of worship. When I started teaching on thanksgiving, there was an almost immediate change in the hearts and attitude of the church. People started to come to church with grateful hearts, excited about what God was doing in their lives. And in a short time the church grew from 600 to about 1,000.

Thanksgiving is key to worship

Thanksgiving is the most powerful subject in the Bible. It is foundational for almost everything that we do. We need to come to church with praise in our hearts and on our lips instead of waiting to get to church to get the praise. We need to bring it from home, not to come to church to receive it.

At the moment God, is not trying to get into our churches as much as He is trying to get into our homes. That's where the strength of the Church lies. What is taking place in our homes? Do

we love our wives? Do we love our children? Is there an environment in the home that is conducive to God's presence, or not?

It's like the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10). Jesus was passing through Jericho where Zacchaeus was one of the chief tax collectors, despised by the Jews. Zacchaeus had heard of Jesus so wanted to see Him, but he was too short to see over the throng around Jesus. So Zacchaeus ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a tree to get a good view. When Jesus came to where Zacchaeus was up the tree, Jesus saw him, stopped, and spoke to him.

This is important – Zacchaeus had a strong desire to see Jesus, who stopped because of him. Our desire to see God will also arrest Jesus in His tracks. Wherever Jesus is going, He's going to stop right there and attend to your desire. Imagine the confusion of the crowd jostling around Jesus when He stopped to talk to a man up a tree. And Jesus said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down, I'm going to stay at your place today."

If it was a modern day story, Zacchaeus would have phoned his wife and said, "Guess what Honey, I'm bringing someone home with me." She may have said, "Who is it this time, another

deadbeat tax collector?" And Zacchaeus would have answered, "No, I'm bringing home God. He wants to stay at our place tonight."

And so Jesus went home with Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus and that house was never the same again because God had visited the house. It's the same today – God wants to stay in our homes too.

Thanksgiving is so important because it is associated with the presence of God. Wherever you find God's presence, you will always find thanksgiving. And wherever you find people thankfully praising and worshipping God, you will find His presence.

The term *worship* in the Bible is often a generic term which covers three subjects: thanksgiving, praise, and worship. The three have different mechanisms by which they work, by which they operate. Thanksgiving is always related to the presence of God. Wherever you see God's presence in the Old Testament, there is thanksgiving.

You see this with David who was an incredible worshipper, and extremely prophetic. David had 4,000 musicians (2 Chronicles 23:5), but the men at the very top were all prophets of God. David was a prophet; Kenaniah, chief of the Levites, was prophetic; and

Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthan were prophets – at least five prophets working intimately together for 40 years. The most intensely concentrated, prophetic time in the Old Testament was not in the days of Elijah or Elisha, or any of those prophets; it was with the Tabernacle of David.

Praise and worship are intimately related to prophecy

The realm of praise and worship is very closely related to the prophetic ministry. You're going to start seeing God raising up people in praise and worship who are actually prophets of God with a very profound anointing. In the end-times, you're going to see the greatest and humblest musicians submitted to the five-fold ministry and to local pastors in the Church.

God allowed David to see into the heavenly realm, to see what was taking place in heaven. So the worship David brought was radically different from anything Moses or anyone else had ever done. God revealed this knowledge to David because of his heart. Your heart is essential to your prophetic ministry.

God allowed the praise and worship taking place in heaven to come to earth – to the Tabernacle of David – and God loved it so much that His presence lived in the Tabernacle for 40 years. God is

attracted to the heartfelt praise and worship of His people. Churches in the end-times which truly understand worship will be the most powerfully prophetic churches on the planet. You can never separate worship and prophecy.

The presence of God inhabits geographical areas

Worshipful churches in the end-times will hear clearly the voice of the Lord regarding the strategies for the geographical areas they're in, and they will be able to plan and execute the very things God has planned for those areas. When God is enthroned in an area, the area becomes sanctified and everything changes. That's why Old Testament people would return to the places where they built altars – there was something special about those places.

Our current church is in a suburb called Mosman. Located on the northern shores of Sydney Harbour, it is probably the richest area per capita in all of Australia. Before we came there I had no idea what Mosman was like, but God told me this was the place to build the church.

So, after a few visits to Australia, I brought my wife and four children to Mosman. When we told people in Sydney that we were going to start a church in Mosman, some people warned me

saying, "Tom, don't try and start a church in that place. It is the most difficult place anywhere in Sydney because it has the richest place. People there are not interested in God. No Charismatic or Pentecostal church has ever been able to get established in that town."

I'd like to be able to say that starting a church in Mosman has been the easiest thing I've ever done, but in fact it's been the hardest thing I have ever done. I had no idea what I was getting into. I had been used to explosive church growth, and had quite a rude awakening in Mosman. Nobody had ever succeeded there. Good men had come and tried but had given up.

It has taken us 11 years to grow a church of about 140 people – 140 great people. It's not a big church, but it is a great church with great leadership, and a great structure within the church. Our church is doing so well that I'm occasionally freed up to take on some international ministry again; which I'm going to be doing with Kim Clement.

One of the ladies in our church came to me one day, and said excitedly, "Pastor Tom! You'll never believe what I found. I was looking at the history of Mosman. Do you know, in 1928 a Scottish woman went to America? Her grandparents had been influenced

by the great Maria Woodworth-Etter, so she grew up in a godly environment, with miracles and signs and wonders. After she became a medical doctor in America she felt an incredible desire to come to Australia as a missionary. So she came to Australia, and the place she held her tent meetings is the very spot we have our meetings."

This Scottish-American missionary to Australia held 85 tent meetings in three months – she just went crazy. She made the people dance, she made them sing, and she made them evangelise – the whole shooting match. And then she walked away because nothing happened.

So God brought us to the very same geographical spot, where the Christian Scientists built their building (which we now occupy), and where people told me there was no way we'd ever have a successful ministry. But that is exactly where we are worshipping the Most High, and it's because of the principles of thanksgiving, praise and worship.

Wherever God's people have gathered to worship and praise Him, something special is deposited in the soil and in the atmosphere. God never loses out in the end.

I periodically have meetings with pastors in the area. At the last

meeting, one minister asked me, "How did you come here with your family? Who financed you?" I said, "Nobody financed me. We came on our own." Being a mainstream denominational pastor, he found that hard to believe so I explained, "We did it by faith." He still did not understand. This is what I'm up against in Mosman, even the ministers in the area don't understand what faith is.

Look at 1 Chronicles 16:7. David brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem after the Philistines captured it, and placed it in the Tabernacle that David erected. On that day David delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord. The first thing David did after the return of the Ark was to give the musicians a psalm of thanksgiving to sing.

Asaph, the man David gave the psalm to, was a prophet of God and a genius musician, who also had a healing ministry. In 2 Chronicles 29:30, he is referred to as *Asaph the seer*. His name in Hebrew can be interpreted as meaning "one who can gather the people together and remove the hurts and the reproaches". Asaph understood prayer and also wrote some of the psalms. He had great insight into healing and into gathering the people together. Do you know that Asaph outlived David and Solomon?

One of the psalms Asaph wrote is Psalm 73. In it, he starts

looking back at life and at the disappointments of the great men of God like David and Solomon. Then God says to him, "But it's when you go back into the Tabernacle that you will understand who I am, and you will focus back on Me again."

Asaph was probably a very young man when David gave him the psalm of thanksgiving. Asaph and David knew that thanksgiving initiated God's presence. Wherever God is present, there should always be thanksgiving. When you get born again, God recreates your spirit and gives you the capacity to respond with thanksgiving because His presence has come.

I experienced this in my own life. At the time I became *saved*, I was living a double life – a scientist during the day and a musician in the clubs at night. I was saved in a little Assemblies of God church in Johannesburg where I was convicted by the Holy Spirit through the worship.

Before I was saved I used to argue with Christians from a scientific point of view. I loved it because I thought I won every argument. But that night someone invited me, telling me there was music in the church. I got convicted through the worship, and then the next week I joined the band and *the rest is history*.

At the initial impact of Christ coming into your life, you have

the capacity to respond to God. That capacity is called thanksgiving, which is different to praise because praise is based on knowledge.

God's presence is in the place of obedience

Remember Jonah? God told him to go to Nineveh, but he didn't want to. Instead he found passage on a boat going to Tarshish, in modern-day Spain. So God virtually said, "Do what you want, but I will have My way." While Jonah was running from the Lord, Nineveh was on God's mind – He had a plan for the people of Nineveh – just as He had a plan for Jonah. Likewise, you are on His mind right now, and He has a plan for you too – maybe regarding the church where you are at. There is something on God's mind right now regarding you and where you should be, and what you should be doing.

After Jonah boarded the boat a storm hit, and the captain said, "This man Jonah is a disobedient prophet. Let's do what he has asked and throw him overboard." Then God directed a great fish to save Jonah by swallowing him.

Many of us have done exactly as Jonah did – God has spoken to us and we have said, "Let me go pray about it." One time when I

was in South Africa, Integrity Music in America wanted me to come and teach for them at a conference. Being *really spiritual* I said, "I'd like to pray about that." So I prayed and told the Lord, "I think I'm going to stay in South Africa because I'm pretty comfortable here." And the Lord said, "Do what you want. But as far as it concerns you, I will be in America."

Then my secretary came in, and seeing me lying on the couch asked, "What's wrong with you?" I said, "I'm fed up. Please leave me alone!" Then my wife walked in and said, "What's wrong with you?" and I said, "I'm fed up. Please leave me alone." My wife told me, "Well, just in case you're confused, your secretary and I are going shopping."

By the time they came back from shopping I was busy. My secretary said, "Pastor Tom, is everything okay?" I said, "Yes! Let's get busy! We need to go to America." My wife just shook her head and walked away. God's presence is wherever He's sending you. He was telling me, "You're trying to escape my presence." Jonah was trying to hide from the presence of God. God's presence is always in the place of obedience.

Jonah was in the fish, and he was going to die. God put him there, but he was going to die. Sometimes if you don't move where

the Spirit is, you will die – even though God put you in that place. I've seen denominations that wouldn't move with the flow of the Holy Spirit, and because they wouldn't move, dried up and died.

God can put you in a place, but if you're not open to the wind of the Spirit – to the fresh things God is saying – you will die in the place God puts you.

From the belly of the fish Jonah cried out to God, saying, "*Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy.*" – Jonah 2:8. He was looking at his situation, very aware that if he trusted in empty, false gods, there would be no escape for him – he would surely die. Then he said, "*But…*" (Thank God for buts.) "*But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.*" – Jonah 2:9. The prophet Jonah knew the connection between salvation and thanksgiving in the presence of the Lord. Most of us in churches today don't know that.

Jonah started to give God thanks, and God received that thanksgiving. Jonah's thanksgiving went from his heart – from his spirit – into the Spirit of Almighty God. In other words, God received his thanksgiving. When God received from Jonah that thanksgiving, He spoke to the fish. He said, "Go to the shore and spew out that man upon dry land."

Giving thanks or praise or worship, is much more intimate and personal with God than prayer. When you pray, God hears and will answer according to your faith and the alignment with the Word of God, but when you give God thanks, it's more personal.

Thanksgiving is a foundation for everything in life. In the life of Jesus thanksgiving was always associated with miracles. Thanksgiving is the foundation for all prosperity because when you start to give God thanks, you place yourself in a position to receive from God. You don't give thanks to get something from God, but when you give genuine thanks you initiate the mechanism of seed time and harvest – of giving and receiving.

Chapter Four

Movement and Worship

Pastor Tom Inglis

Do you know that God can't do everything? He cannot worship Himself. So when you do for God what God cannot do for Himself, God will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. Worship draws you into that place of God's pleasure, and in that place God will start to do incredible things.

The Bible says in James 4:8, *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.* Every man and every woman has to be content with the distance they place God at – near or far. If there are areas in your life where you don't want God, you will keep Him at a distance. For example, if you don't believe in tithing but you love everything else – you love to dance, you love to sing, you love to usher – you're telling God, "God, I love everything else. You can come close to me regarding everything else, but when it comes to tithing and giving, I want you to stay far from me." If you have some pet sin or something you're doing which you know is not pleasing to God, you're keeping God at a distance.

Worship is related to movement

I also want to touch on the subject of worship in context of movement. Everything in the Body of Christ is related to movement. The whole Church is moving together. Sometimes you and I don't know it, but the Body of Christ is inter-connected – we're one body. And God is moving His Church forward all the time; there's never been a time when God moved the Church backward.

We're sensing that God is doing something profound and amazing globally in the Church today – moving it towards glory. God said He would have a glorious Church, and that's exactly what He's going to have. That glorious Church is way beyond our wildest imagination. I travel a lot, so I get some insight into what God is doing – and what's going on out there is profound.

I mentioned previously how I got the honour of being the first Charismatic minister outside of the Catholic Church to speak at the Charismatic Catholic Conference. At that conference I got to know a man named Matteo Calisi, who is now working we me to see how we can get worship into Charismatic Catholic churches worldwide. There are millions and millions of Catholics who love Jesus; they just don't know how to react properly because they don't have the knowledge.

Matteo wrote and told me that the new Pope – who he knows personally – is very open to the whole Charismatic movement. He's also very open to the Messianic Jews. I'm not Catholic, but I'm excited because I'm part of that glorious Church which God is bringing about with worship right in the middle of this movement.

We were created for worship

Worship must be important to God because God created us for praise and worship. Isaiah 43:21 says, *"This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise."* When God created us, the form He moulded us to was to praise Him. So if you are not a worshipper you will walk through life always frustrated, thinking that something is missing. And you will remain feeling out of step with life because you're not doing something you're created to do.

When God says, "I have *formed* you for this" it means He has created the unique you to praise and worship. God has never experienced anybody quite like you, and therefore never experienced praise and worship as only you can do. There's nothing new under the sun to God – except you. He's never had another you. The way you worship God, the way you believe God, the way you trust God, the way you pray – God says, "I have never,

ever experienced anything quite like him (or her)." Isn't that incredible? So you might as well give God the best shot at worship you can because He's never going to get a chance at another you.

And because it was God who created you and formed you, it means that you are also exceedingly valuable, especially seeing that you were created in the image of God, including the image of His Spirit. Then when you became a Christian He even sent His Spirit to dwell in you. God cannot put more of Himself inside you than He already has. You are created to worship and thoroughly equipped to worship – so what's holding you back?

Sometimes we look at the prophetic apostles as the big, important ones in the Church, but God is saying, "You're no less important. You are no less valuable to Me. I've put everything of Myself in you as well." Maybe you will never preach, teach, or lead worship in church, but you still have the same value as the Living God. So you might as well start thinking differently about yourself. Start thinking that you are going to be part of the end-time Church.

Why don't we stir ourselves and dare to believe that we can do the impossible? Why don't we start daring to believe that we can lay hands on the sick and they will recover? Why don't we dare to

believe that we can raise the dead? Jesus did it, and He said that He has given us – you – the same possibility. Renew your mind to that place where it's going to happen.

Surely there's going to be at least one generation that is going to operate at the level Jesus said was possible for us. When we praise and worship, we're not trying to get God down from the sky, we're trying to release God from inside us. God is already inside us, trying to shine out. His life is emanating from us all the time. The life of the Living God is in you, ready to be released at all times without any limitations. It's there! And it's for you.

I love the spirit of John Knox the 16th century Protestant reformer in Scotland, who prayed, "God, give me Scotland or I die" – a prayer the Lord delighted to answer. Mary, Queen of Scots was reported to tremble any time Knox went to his knees to prayer, and it was said that she feared the prayers of Knox more than any army in Europe.

That is the spirit that we need in the Church today; so we can pray, "God, give me the Gospel, give me the Kingdom, or I die." Let us dare to believe we can set the world (at least our part of the world) on fire for Christ. Let us at least start somewhere. I see God raising up people like that right now – people who dare to believe

that in Christ the possibilities are endless.

Because formed you and dwells in you, you're also capable of trans-***form***-ation. You are capable of becoming exactly what God has predestined in His mind for you to become – amazing. In God's mind, you are great! God isn't fighting to make you great, you ARE great. You are powerful, mighty, and strong. You and I are not created from mediocrity, but you are the only person who can reduce yourself to living a mediocre life.

Abraham and worship

When we move into that place of worship, we start to sense those possibilities becoming realities. The first time the word *worship* is mentioned in the Bible is in Genesis 22 when God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Genesis 22:2 says, *Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*

I'll paraphrase the story. God said to Abraham, "Take your son, your only son, and sacrifice him – kill him for Me." God was up the

mountain while Abraham was in the valley. And God called Abraham from a distance to where He was. In other words, God will step away from you and draw you as you come into the place where He is. He will not come to the place you are.

There's always a place in God He's drawing us towards. He invites us to come up the mountain and to come to another level we're not familiar with – to a place we've never been, to do something we've never done, to believe God like we've never believed before.

We first hear the word *worship* in this story of Abraham. When Abraham went up the mountain with his son and two young men, halfway up the mountain he told the men to stay, saying, *"The lad and I will go yonder and* ***worship****, and we will come back to you."* – Genesis 22:5.

So Abraham and Isaac went up the mountain; and when they were up the mountain, something amazing happened. Abraham had tied Isaac and put him on an altar to sacrifice him. He was just about to kill his son when a voice spoke out, saying, "Don't do it." Abraham lifted his eyes and saw a ram caught in the thicket. (Lifting your eyes is probably the simplest exercise the human body can do.) Then Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it in

place of his son.

When Abraham came back down the mountain, the two young men must have wondered what happened up on the mountain. The Bible says that Abraham named the place Jehovah Jireh – the Lord who provides. Abraham didn't say to the servants, "God is Jehovah Jireh." He named the place Jehovah Jireh. In other words, the place of worship is a place of provision where Jehovah Jireh manifests.

The place of worship is a place of prosperity. One of the last great Satanic strongholds in the Church is lack. Because there has to be a great outpouring of finances to do what we are to do, the devil will do everything he can to stop the finances from flowing. There has got to be an abundance of abundance.

Where is all that going to come from? It's going to come from churches and from people who understand what it's like to be in the place of worship. The place of worship IS the place of abundance. The place of worship IS the place of provision. The place of worship IS where God manifests as Jehovah Jireh – our provider. Can you start to see prophetically how this is going to work?

Jesus moved toward the disciples

In the New Testament, the Greek word usually translated *worship* is *proskuneo*. It means *to move towards with intention to kiss*. Jesus used that word in John, chapter 4 when He was talking to the Samaratan woman about true worship. So the word in the New Testament confirms the word in the Old Testament, that worship is moving towards God with intention – to kiss God or to be intimate with God. You see in both the Old Testament and the New Testament that the whole concept of worship is much greater than slow songs. It is more to do with movement, and I'll explain exactly what that is.

Jesus said to the disciples in Matthew 26:32, "*But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.*" Jesus then laid down His life. Then there must have come a time when the disciples said, "He said we would meet Him up the mountain in Galilee, not in the valley." When the disciples arrived at the top of the mountain and saw Him, they worshipped Him, but some doubted (see Matthew 28:16-17).

There was a mixture of emotions going on because some did not recognise Jesus in His resurrected form. Some of the things God is going to do in these end-times will be unfamiliar to our

thinking; but we have to understand it is being done by the Spirit.

In this passage from Matthew we see an example of this. The disciples were obedient going up the mountain, but some worshipped and some doubted. Matthew 28:18 says that Jesus came to them; in other words, there must have been some distance between the disciples and Jesus. The disciples worshipped Jesus, and then He came to them. The whole concept of worship is about movement, but the last move is always God moving towards you.

This connection between worship and movement is so important. I struggled to understand this for a while because I understood worship to mean slow songs. For years I said to the Lord, "I need to understand how this subject of worship works. What is it all about so we can replicate it? I want more than just singing slow songs and feeling Your presence, I want to understand what it is all about?"

Worship is about obedience

When I started looking at this concept of movement and worship, I saw something that helped me understand. Do you know that Abraham was the father of faith? He was one of the most, if not the

most, obedient men in the Old Testament. I started seeing worship in terms of obedience. Worship is not the last slow song you sang. It is the last thing that God told you to do that you did. That's what worship is all about.

I was at a conference once, and I opened up for questions and answers on the subject of worship. And one man said to me, "Pastor Tom, I do not see Jesus giving worship in the Bible. Could you tell me why?"

I did not know the answer, because I saw that Jesus gave thanks five times, and every time He gave thanks it was associated with a type of salvation. He gave praise three times – twice with the disciples, and then Hebrews 2:12 talks about how He praises in the midst of the Church. Jesus gave thanks, and Jesus gave praise, but I could not find and instance where Jesus gave worship. I could not find it, and it bothered me for a long, long time.

I said, "God, you have to show me because this is a great question. How come we don't find Jesus in the act of worship?" At that time God was teaching me about movement and obedience, and the Lord said to me, "Worship truly is obedience. The reason you don't see Jesus worshipping Me is that I wanted to show something greater. I wanted to show that the greatest act of

worship is when He was on the cross – that was the greatest act of obedience that ever took place."

It took a life of obedience to get to the cross. Jesus did everything right from a human point of view, not because He was God but because He was so in tune with the Spirit of God that He knew what the Spirit was saying. He did absolutely everything right, every single day for 33 years. That was obedience – the greatest act of worship. Jesus is the greatest worshipper because He's the most obedient man who has ever lived.

What is the last thing God told you to do? You have to go back to that, not to the worship.

God said that King David was *a man after His own heart*. In other words, he was the greatest worshipper in the Old Testament. But David's obedience superceded even his worship – his obedience was his worship.

Let us take a step toward God by praying now, "Father, I want to be the best worshipper there is, what is it you have created me to do? Father, whatever it is, I want to do that."

When we started a church in Sydney from scratch, in a very rich area where there had never before been a Charismatic or Pentecostal church, I thought, "This will be easy, Tom. We'll build

a church easily." I was used to big churches and fast church growth. Now, looking back, I say, "Starting and growing that church has been the hardest thing I have ever done." At times I have questioned God because of how hard it was, and told Him it was too hard for me. And there were many times I wanted to quit, but the Lord said to me, "Remember you wanted understanding of worship and obedience? Remember I gave it to you? So, if anybody's going to grow this church in this area, you know what it will take – obedience. And that's why I've asked you to do it."

The generation Jesus will come back for will be a generation absolutely and totally obedient to everything He says. But their obedience will not come through fear or religion, but from a place of worship. Obedience is easy when it comes from the place of worship. When I say *easy*, I don't mean that there won't be challenges, but that there will be such an inner strength in you, that whatever you're going through, you're going to get through it. You're going to see way beyond the circumstances. You are created for Him, not for yourself.

A story of faithfulness and obedience

I am *born again* because of an old man who lived next door to my

parents in South Africa. As a young man I played a lot of soccer, liked to drink, and performed in clubs as a singer. I lived with my parents in a small block of apartments, where only two people lived on our left-hand side and two people on our right. I used to come up the steps, maybe after I'd had a couple of drinks and had played a game of soccer, and my neighbour, the old man, would wait for me. And no matter how much I tried to avoid him, he would say, "Tom! How are you?" I'd say, "I'm fine. I'm good," and he'd say, "Jesus loves you, my boy," and I'd go in. This went on for years.

I used to have this old *skedonk* – an old rickety, beat up car. I knew my neighbour would listen for my car, so one day I thought I would get smart and park in front so he wouldn't know I was coming. I turned off the engine and rolled down the last bit of hill, and then put on the handbrake. As quietly as I could I shut the car door and tiptoed up the stairs, thinking, "He's not going to get me tonight." But he still knew I was home, and he still said, "Tom! How are you, my boy? Jesus loves you,"

Eventually I got married to Barbara, and moved away from there. Later, when I got saved, I went back to tell my neighbour who was by then in his early eighties. When I drove up, he leaned over the balcony and I said, "Hey, Mr Della, I have something to

tell you!" He invited me up. He always wore a soft hat and a little dicky bow tie – he was a real gentleman.

I went up and said, "Mr Della, I got saved." And he just looked at me and said, "I know." Then he turned and said, "I'm going to go make the wife some tea," and started to walk away. I repeated, "Mr Della, I'm born again," and he said, "I know. I knew from the first day I prayed for you."

Ten years had passed since I had seen him so I tried for a little better response, so I said, "Mr Della, I've joined a church, I'm going to be the worship leader. I've given up chemistry. This is exciting!" He turned his head and said, "I know." I asked, "How do you know?" "I prayed you into the ministry even before I prayed you into the Kingdom."

The last time I saw Mr Della, he was ninety. I bumped into him when he was looking for a job in Johannesburg, where we lived in a suburb called Florida. I asked him, "Why are you looking for a job?" He was a dignified man who was a professional in his time. He said, "I have a job," – which was a miracle in South Africa in those days – "as a tea boy, serving tea." I asked, "Why do you do this, man?" He said, "Tom, I'm created to serve the King. I am born to do something incredible until the day I die. Every day I'm on

that train, I'm asking God for a soul. I'm asking God to speak to somebody, and every single day there's someone I minister to." He had the revelation of why he was alive.

A little while after he died, I was preaching in South Africa when a woman came up to me, and said, "Tom, I heard somewhere that Mr Della prayed for you." I said, "Yeah, that's why I am who I am." And she said, "Well, he prayed for me as well. Before he died I saw him and managed to have a chat with him." She said he had prayed more than 200 people into the Kingdom – 200 that he knew of. That's incredible. He knew why he was alive.

The woman told me that when his wife had died, he said, "That's it. I'll stay another three months, and then I'm going too. My work is done." See, you're not supposed to go before you've finished your job. If God has given you something to do, you're supposed to live until you get it done. There is a dynamic movement, the life force of Christ inside of you waiting to get out, to touch humanity.

I encourage you to dream new dreams about yourself – that you are someone so amazing in the hands of Almighty God, and that you still have something so powerful to do. Meditate on that thought.

Chapter Five

Praise, Prayer and Thankfulness

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My friend in Nigeria who is a bishop and has a massive church, once told me something interesting, "Until I learned the subject of worship, I used to pray long and praise short, but now I praise long and pray short."

Praise long and pray short

Sometimes we pray prayers that are full of doubt, but when we move into the realm of praise, we know we've moved out of the realm of doubt. I'm not minimising the role of prayer, but for years I've been seeing that praise is something powerful.

If you look at the epistles of Paul, he would often open his letter by saying something like, "I give thanks for you." Some people think it's a generic greeting but, in fact, the principle is that if you are going to pray for someone, the first thing you should do is be thankful for them. Then you know that your prayers are going to be properly directed.

Because we don't always know how to pray effectively for people, sometimes we just say the first thing on our mind, "Lord, just change this person. I want them turned around." But if you're thankful for them, you know your prayers are going to be the right kind.

We're a church which believes in prayer, we have some amazing prayer people in the church, and we love to pray. And we get together a number of times each week for corporate prayer meetings because we know that praying is important. But the mechanisms of prayer and praise are different. We pray according to God's Word, and He hears and answers us according to our faith in what we're praying according to the Word. But praise is not as mechanical, it's very personal.

The ministry of the psalmist

I want to show you more about praise, but first I want to remind you that the most intense, concentrated, prophetic ministry in the whole of the Old Testament was in David's Tabernacle – not with Elijah or Elisha or Samuel. After I wrote the book *The Ministry of the Psalmist* in 1987, people would come to South Africa and say to me, "You're a psalmist." And I'd ask, "What is a psalmist?" And

they would reply, "Well, someone who can play and sing, who can lead worship." But I felt that wasn't the whole story so I started researching *psalmist* in the Bible. My research revealed that the name *psalmist* appears only once in the whole Bible, in 2 Samuel 23:1 where David is referred to as *the sweet psalmist of Israel*. With so little to go on in the Bible, I went to God to try to understand the ministry of the psalmist.

I said to the Lord, "I'd like this generation to understand psalmist ministry, so will You please explain what a music minister is?" That's when I realised that the answer wasn't only about David the psalmist. So I began looking for key points that were simple for the New Testament church to understandable which would help us raise our standards.

I began looking at the people David surrounded himself with. I saw Kenaniah the chief of the Levites, who had a prophetic anointing, and was gifted in prophetic singing. So David was a prophet, and Kenaniah was a prophet. But they weren't the only prophetic singers, there was also Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthan. A lot of prophetic singing took place in David's Tabernacle.

David also had the children of the prophets, six harpists, eight solitary players, seven trumpet players, and 288 skilful singers

taught by the prophets – 4,000 musicians in total. That will give you an idea of what a highly prophetic time it was.

Do you know that David never led any worship in the Temple or the Tabernacle? He functioned in the role of pastor and let the others sing prophetically. Most of the people in the Tabernacle were students, so they were being mentored as they went along.

The name Kenaniah means *God has planted*. He functioned as what we would now call the worship leader.

Asaph means *music arranger*, or *one who gathers people to remove hurts* (with reference to healing). Asaph had a healing anointing. This is where the healing anointing comes from. It's in this realm, the dimension of worship, where God starts to minister to people and remove hurts and reproaches. Asaph even had the ability to remove leprosy. We often go through the motions of a healing ministry without really understand how it works. It is scriptural to be healed in worship even without any hands being laid on you.

Asaph had purity and holiness, and understood the dynamic of prayer. He was a key person in the Tabernacle of David. I think the reason he outlived David and Solomon was because he understood a higher level of purity. David got into some trouble related to purity, but it doesn't appear that Asaph ever did. If you

don't get into trouble over purity, you'll live long.

And then there was Jeduthan, sometimes called Ethan, whose name means *faithful*. And Heman, who had fourteen sons and daughters, whose name means *faithful, as a foster parent*. Heman would have had a very special anointing to mentor many of the 4,000 musicians.

These men were all from the tribe of Levi, but they were novices in the things of the Spirit. God had a mentoring system whereby the great prophets would mentor the young men and women. Women were involved too, if not in the Tabernacle of David, then later on. This is the foundation upon which the music ministry works today.

The most concentrated prophetic ministry in the Old Testament lasted 40 years – the time that God's presence was in their midst. They did not praise God ***to get*** His presence; they were praising God ***for*** His presence. The 21st century church struggles to understand the concept that we are not praising God to try to get His presence; we already have His presence – God lives in us.

Psalm 22:3 says, *But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.* The King James Version says *inhabitest the praises of Israel*. A lot of us use that scripture with the wrong connotation. We say, "God

inhabits the praises of Israel, so if we praise God, God's going to inhabit us." But that's an Old Testament concept; now God already inhabits the temple, and we are the temple. We don't go to the high priests anymore; the High Priest has come to live in us.

When we praise, there is still the concept of enthroning God, but we're not trying to get God to come down onto a throne; we're trying to release God's enthronement in our lives and in our circumstances as we praise Him.

God inhabits places with order

The word *inhabitest* in the King James Version has two meanings. One is that He came to inhabit or to feel comfortable in, as a marriage partner would in a marriage. Second, He came as a judge. When we truly praise God, there is the element of God in that time of intimacy which makes us say, "I want You to judge everything in my life that does not please you."

Can you see the ramifications of praise? It's not just singing fast songs; God is personally involved in true praise. Please keep these things in mind when you praise God.

Now, the word *holy* in the Old Testament implies *order* – that

things are put in order. When God gave instructions for building the Tabernacle where He would dwell, He was very specific about every detail. Materials, cloths and colours had to be precise, and the dimensions correct right down to the centimetre. Only when it was completed according to His precise instructions, would He come and dwell there.

God was showing us in the Old Testament that He would inhabit where there was absolute order according to what He prescribed. Master craftsmen built the Tabernacle and the Temple of Solomon. The best God could do in the Old Testament was to say, "This is what I want. Build Me what I want, and then I will come and inhabit that."

In the New Testament, the word *holy* still implies *order*, but it also means that *God feels comfortable*. God feels comfortable when we put things in order. Is our marriage in order? If I know in my church that people are out of order, I will approach them so that it might be put right. Otherwise God says, "I'm not comfortable." So we keep things in order. If we know that something is not right, we get it right. If I don't know about it, God will cover it by His grace.

The one thing we do not tolerate in my church is fault finding. We will not tolerate any bad talk about anything or anybody in the

church. If you have a gripe, come and speak to the leadership, but don't talk about it to anybody else. We overcome this human tendency with what we call *good finding*, which is the opposite of *fault finding*. By actively practising *good finding* and confronting *fault finding* we help maintain a holy environment.

I have in my church a businessman who consults with big corporate companies like Qantas and Hitachi. When he goes into top-level companies to talk with the executives, he says he lets the executives talk for the first two or three hours. He listens very carefully. He says that in that first session with only the executives, he understands 80% of the problems in the company. He says it usually has a lot to do with a lack of *good finding* – this person talks about that person, or doesn't agree with this person. The main problem is that there is no unity – no agreement. And because of corrupt communication in the company, nothing works. So he addresses that in the second session – using Biblical principles.

We cannot afford to talk bad about each other because it's going to affect the comfortableness God feels in you. If you're born again you can't get rid of God, He's there to stay; but you want to make Him feel comfortable. To ensure He feels comfortable we don't hide anything from Him. We don't talk bad about our marriage partner; we don't talk bad about our children; we don't

talk bad about our pastors; and we don't talk bad about other pastors. We only find good things to say.

We also only think good things, because if we don't it will start to pull at our mind and at everything in our life. Your tongue and your mind are still the strongest forces that exist inside you.

Even though David was not on the worship team, he oversaw all of the worship, and he understood that the praise and worship was in response to the presence of God which was already there. For contemporary churches to experience the power of worship as in David's Tabernacle, pastors need the revelation of what worship should look like in the Church – responding in praise to the presence of God which is already there.

Praise brings clarity

The prophetic dimension in the Tabernacle of David was there for our benefit today. God put prophets in the Tabernacle of David so they could interpret exactly what the Spirit of God was saying in their midst, which was then recorded and passed onto us in the Psalms.

God wanted prophets there so that the psalms could be written,

so you and I would understand the praise and worship that was going to come. The worship realm will bring you into a prophetic dimension.

It's important to not just pray, but to mix your prayers with praise. This will bring in the prophetic dimension which we all need. When we start to praise God, there seems to come some kind of clarity.

David, my eldest son is six foot three and built like a swimmer. He went *national* in swimming in South Africa and in America when we lived there. I'll never forget the coach in America who said to me, "Tom, I've only coached one other boy as good as this. I took him to the Olympics. I can take your son to the Olympics too, but I don't know if he wants to go. He's built for this; he was created to swim, but I can only take him so far. He has to determine that this is exactly what he wants."

When we moved to Australia, David swam in the Australian Nationals, but I could see by the way he swam that he wasn't interested. When he came out the water, I said to him, "It's okay. You've done your best." He said, "Dad, I'm not in this anymore" I said, "It's okay. No condemnation. It's finished. It's good." Then for two years he locked himself away in his room and just

worshipped God. Now he's my worship leader.

Swimming was a skill God gave David, but he could only go so far with it. Worship is like that. When you and I worship and praise God, it's like God comes and says, "You've done your best." When you're obedient to God, when you've done all that you can, it's like God comes to you and says, "You know what? You've done your best." Your best is to worship the Most High God.

When we worship God, we can only go so far. But the more you worship, the more revelation you receive. In the presence of the Lord, you go from revelation to revelation. And in that process, you're changed from glory to glory.

The thanksgiving challenge

Thanksgiving is also fundamental to God. When they were building the walls of Jerusalem in the time of Nehemiah, Nehemiah did something incredible: he established two large thanksgiving choirs (Nehemiah 12:31). Ezra did the same thing during construction of the Temple's foundation (Ezra 3:10-11). Any foundation without thanksgiving is going to be shaky. God didn't direct them to do that just for fun; they were specialists in thanksgiving.

In our Psalmody School – the School of Worship, I developed lessons on worship as a lifestyle. People say that in 21 days you can change your mindset. Well, I'm going to give you a challenge, and in three weeks, your life will be radically changed – I guarantee it. People get profound results from what I'm about to tell you.

During the first week, get before the Lord for one minute a day. Don't give Him any scriptures; just thank the Lord for your salvation for one minute. Every day for a week, get before the Lord and focus only on that. Thank God you're born again.

The second week, give thanks for one minute in the morning and one minute in the afternoon. Give God thanks that you're born again. Give Him thanks for your salvation. Think about what He did for you when you were born again. Don't use scriptures to fill in the time, just thank Him.

By the third week you'll already find that something's beginning to happen. In the third week give thanks for one minute in the morning, one minute in the afternoon, and one minute in the evening. By the end of three weeks, something will have exploded inside of you regarding the revelation that you are born again.

We've had testimonies from all over the world from people who

have tried this. We're still getting them. God has graciously given us Eternity to thank Him for salvation. It's going to take an eternity to thank Him for saving you. But why wait until you get to heaven? Do it right now. It's the revelation on the planet that's going to help somebody on the planet.

It's like when Jesus and the disciples went up the mountain. They worshipped God on the mountain, and then went back down into the valley where the people lived. God didn't want them to stay on the mountain. God says, "Don't stay there. Come and visit Me up the mountain. Move into My presence, and I will empower you to go back to the valley."

You're continually moving from the valley to the mountain. Your journey is never ending between the two places. For example, one minute you're on the bus with a lady who is in pain – you're in the valley. Then you move onto the mountain by praying for her, "In Jesus name, I command healing. I command life." Whenever I hear an ambulance siren I speak life right away – in a moment I switch from the valley where I live, to the mountain where I meet with God.

If you have never been to the mountain, you won't know what to do when you're in the valley. You're in the world – the valley, but

you're not supposed to be of the world, you're supposed to be of the mountain. The spirit of thankfulness takes you to the mountain where you fulfill the needs of God. But God doesn't want you to always just sit there and worship the whole day. What you learn and gain from Him on the mountain, He wants you to use down in the valley.

The most effective way to do that is to develop a subconscious state of continual thanksgiving. If you think enough about your salvation, it goes from your mind to your spirit and into your subconscious. When it's in your subconscious, you have a continual awareness. Then when salvation is needed in any situation in the valley, you're ready to administer it because you developed it on the mountain.

God inhabits geographical areas

When Jesus came to earth, He didn't say much about worship, but what He did say about it was profound. In John chapter 4, is the story about the Samaritan woman when she met Jesus at the well. Traditionally, it was an evil place because it was where Jacob's sons murdered the men who had misused their sister Dinah. Yet through the Samaritan woman this area would be redeemed.

Where there has been loss, there will always be redemption.

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, *"Go call your husband."* He was operating prophetically, knowing that the woman would say, *"I have no husband."* (See John 4:17-19.)

Jesus said to her, *"You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."* The woman said to Him, *"Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet."* Jesus had her attention; she knew she was speaking to no normal man but to a prophet of God.

Geographically, they were standing at Mount Gerizim. She said, *"Our fathers worshipped on this mountain,"* and she must have pointed to Mount Gerizim, *"…and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."* She was talking about geography. Being a Samaritan, she would have believed the first five books of the Bible.

Verse 21 – Jesus says to her, *"Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father."* In other words, Jesus was saying that worship is not subject to geography, but geography is subject to worship. Wherever you worship, the area becomes subject to that worship. There's probably nothing more influential in a geographical area

than the worship given in that area.

It's really about people more than anything else, because if people are worshipping, it means their hearts are ripe. Demonic principalities and powers that influence Geographical territories become powerless when people worship. You don't have to cast out the devil; demonic powers become powerless because of the righteous people glorifying the Most High God in that place. There's no place left for them; they're displaced.

Verse 22 says, *You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.* Jesus is saying, "Lady, I know that you know five books of the Bible, but you don't know the true God. You need knowledge regarding worship." And that's what I realised 25 or 30 years ago. God raised me up to teach people the principles of worship because people who don't know the principles are never going to know true worship. God never moves beyond your knowledge; He is restricted by your knowledge.

Truth brings freedom

John 8:32 says, *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* If that's true, which we know it is, the only evidence you have of truth is freedom.

You might tell me that you believe everything about healing. You might be able to tell me all the scriptures on healing. You might say, "I'm in my 60s. I've never spent a night in the hospital, never had an operation, and not intending to, either. And it is by the Grace of God and by what He's allowed me to understand, that I am able to say that."

You have the truth about healing, and look at the freedom you have because of it. But don't stop there; look at what truth you still don't have. And you know what? None of us have it all. There are areas in my life and in Barbara's life where we're not free. I'm not talking about sin, I'm talking about ignorance. We just don't know enough about what God's voice is, or we don't have enough faith to set us free in that area.

Give in order to receive

My friend Bishop David Oyedepo, who has one of the big churches in Nigeria, pays for everything with cash. It's probably the most prosperous church on the planet; which is incredible because it's in Nigeria – one of the poorest countries in the world. And the university which is part of the church is rated the second best university in the whole of Africa.

When I would ask him questions about prosperity, sometimes he would take me out under the African sky at night and reveal mysteries to me – revelations that God had given him. Talking about prosperity, I said, "It's amazing what God has done in your church." He said, "Yes, but it's not difficult to understand. For the last 26 years, my wife and I have been increasing our giving. We now give 95% of everything that comes in." He doesn't even take a salary from the church. And when he writes a book, he sells a million copies, and doesn't take a cent from any of his books.

So I asked a stupid question. I asked him how that worked. He said, "We just give, and I have now become a magnet for money. Money is automatically attracted to me because of the principle of seed time and harvest." He continued, "You know, my wife and I have never prayed together for finances in 26 years. Do you know why? Because, when you operate in this principle, you can focus your prayer life into other areas."

We usually pray for the things that are not working. But when you're operating in the principle of seed time and harvest, your prayer life doesn't have to include that area. This may be foreign to some of you, but this is a powerful principle.

One year I took 13 or 14 people from my church to meet some

of the millionaire members who have been raised up in my friend's church. Because I want millionaires in my church, I told my group to ask his people how they became millionaires. We thought we were going to get something profound. But the answer we got was, "We tithe and we help the poor, the widows, and the orphans, and we bless our pastor. The rest is history."

One time I was at a banquet for the Bishop, and he introduced me to a young man. The man told me his story. He said that when he was 33 years old, he was sitting in the church meeting when Bishop Oyedepo gave a prophetic word that they would have ships to take the Gospel around Africa. The young man said that the idea came to him, "I'm going to be the guy who will gives him the first ship." So he started to operate his business with an intention to buy the ship. And he bought it. (I saw it in the harbour in Lagos, it's an ocean liner.) I asked, "How did you do that, brother?" He answered, "Simple. We tithe and we give. We look after the poor. We do the simple stuff that's in the Bible."

You see, whatever you give thanks for will be attracted into your life. I'm teaching my kids this principle, and it's a tough principle. I'm still learning it myself.

We must never fear anything regarding finances. I've just been

with Kim Clement. Many people say he's crazy because he's always giving stuff away. Have you ever met anybody who's a radical giver? They almost scare you because they're operating in a different dimension. It seems reckless, but it's not. The way we treat money is the way money will treat us.

I'm not a New Ager or anything, but there's a God principle here which the New Agers have caught onto – the things you are thankful for will be attracted to you.

One time in South Africa, Barbara and I were going through a rough time financially. I had transitioned from being a businessman to starting the church, so we had no money. When Pastor Ray employed me at Rhema Church I went from earning 7,000 rand a month – which was a lot of money in 1982 – to 1,600 rand a month. We had a big house in a beautiful area in Johannesburg, and the Lord said to me, "Sell the house and go into ministry."

Then one day, a friend of mine phoned me and asked me out for breakfast. I started to worry, thinking, "We only have just enough money to pay the rent, I don't have any money to pay for a breakfast." When I told Barbara she said, "We'll go anyway." So we went.

By the time we arrived at the restaurant I was full of fear regarding not having money to pay for the food. Then the waiter came, who was really over the top, who I just *knew* would expect a big tip, so my stress skyrocketed. We ordered our food and had a good breakfast.

I had a plan that when the bill came, I would lean down and fix my shoe, so our friends would pick up the bill and pay it. I had the whole thing worked out. When the bill came, I bent down, and Barbara said, "We'll get it." I nearly hit my head on the table. Then my friend said, "No, we'll get it." But Barbara insisted, "No, we'll get it." Then Barbara took the bill and gave it to me.

So we paid the bill, with our rent money. As we got into the car, it was very quiet. I said, "Did you enjoy the breakfast?" She said, "Yes, very much, it was a good breakfast." I said, "I'm glad you enjoyed it. It was quite an expensive breakfast." And Barbara said, "Tom, God showed me something today…" Then she said something that set us free. She said, "We must never fear to be the first ones to give."

We have lived by that principle all these years. Don't fear money. Be generous. If you have a thankful attitude and a generous attitude toward money, money will be attracted to you.

Chapter Six

The Heart of a Seer

Pastor Reg Morais

Seers play a huge role in preparing the Church – the Bride of Christ – to be ushered into God's Kingdom. So it makes sense that we should understand the heart of the seer who, unlike most people inside and outside the Church, is more focussed on helping God's people than on helping themself.

Because most people in the Church are primarily interested in their own needs, I feel we neglect teaching on the heart of the seer. What is in the heart of the seer that makes them keep going in spite of opposition, criticism and attacks from the very people they are trying to help?

We often look at the giftings of people like Moses, and the visitations, encounters, and great moments they experienced such as seeing the form of the Father, but we neglect studying what qualities were in their heart that attracted God to them.

Seers speak plainly

Numbers 12:6 says, *Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a*

prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream." A prophet can operate in his gifting yet not be a seer, but a seer can be a prophet as well.

Verses 7-8 – *"Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings."*

Prophets sometimes speak using vague, generalisations, or figurative words that are not plain – they are dark sayings. For example, you want to know whether you are going to get a job the next day, a prophet will say something like, "The flower has not blossomed today but it is going to blossom tomorrow." Then you have to go yourself before the Spirit of God to try to get an interpretation. With a seer, you don't have to get an interpretation; seers will give you a straight word. They will tell you whether you're going to get a job tomorrow or not.

Over the years I've served the Spirit of God, people have sometimes come to me as if they just want a conversation, and then after two or three minutes, they say something like, "Can you give me a Word? What's my next direction?"

A seer is often one who sees all the time. Recently a woman came up to me and said, "I'm seeing another dimension, not the

dimension of the heavenly but another dimension of the powers of darkness. It's disturbing me, it's hurting me. I don't understand why I'm seeing it. I don't understand what God is trying to do right now."

For me, I walk seeing two sides of the coin at the same time. On one side I see the dark world that operates in front of me. On the other side I see the good that my Lord Jesus operates in me. Once the scales have been taken off your eyes so you become a seer, you never see things the same again. You walk in both dimensions – the angels of God and the power of demons.

Moses was a prophet of God, but I believe he was also a seer. As far as I'm concerned, anyone who can see the form of the eternal God has a direct revelation into what can happen today and tomorrow.

If God has given you the gift of being a seer, you need to know how to fully inherit what you have been given, but first you need to know if God has given you that gift. I'm not referring to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life, nor any particular impartations God has given you from time to time – I'm talking about walking daily in that gift where you can see and speak the future as clearly and plainly as you see the present moment.

To help discover if you do have this particular gift, we need first to look at the heart of a seer. What sort of a heart should we have? What sort of a spirit should we have? What sort of life attitude should we have? What sort of character should we have?

Before the anointing of a seer can come into your life, the fist thing you need to be is single-minded. When someone asks you to do something for them, *let your yea be yea and your nay be nay*. Never be double-minded. You might not think this is important, but I assure you, to operate in the gifting of a seer, your every attitude every day is important.

In Numbers 12:7 God says, *"He (Moses) is faithful in all My house."* In other words, Moses never shied away from doing anything for God.

Seers are faithful in all things

I remember years ago, during the heydays of the great faith movement of the Rhema Churches founded by Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, many ministers in Singapore and Malaysia were passionate about getting copies of all the latest Kenneth Hagin books and cassette tapes.

One man who had come on a trip to Singapore had with him about a dozen cassette tapes of Brother Hagin. But because he did not want to part with the tapes, and was due to soon leave Singapore, pressure was on the ministers to find someone who could duplicate the tapes straight away. Someone mentioned that the son of Pastor Elizabeth had a double cassette player, and suggested that it could be used to quickly do the dubbing. When those tapes were handed to me, I felt like I had been given a mission by God.

At the time, I was finishing my Year Ten studies and was nearing my exams, but I knew that copying the tapes had to be a priority. I decided it was such an important mission that I would go without sleep to accomplish the task. I worked through the night until about three or four in the morning until I was so tired that I was making mistakes. So even though I hadn't finished, I finally decided to go to sleep.

As soon as I woke I returned to my task, working all through the day and into the evening. When the man came to collect the tapes and copies at seven o'clock, I said, "Sir, there you are. The cassette tapes are all done." And this wonderful gentleman, a man of God, came and hugged me. Crying, he said, "Thank you, thank you for all you have done." He recognised and appreciated the

faithfulness I had shown in the House of God.

See Numbers 12:1 – *Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.* A multicultural marriage had taken place even though Aaron and Miriam had expectations that Moses should have married an Hebrew woman. Aaron and Miriam were not being faithful, and the pride of their hearts was being revealed.

I have noticed that when seers who have been in the knowledge of God for many years, befriend someone who's known God for only two or three years, often the newer Christian takes on a *familiarity of the anointing*. It's somewhat like when a person dies and a familiar spirit comes and adopts the persona and attributes of the deceased person. In the same way, Miriam and Aaron adopted the *familiarity of the anointing* of Moses.

Just because you have been hanging around Moses, eating and talking with him, it doesn't mean the same and complete anointing has also fallen upon you.

In Numbers 12:1-2, we see a major flaw in the character of Miriam and Aaron. If they truly carried the anointing as they supposed, their conversation would have gone more like, "Moses,

we were wondering. How come you have decided to marry this Ethiopian woman? Has the Lord shown you? If the Lord has shown you, would you please share it with us because we also want to rejoice that you have found a wonderful woman." But that's not what they did.

Numbers 12:2 says, *So they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it.*

I know men and women who have come into this church and are associated with this ministry, who have what I call the *familiarity of the anointing*. Miriam and Aaron are Moses' older brother and sister; and because they are close to him they have the *familiarity of the anointing* which is upon him. So when this conflict arises, they believe they can deal with Moses on an equal footing.

Also because the heart of a seer is faithful, do not forsake the gathering of the assembly. If you want to operate under the gifting of seer, don't miss church services. You need to be in fellowship with other believers. Don't isolate yourself. Moses didn't isolate himself. A seer has to be in the midst of all the groups of people that God brings.

A seer is humble

For the last two or three years, a man I know has walked with me day in and day out. I have meals with him, we go to shopping malls together, and we go to Woollies and buy groceries together. We do many things together. Somehow or other, as I touch him, my anointing starts being transferred to him. But there's a problem – even though the anointing is transferred so that he is able to see things like a seer, what is the state of his heart? He is experiencing the anointing of a seer but his heart hasn't changed. In the same way, Miriam and Aaron picked up revelation from hanging around with Moses, but their hearts had not been changed.

To maximise the anointing of a seer on your life you must apply caution. Look at Numbers 12:3 – *Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.* Miriam and Aaron were not as humble as Moses. Verse 3 says that of all the men on this earth, Moses was the most meek/humble.

Verses 4-5 says, *Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out. Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward.*

You must have a heart of humility. Lots of people hang onto the coat-tails of this ministry and think they're fully equipped; but the moment they leave these walls and enter into ministry, conflict or criticism comes. They suddenly realise that with the anointing of a seer comes a lot of backlash. If someone spits in their face, they must learn to keep smiling.

Without humility, you cannot move completely in what God has for you. You might be able to push yourself in the anointing, but the anointing can only carry you so far. You must also actively apply in your life the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Seers move in the spirit of humility. Even when seers come under enormous attack, as they often do, most seers will just go silent because they don't believe in arguing to make their point. Instead, seers expect God to sovereignly do something about the attack. Of course, a seer also has the advantage of advance insight, so a seer can still smile in the midst of an attack. And even though it hurts, a seer will continue to pray in the midst of the aggression.

The seer will never allow himself/herself to sink to the same standards of the attackers because the seer's anointing lies in the spirit of humility and meekness. The seer has all nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23, with humility and faithfulness

being all-important ingredients in their role.

Being a seer, you can see both the dark side and the brighter side of life. It's a revelation, a gifting, an impartation, an anointing, and a deposit from God. Yet every day, I still have to socialise.

If you have a mouth like a sewer and are trying to move under the anointing, you're going to end up in mess. God has to change our lips to be like His, before He can use them to speak to people who are seeking a word from Him. When the vision of the Lord appeared to Isaiah, the first thing Isaiah said was, *"I am a man of unclean lips."* – Isaiah 6:5. He saw the Lord. And because he was a seer he knew the responsibility of speaking the holy words of the Lord.

I lay hands on about 250 to 300 people a week. Every day when I go home to my wife and my children, I need to be able to shift back into reality. But while living in reality, I still need to know how to maintain the anointing.

A seer is sympathetic

When a person makes an appointment and comes to see me, I shake their hand, and then often they cry. Whatever they are

going through, I have to go through with them. All the time they are there I am listening carefully to every word. Sometimes I don't even open my eyes. I close my eyes because I don't want to be distracted from what the person is saying. Then what they say goes into my heart, into my spirit, so I can know what sort of answer I am supposed to give for the person's life.

A seer is very different to a prophet. A prophet works in auditory. By that I mean the Word of God comes into his spirit and he just keeps downloading it. But it's different for me. I don't get words; I see your past, your present, and your future. I might see a conversation you had with someone twenty years ago.

Sometimes the Spirit of God says to me to tell a person one particular word, because that one word is all it will take to break the person and bring them to a point of melting. A seer will sometimes cry, and weep, and hold the hands of the person, because they sympathise with them. The heart of a seer sees and feels.

One of the reasons I believe that Moses was a seer is because a seer sympathises with others as Moses did. Look at the response of Moses when the Lord corrects Miriam and Aaron. Numbers 12:10-13 says, *And when the cloud departed from above the*

tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!" So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

I love the way my Lord defended Moses, and justified him, telling off Miriam and Aaron, and putting them in their place once and for all. And I love the way Moses went to bat for Miriam, asking God to heal her leprosy. Being a seer is also about pushing into God to get answers from the Lord, so you can impart the answers into those you are ministering to.

A seer is faithful in the home

Be faithful in your homes. When I go home, the first thing I look for is the vacuum cleaner. Why? Because I feel that helping around the home is my duty. I feel that when I am in my own house I am still serving God. A seer, or any minister of God, needs first of all to serve their family. Once you've looked after your family, then you can serve others.

So at home I cook, I vacuum, I change nappies, and anything else I see which needs doing to serve my family. If I don't do what has to be done in my own household, how could I have the right heart to serve others? The seer still ministers at home, except he does it wearing an apron.

Anyone who stands behind a pulpit finds that there is always a price to be paid for that privilege. Even though Miriam spoke against Moses, Moses cried out to God for her healing. My carnal nature says that what she got served her right.

There have been people who have come against this ministry, and then, a couple years later, have come to me for help. My carnal nature doesn't want to help them, but I say, "How can I help you?" They might ask me to pray for their son or daughter, and I still feel like saying, "It serves you right." But the Spirit of God will say to me, "Reg, what she did in the past is none of your business. That's My business. Today you stand in the gap as Moses did."

Anyone can become a seer. Anyone can become a prophet. But where's your heart? Where's your attitude? Only when you are faithful in your church, in your home, to your children, and to your wife can you stand in front of hundreds for God. It's all about the heart.

A mini-revival at the shopping mall

When the power of God hits a church, the church wakes up – that's not a revival. A revival is when the Spirit of God fills a place outside of the church, and suddenly people start to weep and cry. One day, when I was in a local shopping centre, I decided to have an ice-cream cone. There were four people around me also ordering ice-cream cones. I was just minding my own business when the power of God hit. The people around me started to cry. They said, "How come we are all crying and you're not? Don't you feel anything?"

I said, "What's going on?" One person said, "I don't know. 20 years ago I cheated on my wife, and now I feel very upset about it." I said, "Well, I'd say that what you did was sin." Another person revealed, "Ten years ago I took $2,000 from my mum and hid it under my pillow." Each of the four people crying were obviously remorseful about sins they had committed. Curious about why I was the only one of them not crying, one said, "Why are we crying in front of you? Who are you?"

I said, "My name is Reg. I'm a minister of the Gospel. Do you really want to know why you're crying? There's a presence of God in this place right now to help you and heal you." None of them

was able to even lick their ice-cream. Then they starting to shiver and shake, and they asked me, "Why are we shaking?" I said, "You're shaking because the presence of God is hitting you."

Then I suggested we all hold hands. I shared who Jesus is and what He has done. I asked, "Do you want to give your hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ right now?" As I held their hands, I led them in the *Sinner's Prayer*, and they gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

I then got their phone numbers to follow up. They were all from different parts of the city, and now they all go to church. When the power of the Spirit of God visits the church, it's an awakening. But when it goes outside of the church, it's a revival!

I like business and business people, but I would not mind seeing bottle shops shutting down, pubs shutting down, and nightclubs shutting down. Every weekend at such businesses someone is getting *glassed*, or *king hit*, or attacked with a knife or machete. Often, sons and daughters of Christians are there, which is not the best place for them to be. What will shut them down is a revival.

Together we can transform this country

As I drive across the city each morning, I wonder what's

happening in this house or that house. From the outside, everything looks so pristine, but what's going on in the houses? We are only one church in this city, how are we supposed to have a personal impact in all these homes? You try by asking people to come to church, but they don't have time – they're busy taking their sons and daughters to sports practice, or they're busy doing their gardening, or they're busy resting.

But what if you and I were transformed under the power of God? All we have to do then is go sit at a netball tournament. Suddenly, people will stop what they are doing, unable to continue with the tournament. Then you stand on the bench, and say, "Everyone, I am the reason you are crying."

I am getting to the end of my patience at playing church and playing politics. For four or five years I've been struggling to see what the point of church is, unless we're taking this city and changing it. I want to see people, even in our State Parliament, start to cry at the presence and conviction of the Holy Spirit. Imagine if some of our politicians owned up to playing dirty politics? Imagine if some of them resigned to allow a more righteous person take over their position?

That would be revival. We all want to bring that, so how do we

do it? First of all, you need to understand that it's not about you; it's about my Lord Jesus Christ. I know that in most Christian lives there is still work to be done to come to where God can use us; so start by letting my Lord Jesus Christ sort out those things. And while Jesus is sorting out those things, put God first and pursue the heart of God. Then listen to people's hearts and spirits, and ask the Lord, "How can I make a change in this person's life?"

Moses cried out to God for Miriam, even though he had been hurt by her and Aaron speaking against him. How many people are there in our governments who might not be doing the right thing according our country and us? Are you still willing to cry out for them? Are you still willing to intercede for them? Are you still willing to stand in prayer from 1:00 am to 6:00 am, asking God to visit the nation? If you are, your whole life will change and never be the same again.

Once when I was in the Perth International Airport, I was sitting and reading a magazine while three young men sitting beside me were playing around and behaving foolishly. Sudden, one of the three started to convulse. His two friends didn't know what to do, so I turned to them and said, "Don't worry, it'll stop." They said, "What do you mean that it'll stop?" I said, "He's having a panic attack, and he's also under an attack of the enemy. You

don't have to be concerned."

They said to me, "Do whatever you have to do. Who are you? Are you a padre?" I told them I was a minister. Then right there at the Perth International Airport, I quietly and calmly commanded the power to come out. (You don't have to make a big spectacle when you are dealing with evil spirits.)

The spirit came out of the man, and he asked, "What happened to me?" I then shared the Gospel with the three young men. I said, "What about giving your hearts to the Lord Jesus?" They responded, "Well, after what you did, we can't say no."

I've been doing this for quite some time, but if I were to continue at the pace I'm going right now, it will take a long time to reach this entire city; and even longer to bring this entire nation to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. So won't you come and join with me right now?

Prayer is not as boring as you might think. Seeing in the realm of God is not as boring as you might think. When you join the fight for the Kingdom of God, the rewards are out of third world, and life becomes increasingly good and very pleasing. You can still eat your ice-cream and wear the same clothes, but once you've seen what heaven looks like, your life will never be the same.

The gift of a seer is great, but is your heart right for it? What is your attitude towards your fellow man, whoever and wherever they are?

By using the gifts God has given us, we can see this entire nation blessed. What if you and I could change the hearts of those in Federal Parliament so that every single person making decisions for this country would to be touched and born again? We are so consumed with helping third-world nations, and I have no problem with that, but what about our own people in our own backyard, who are going through difficult times?

Many people in Australia have been hurt and broken by our Government which seems to look after outsiders better than those already here. Many people come to our church in need of food parcels, and many say, "We have paid taxes for 70 years and now we can't even support ourselves." When you hear this, it breaks your heart. But we can change our country. And you can help change it by becoming a seer and interceding on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ – if your heart is right for it.

More seers will be raised up in the Last Days

Scripture reveals that a seer has to keep his heart right. If the heart

is not in the right place and humble and faithful, I don't think that any one of us, including myself, would be able to rise to the ministry of a seer. At one time the ministry of a seer was almost completely relegated to being the ministry of the prophet. But in the last days, I believe God is again raising up seers because seers have something to add to those who are lost.

In my 26 years as a minister, I've seen prophets come and go. Many have been able to see ahead but the seers among them had been different from the other prophets. Seers seem to carry more of a heart of humility. If you are a prophet, please forgive me making that observation, but in my experience, prophets are very straightforward, very forthright.

A seer is different to a prophet because he or she, through the revelation of the Spirit of God, gets the total picture – the entire image of body, soul and spirit. The seer will cry, weep, laugh, or embrace the person; and no one knows what he or she is seeing except the person he or she is praying for. The seer seems to know the full story.

So be prepared for the formation of a new ministry of seers that is going to catch on from coast to coast. These seers will receive mandates from God, see visions and dreams, and be able to have

face-to-face encounters with God.

I don't want to *tickle anyone's ears* but rather grab hold of your hearts and your character so that you are moulded into the image of my Lord Jesus Christ.

"Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings." – Number 12:6-8.

Chapter Seven

The Qualifications of a Seer

Pastor Reg Morais

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. – Psalms 27:4. That's a profound scripture because it gives us insight into the heart, spirit, soul, and mind of a seer.

A seer sees by a vision of God and is a spokesperson for God. They hear words of affirmation and confirmation, but they also see things in the presence of the Almighty God.

A seer is intimate with Jesus Christ

Luke 10:27 says, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself."*

When we truly love someone, we want to spend close, intimate time with them to get to know them better and deeper. So we MAKE time to do that. Likewise, when we love the Lord Jesus

Christ, we want to spend close, intimate time with Him to get to know Him better and deeper. So we need to MAKE time in our lives to do that.

I've been married to Caryn for many years, and I can honestly say that I am more in love with her now than the day I first met her. During our time together we've had ups and downs, peaks and valleys, laughter and tears, and peace and chaos. And through it all, I've come to better know and admire my wife's character. What I particularly love is the joy that lives in her heart every single day to serve God and to help me serve God. She's an amazing woman.

To be a seer, intimacy with the Lord Jesus plays a huge role. Jesus said that the most important commandment was to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind." When you start to love Him that way, and take the time to know who He is and all of His heart, you soon realise that He is a lot more than you expected when you first gave your heart to the Lord. When God first made that commandment (Deuteronomy 6:5) He knew that unless His people would make the time to know Him better, they would not understand or obey anything else He was telling them.

One of my favourite times for connecting with the Supreme Being is at night when I walk in my backyard gazing into the heavens. I've made it a habit in my walk with God to seek Him in the night because it's then that I'm less likely to be disturbed – to be nagged by my kids for attention; to have the demands of everyday life distract me; or to have to answer phone calls. It is also then that I appreciate the peace, stillness, and quietness.

I find these times are the best to spend with God because then I am more able to open my spirit, my inner man, to the Spirit of God. And these times are so precious to me because it is then that I fall more deeply in love with Him. When you make times like that, it is then that He will speak to you and even appear before you. When you show Him by doing this that you want to get to know Him better and more deeply, He allows you to sit down and communicate with Him face-to-face.

A seer is always on call

I've seen Jesus Christ face-to-face around 20 times. Each time He has come it's been around one or two o'clock in the morning, and He has spoken to me for just a minute or two. But that short time with Him gives me the greatest buzz and allows me to enjoy the

rest of the night, the rest of the day, even the rest of the year. That's because I realise that the Holy God I serve has met me, sat down with me, spoken to me, and given me blueprints and plans for His kingdom to come.

Because of the overwhelming reality of God in a seer's life, they never appear to shut down. A seer is active seven days a week, often working 365 days a year. In fact, a seer is not able to shut down. Even when I sit down and watch the news or a documentary on TV, there will still be things that God will show me through the inner eyes of the Spirit of God – "This has to be done. That has to be done. This part of the world is not doing well so you need to pray for this. That person is not doing well so you need to pray for that."

A seer's heart and spiritual eyes never shut. They are always active, open, present, and vigilant. You need to be always sober, and more than anything else, you need to be always attentive to what God is doing. In order to be fully equipped and fully tuned to the realm of the Spirit, you need to know how to love Him. In other words, you need an unconditional dedication to the great God who we serve.

What is the meaning of intimacy? What is the meaning of love?

Intimacy is when you know in your heart that God is close to you even when all hell has broken loose. Unfortunately, when we are distracted by the natural calamities we suck in through our eye gate, we too easily forget to sense the presence and intimacy of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus walked in love with His disciples. When He ascended into heaven, those disciples carried on His mission of love. Peter, James, John, Paul, and all the disciples did what they did for God out of love; they were never paid very highly on earth for what they did.

When I read through the Book of Acts, one thing I see that moves my heart is that whatever the disciples saw in the life of Jesus, it had a tremendous impact on their lives. Even though they were shipwrecked, beaten, and spat on, they continued doing the marvelous work for my Lord Jesus. It goes to show that the love Jesus must have displayed to His disciples, must have had a power beyond this world.

On a daily basis I am moved by the power of the Spirit of God when people come up to me and cry out, "Can you please pray, Reg? I need to see this ordeal come to an end." Whenever people like that come to me, I am moved by the compassion and the love

of God. When you hold someone's hands and you realise that they are expecting an answer from God through you, you realise you are totally inadequate to provide the answer. But because you're filled with the love of Jesus Christ which was developed through the time you spent becoming intimate with Him, you are taken to another realm and you know that God is using you as a vessel. Then your eyes are opened and you start to see yourself as a seer.

No one around you in your church, in the shopping malls, or any place you go sees you as anything other than a normal person. But being a seer, you see the many angels and demonic powers that are standing around you and the person who needs God's help, and you receive from Him the strategy to overcome the ordeal the person is going through. And this happens simply because you've been obedient in spending those precious nights asking God to make you a vessel. "Open me even more to know what You have in store for my life Lord. I don't know how far I can go, but with Your help I feel that I might be of some service – if You will come and fill me with Your Spirit, making me a seer."

The qualifications of a seer patience and obedience

Patience and obedience are keys to unlocking all the mysteries of

human misery. But patience and obedience come through waiting on the Lord, and loving on Him on a regular basis. If we will all do this, the ministry of a seer will start to rise up in every part of the world, not only in Australia but in every nation. We can bring the nations into the hands of the Almighty God.

A married couple came to me and said, "We are touched and moved by your ministry, so much so that our life has changed." They continued, "We have a sister who does not live in Australia, who we would like you to pray for. We do not expect you to fly over there and pray, however, the doctors have given her about six months to live. She has a tumour in her abdomen, growing every day. What do you see in the realm of the Spirit of God for our sister who's about to die, who the doctors have given no hope for?"

When I heard their story I wept and cried in my heart, but I did not know what to do. I said, "Give me your hands." So the husband and wife gave me their hands and I prayed for them. As soon as I prayed, the Spirit of God transported me to the place where this young woman was in the hospital. The Holy Spirit came alongside me as I was being transported in the spirit.

When I saw the woman, I could see that she was in agony. The Holy Spirit standing beside me said, "Tell the couple that she will

be completely healed. You don't have to be concerned." So the Spirit of God transported me back to the church, and I said to the couple, "Telephone your sister today; let her know she will be totally healed."

Five weeks later, the couple came and reported, "We wanted to catch up with you to give you the wonderful news. Five weeks ago you prayed about my sister. The doctors are now saying that for some unknown reason, the tumour shrank. They said that it had nothing to do with the medication, so it must have been some sort of supernatural intervention."

A seer carries a power of God, a distinctive anointing that allows him or her to fight in the realm of the spiritual world. They're not there to flex their muscles or to boast about how good they are, they're there to promote that God is alive and is still in the business of healing and saving people's lives.

I've met many seers, all of who have been able to see things in the realm of the Spirit of God. Psalm 27:4 says, *One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will* ***I seek****: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord.* Seeking God continually in your life opens a whole new book of what God has in store for you. Psalm 27:4 says, *I seek;* another translation says *I inquire*. This means *to plead*, *to mount a good case*,

and *to beg*. As a seer you need to know how to plead for each case God sends your way.

I don't say that every person with an anointing as a seer should operate the same as I do – we are all different, with different backgrounds and experience. And I'm not saying every person we minister to should be dealt with the same, because every situation is as unique as every person. What I am saying is, however we operate as a seer we still need to inquire of God for people. So inquire – plead, mount a good case, beg.

Depending on the situation God has given me, I often have to inquire, and to plead a good case before God to bring closure for the person. People come up to me and ask me to inquire of God what they should do in their lives.

If you understand how to approach God, and how to get Him on your side, you'll realise that getting an answer from God is rarely very far off. So to help you understand how to approach God, here are 25 scriptures that reveal who a seer is, how a seer operates, what a seer sees, and how he inquires of the mind of God. I hope you will remember these things for the rest of your life.

1) 1 Samuel 9:9 – *Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now*

called a prophet was formerly called a seer.

2) 1 Samuel 9:11 – *As they went up the hill to the city, they met some young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"*

3) 1 Samuel 9:18 – *Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is the seer's house?"*

4) 1 Samuel 9:19 – *Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart."*

5) 2 Samuel 15:27 – *The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar."*

6) 2 Samuel 24:11 – *Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer.*

7) 2 Kings 17:13 – *Yet the Lord testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets."*

8) 1 Chronicles 9:22 – *All those chosen as gatekeepers were two*

hundred and twelve. They were recorded by their genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their trusted office.

9) 1 Chronicles 21:9 – *Then the Lord spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,...*

10) 1 Chronicles 25:5 – *All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.*

11) 1 Chronicles 26:28 – *And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated thing, was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren.*

12) 1 Chronicles 29:29 – *Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer.*

13) 2 Chronicles 9:29 – *Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?*

14) 2 Chronicles 12:15 – *The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are*

they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

15) 2 Chronicles 16:7 – *And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand."*

16) 2 Chronicles 16:10 – *Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.*

17) 2 Chronicles 19:2 – *And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you."*

18) 2 Chronicles 29:25 – *And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the Lord by His prophets.*

19) 2 Chronicles 29:30 – *Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the Lord with the words of*

David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

20) 2 Chronicles 33:18 – *Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.*

21) 2 Chronicles 33:19 – *Also his prayer and how God received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they are written among the sayings of Hozai.*

22) 2 Chronicles 35:15 – *And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.*

23) Isaiah 29:10 – *For the Lord has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; and He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.*

24) Isaiah 30:10 – *Who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits."*

25) Amos 7:12 – *Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, and there prophesy."*

The word *seer* keeps coming up, and each time it comes up, it's associated with people in high places – kings and queens, and people in high office – who are using people called *seers*.

Looking at those 25 scriptures, you can clearly see that seers paid close attention to the politics of the day. Those scriptures also paint a picture that kings needed seers close to them because they needed to know what sort of strategy they were supposed to take in dealing with their enemies.

So a seer is quite different from a prophet. A prophet is often able to speak in an auditory way pouring out the words spoken to them by God. A prophet can be what we call a bubbling prophet one who keeps saying words so quickly it's like bullets flying through the air.

A seer will never shoot words out like bullets. He or she takes time to speak because they speak as if they have sat with you in the calamity you're going through. The seer will see exactly what you have experienced. A seer is able to be transported through time by the Holy Spirit, and goes from place to place where other men and women can't go.

God allows seers to be used in a different way than prophets in order to bring great healing in a person's life, especially if that person is walking in bondage. The seer needs to know what was spoken against the person, about them, or over them, and in what context it was spoken, Then the seer needs to know what to do in order to break the bondage. The seer comes as a rescuer, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to undo the damage done by the enemy, and to bring peace into the land.

So whenever you meet a seer or touch a seer, you must realise that he or she is in another land. About 60% of the time, the seer is not even on this earth, he is caught up in the Spirit, travelling in the Spirit. The Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians that he knew a man in Christ who was caught up in the Spirit and went to the third heaven. Paul was, in fact, speaking about himself, but he didn't like to boast.

2 Corinthians 12:1-5 says, *It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for*

a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

A seer is not only able to see into someone's present situation, but may also go into the past, or travel into the future to see what's going to take place. His inner spirit can give insight related to a country, a government, or a person.

Compared to other giftings, a seer can do far greater destruction against the powers of darkness because he carries powerful information gained by the ability to see things in the realm of the Spirit of God.

A seer's job is varied; he can be of great benefit in a royal court, in a political party, in a church, or in a healing meeting. One moment he can be a pastor, teacher, evangelist, apostle, or prophet, then the next moment he can be a seer who will determine the politics of the day and how the country should be running, or instructing a group of bankers on what their next move should be to avoid calamity.

A seer carries everyone's destiny in their hands, simply because they have the realm of the Spirit opened before them 24/7. A seer will never speak to you in a symbolical language; they are very straightforward and will be able to tell you straightaway which

direction to take.

Becoming a seer

By now, I hope you are getting excited and asking, "Can I become a seer?" That's a good question. Anyone can become a seer, but like every other office of God, there is a price to be paid.

The main price you have to pay is to love the Lord God Almighty and to have an intimate relationship with Him. That means there will be times when God will call on you to pray on a certain matter – even if it's the middle of the night, right when you want to catch up on your beauty sleep. God will ask, "May I have some of your time? I want you to pray."

Many claim, "I love my Lord," but when reality comes at two in the morning with God looking for them to pray, they are nowhere to be found. You can verbalise that you love Jesus passionately, but putting it into action means slaving your guts out to pray for each person God sends your way – even when you're sick, even when you're down, and even when you're broken. Those who come to you have an expectation you are going to help them; and as God's representative, that's what you are expected to do.

Anyone who has a genuine love of Jesus Christ and the Holy

Spirit, and is determined to become a seer, can become one – it is absolutely possible. But it will require a devotion above and beyond the duty of the call of God. For me to walk in this gifting and enjoy it, I have to be happy every day to pay the high price, which I might not have been able to do if God had not blessed me with such a fabulous family that understands how I operate. Sometimes I might not act the best with them, yet they give me grace because they realise my anointing is different from others.

Psalm 27:4 says, *One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.* A seer dwells in the house of the Lord and beholds His glory. A seer is in His presence, and in His presence is fullness of joy.

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. – Psalm 16:11. Nehemiah 8:10 says, *the joy of the Lord is your strength*. In other words, the rewards of a seer far outweigh the costs.

Every day of a seer's life is a celebration of the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. And the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary still has wonderful, tangible power and anointing for breaking bondages and freeing captives.

Chapter Eight

Samuel at the Gateway

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1 Samuel 9:18 – *Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is the seer's house?"* Saul went to the gateway looking for the seer's house.

Our Lord gave me a prophetic word four years ago when He said to immigrate to Australia. He said, "Arise and go to an isolated city." I didn't realise at the time that Perth is the most isolated city in the world. And God supernaturally changed the laws for us to get here. Just before we came, the Australian Government changed the laws so that a minister of religion could come in as a permanent resident – just for Perth and nowhere else. God wanted us to be in Perth and nowhere else.

The Government even changed the age restriction from 45 to 55, and I was 55. And they said that if you had studied English full-time for two years, you didn't have to take an English exam. 25 years ago my wife and I went to Rhema Bible College which is an English Bible College, and we were there for two years, so the Government accepted that.

Three months after we emigrated, the laws were changed back, and now you cannot get in as a minister of religion.

Perth is a gateway

God seemed determined to get us here so I tried to find out why. I discovered that Perth is the gateway city to Asia. God told me, "I want to place you in Perth because that will be the gateway to Indonesia and Singapore where you can extend the network of apostolic ministries." And so far, I've met many people each with a key to get me into those countries.

In 1 Samuel 9:18, Saul approached Samuel the Prophet in a gateway and asked, "Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?" God wants to do something at the gateway – He has something in mind for Perth. Two years ago, an influential pastor in Ohio, USA, who was running revival services every Friday, told me, "If I were you, I would pack up and go to Perth because I know that God wants to do something there. I'm too old to move now, will you consider going?"

Two weeks before we left for Perth, that pastor phoned me from America. It was the first time ever he phoned me, so I wondered why he was calling. He said, "What happened to Perth?" I said,

"Well, I'm on my way." He said, "That's the way. Go to Perth. God wants to do something in Perth. There's a gateway there where God wants to gather the seers together."

The Government here has spent a fortune making this city the gateway city of the future to Asia. God knows what He is doing, and He's gathering the prophetic together to say, "This gateway shall be known by the seers who you will come there." We are in the right place at the right time. God is bringing the seers together!

Saul went to the gateway and said, "Where will I find the seer? Is there a seer in the house?" Then he met with Samuel, who was the seer. *Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart."* – 1 Samuel 9:19.

Scripture says that Samuel sent Saul to the place of worship. He essentially said, "I want to give you a Word from God, but I cannot give you a Word unless you're going ahead to the place of worship. There God will talk to you. Find the place of worship."

Have you noticed how the devil wants to take away from churches the worship and the flow of the Holy Spirit? That's why many churches are caving in to catering for the fleshly desires of

the people rather than seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to go back to the days when we let the Spirit of God lead us. The gateway needs to be a place of the Spirit and a place of worship.

In the next couple of years Perth will become one of the main hubs for seers in the whole of Australia. But the gateway cannot be a gateway if you cannot find the seers there. The Holy Spirit will move in our region and will touch nations from the gateway. God is bringing people together and He's bringing times and seasons together. There's a time and season for everything.

I have another testimony about how we got to Perth. To be a permanent resident, you had to get your driver's licence within three months of arriving. The problem we had with that was not about being able to drive, it was about the money to get the licence. All I came with was my wife, my suitcases, and my microphone. Nevertheless, it was something we had to do, even if it meant cutting back on other things. But when we went to apply we were not able to do so until we could show certain types of identification and proof of residence, which would take us a week to organise.

The following week, when we went to the licencing centre, we

found out the laws had just been changed so we were able to transfer our licences directly to Australian ones. All we had to pay for was a small transfer fee, and we got our Australian driver's licences, and God saved us hundreds of dollars.

God is changing laws for the gateway. God is positioning the seers in the gateway, and will do whatever is needed to put the seers here.

So 1 Samuel 9:20 – *But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house?*

Verse 22 – *Now Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and had them sit in the place of honor among those who were invited; there were about thirty persons.*

Verse 23-24 – *And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Set it apart.'" So the cook took up the thigh with its upper part and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, "Here it is, what was kept back. It was set apart for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.* Why was it important that they ate together?

Eating together is about reconciliation

Samuel said, "You are worried about your father's lost donkeys. What is lost is already found." Do you know that on the back of every donkey, you will find the cross? Look at pictures of donkeys and you will find on the back of every donkey there's a cross with the long line going along the spine, and the shorter line crossing at the shoulders.

Jesus came into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. In other words, He was on the cross before He was actually on the cross. He came victoriously into Jerusalem already on a cross. Before the people put Him on the cross, God Himself put Him on a cross.

Samuel told Saul that what was lost is found. Jesus came to find everyone who is lost, finding the lost is not our business because we have Calvary. When Jesus was crucified He paid the price to redeem the lost. Samuel said, "That's not your business now. Your business is first to go to the place of worship, and then to eat with me."

Saul was the future king, and was head and shoulders above everyone – an apostolic role model. The people had asked for a king; little did they know they were going to get an apostle. Samuel was the prophet, but the people were looking for someone

other than just a prophet. Whenever you find just a prophet, you will find people reacting to specific Words of God. But God built His Church upon the prophets **and** the apostles. People need to respond – to make a commitment, not just react. These are the two foundation stones you find in the Bible.

When Samuel said, "You have to eat with me," they put a shoulder blade on Saul's plate so he could eat the thing that he would become. God will always give you a taste of what is coming before you see the manifestation of it. The right shoulder of the peace offering was always given to the priest.

They gave the right shoulder to the people who were supposed to receive from God. But they gave Saul the left shoulder. When Jesus was crucified, there was a robber on His left and another on His right. One accepted Jesus' invitation; the other one mocked Him. You always find two shoulders – one accepted, one rejected; one open, one confused. You have to eat either the right shoulder or the left shoulder.

The disciples James and John asked Jesus if they could one day sit one on His left side and one on His right side (Mark 10:37). Traditionally, the right would be the more favoured position – Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:9, Romans

8:34, Luke 22:69). It was very important to them whether they were on the left or the right hand side, but it doesn't matter to us. When Jesus hung on the Cross, the robbers were on both sides, and both had the same opportunity. Jesus' work was to bring them both together with Him, with God. His ministry was the ministry of reconciliation.

When you see people eating together in the Bible, almost every time you can see how it refers to reconciliation. People in Bible cultures would not eat with someone who they were in conflict with. Sharing a meal was a time of close fellowship and intimacy.

Samuel said, "You are looking for direction. You are looking for a seer who will tell you where to go." People are always looking for direction. Should I get married to this girl? Should I go to that country? But Samuel said, "What you need right now is not direction, but to eat. You need reconciliation."

Samuel was seeking reconciliation so that he would not feel rejected. He was the prophet, but the people didn't want a prophet, they wanted a king. Samuel said, "My heart is one of reconciliation, so if you want to have a king, let's sort this out."

Reconciliation does not necessarily have to do with forgiveness. If you and I are used to seeing each other, but for a year

we don't see each other, and then we connect again, that means we reconcile. We don't have to forgive each other – nothing happened between us. But reconciliation can also involve forgiveness – to wipe out past hurts, differences, conflicts and offences. The purpose of reconciliation is to work things out together – for the best future.

Live in the future, not in the past

If you want to invite the seer, you must be prepared for reconciliation. Otherwise, what you receive from the seer will take you nowhere. You cannot live in the past and receive something in the future. You have to live in the future if you want to receive something from the future. And to live in the future, we have to reconcile and love each other in a working relationship.

People don't want to deal with the issues of their heart, but they want a prophetic word to give them direction or comfort, or whatever. But the word won't help unless you first come to the table and with the forgiveness. Jesus says in Revelation 3:20, "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*" This is a picture of reconciliation and close fellowship

through reconciliation. You cannot properly share a meal together unless both parties bring a loving heart to the table.

Come to the table with a giving heart

After Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, He appeared to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The disciples had not seen Him since they were in Jerusalem for the Passover, and had returned to Galilee to fish. Suddenly Jesus stood there at the shore saying, "Hi, guys. Do you have something to eat? We haven't seen each other for a while. It's time to eat." In other words, "It's time to be reconciled." "Before we can enter into our future, let us eat. Let us reconcile first and work things out around the table."

Jesus already had a fire going, with fish cooking – He had come to the table with His own fish to eat. You have to bring something to the table – not your hurts, but your love, your giving, your supply. Come to the table not expecting to only receive but with a heart willing and ready to give.

Jesus had His own fish already on the coals, but He was asking them, "Open your hearts. Give me something." They said, "No, we don't have anything to bring." He replied, "Well, throw your nets on the other side of the boat." Then they caught a multitude

of fish and were ready to join Jesus at the meal so that reconciliation could take place.

When Jesus comes to earth next time, there will be another feast. There will be the Marriage Feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). Why should there be a meal? There will be a meal because when Jesus comes back we must first be reconciled before we can do anything. So we have to eat together.

Why together? Because it's a meal of reconciliation. It's not a religious thing; you come together to eat and be reconciled so that every prophetic word can come to fulfilment. We can't see a prophetic word come to fulfilment without first being able to face each other around a table and eat together.

Reconciliation brings blessings

It's possible to completely forgive a person, yet not work with that person in your business ever again, and that's fine. If there's been a loss of trust, you don't have to put yourself where you can lose money again, but you do still need to love the other person. We need to reconcile, but we don't have to do business again.

I think that's where a lot of people miss the point. People think

they're not being blessed because they don't want to work with a certain person in their business who they don't trust. The blessing is not on forgiveness; the blessing is upon the reconciliation. But once there is reconciliation, you open the windows of heaven.

How shall two walk together and not be agreed? There must be reconciliation. Wherever two come together in agreement, Jesus said whatever they are agreeing on will come to pass.

Deuteronomy 32:30 says, *How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had surrendered them?* Two people working together according to the will and the word of the Lord, is at least five times as powerful as the two working for the Lord individually. That's why reconciliation, especially among seers, is so vital for the Kingdom of God. We MUST come together and stand in agreement, always finding the points of agreement rather than disagreement.

Don't look to always disagree with others, find something common you can agree on. Maybe you don't see it the way they do, but that's fine. See it your way, as long as you love each other. Make room for each other and walk together. Come to the point where you at least agree on something together. Psalm 133:1-3 emphasises the power of the brethren dwelling together in unity –

there God commands the blessing, even life forever more. It's so powerful when we can agree; so be reconciled.

Gil is a South African who I met in Australia via Facebook. He's also a prophet. For some time we had discussions via the Internet, then when we finally met, Gil said, "Let's go somewhere for a meal." That's Biblical. I love it.

Gil and I met to see where we could connect as seers, because seers cannot function individually in the gateway. In the gateway, the seers must come together. They must be one voice and one sound. Don't try to come to the party with your own sound and your own voice and your own song.

God's giving us a new song, a song we can sing together. If we have the same song, the same voice of God, it won't matter if I'm from Africa and you're from Scotland or Italy. It doesn't matter where we come from, what matters is where we are in the gateway, where we HAVE to do business together. So let us find the focus point.

It's not about your church background, where you come from, or where you're going. Don't worry about the donkeys; they are taken care of so they are not your business. Your business is to eat and worship together. If we will start by worshipping together and

eating together, God will make us kings. Then the anointing oil will come and the prophet will pour it out on us.

Bring love to the table of reconciliation

Before Jesus left earth, He gathered His disciples and they ate together. When a Shunammite woman in 2 Kings 4 lost her child, she knew the key to bring him back to life was to do what she always did whenever the prophet came – she prepared a table for him. They would eat, and then rest and restoration would come. Unless you can bring love to the table, you can preach and prophesy and flow in the gifts all you like, but you are just making noises and doing nothing.

Next time you read your Bible and you read about people eating and drinking together, think about reconciliation.

Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding feast to make sure that eating and drinking would not fail. If the feast failed, the reconciliation would fail in that covenant of marriage. Through the marriage, two different families came together and became one family. The wedding is not only about the two who are getting married and becoming one flesh, but also the two families becoming one family. Jesus knew it was so important to have that

meal work out well, that He changed the water into wine.

God covers you so He sees the future you

The word often translated in the Old Testament as *reconciliation* means *to cover*. So when we come around the table we come covered so that our sin and flesh are not seen. Of course, in the New Testament, our sin is not simply covered, it is taken away by the blood of Jesus; so you could say that we are covered with His blood, or with Christ. Therefore when you look at me, you don't see me or what I may have done to hurt you, I'm covered with Christ, and so are you. Around the table of reconciliation we all look the same so I cannot judge you according to the flesh anymore. The flesh doesn't count anymore.

The thing that counts is what Jesus wants to do in our future. You cannot come to the table of reconciliation and still remember how people have hurt you. If you still remember, it's not the time for reconciliation; it's a time for forgiveness.

I grew up in a very conservative environment, so a lot of things were considered a sin. Where I grew up it was a sin to have a tattoo, but when I look around at the people God – is linking me with, most of the men have tattoos.

One of the most gracious men I know in Albany is an elder in a church, who owns a tattoo shop. When I found out that he owned a tattoo shop I thought, "If you had been in South Africa, we would have cast the devil out of you." But God taught me quickly, if you come to the table, you come covered.

When we are covered, it no longer matters who's who. It's about who's in the future and not who's in the past. I see myself in the future and I look much better than I look right now, and I see you in the future and you look much better than you look now.

Remember Jacob and Esau? Jacob's mother said to him, "Prepare a meal for your father Isaac, and he will bless you." The blessing was associated with the meal. But because the mostly blind Isaac was expecting to bless Esau, Jacob had to cover himself with an animal skin so his father would think he was his hairy brother Esau.

When Jacob went into his father with the meal and the skin, Isaac put his hand on Jacob's head and blessed him.

In the Garden of Eden, as soon as Adam and Eve fell into sin, they wanted to cover themselves. But God Himself provided coverings for them, made from animal skins. When God looked at sinful Adam and Eve, He didn't want to see them in their sin and

their past; He wanted to see them in their future. God doesn't want to see you in your sinful past either; He wants to see you in your future. He covered Adam and Eve with the skin of animal so He could continue giving them grace and take them into the future.

When Jesus comes back, we are all going to have a new body because, when He comes back, He doesn't want to see any of us in our old nature. He wants to see us in a new body, covered by Christ, robed in His righteousness. To be covered with Christ means that we appear in His likeness, so we don't have any excuse to not reconcile with anyone.

So don't worry about the donkeys, instead let us worship and eat together, and we will enter our glorious future in Christ.

Chapter Nine

Prophets Bring Restoration

Pastor Andries Botha

2 Kings 8:1 – *Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go."* Elisha the prophet of God prophesied that the woman would have a son, which she did. Then the son died. Elisha then restored that son back to life. A prophet, when he is in the battle line, will restore everything the enemy has done against you. That's why Jesus was called *The Great Prophet*. He came to restore all things.

2 Kings 8:2-3 – *"Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the Lord has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. And it came to pass at the seven years end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.*

After the seven years, the woman who Elisha told to leave for all those years, came back to find people living on her land. So she

went to the king to say, "What happened to my land? I did what the prophet told me to do, but now I'm without a home."

2 Kings 8:4-5 – *Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done." Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life."*

The king called Gehazi, the servant of the Elisha the prophet, to tell him great things Elisha had done. While he was telling the king about the woman whose son Elisha had restored, that very woman came in seeking justice to have her house and land restored. Understanding the restorative anointing of the prophet, the king gave the woman justice – restoring not only the house and the land, but all the proceeds of the land had produced while she was away.

The woman had been obedient to the Word of God through the prophet telling her to arise and go to another land while the famine lasted in their country. So when she returned, God restored her property with penalties added. God will always give in

return for obedience to the prophetic voice.

The woman got her house back and everything she lost during the seven years she was out of the country. How's that for business? We can see the same when Job lost his children and everything he owned, God gave him more children, and doubled his wealth.

Isaiah 42:22 says, *But this is a people robbed and plundered; all of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; they are for prey, and no one delivers; for plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"* The prophets in Israel at the time assure the people that the Lord would deliver them and restore what had been taken. But because their *word* wasn't from God, they weren't able to say when that would happen. So they would say it would happen in a year, in a month, in three days, in a week, and so forth. There was no one to say, "I believe the time for the prophetic is now. Restore!"

There is a Biblical principle that when a thief is caught he must restore more than he took – two-fold, four-fold, five-fold, or even seven-fold (Proverbs 6:31).

Prophesy brings light

Mark 10:46-47 – *Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho*

with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" People were telling Bartimaeus to be quiet, probably threatening him if he would not. But Bartimaeus cried out for Jesus even louder.

Verses 49-50 – *So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.* A garment represents someone's identity, so when Bartimaeus threw off his garment he was saying. "I don't need my current identity anymore. I believe that Jesus will heal me."

Verse 52 – *Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.*

Praise makes things happen

This miracle happened while Jesus was in the town of Jericho. The word *Jericho* means *place of fragrance*, but can be refer to *praise* in the sense of *speaking sweetly*. When you hear the sound of praise,

something will happen to you. Blind eyes will open and deaf ears will hear, and He will heal them all! All we need to change the city is make it a Jericho – a place of sweet praise!

One thing never changes – when there is praise, God will move amongst His people.

Two other Gospels say that when Jesus was in Jericho, He healed two blind men. So I believe the two were Timaeus and his son Bar-timaeus (meaning *son of Timaeus*) – the dad and the son were both blind. Bartimaeus followed the leading of his blind father Timaeus.

If the dad is blind, the son is blind. If the head of the house cannot see, then his whole house cannot see, and they are all in darkness. But give me a leader in a home who's a seer, and I'll show you a house that's lit by the prophetic, and the whole house will start to prophesy. First though, there must be a dad who's not blind.

Mums also should be prophesying, especially if they are single mums, they're not just there to bake cakes. If Mum can see, the children can see, and the whole household will become seers in the gateway.

Prophets in the entire household

Wouldn't it be incredible for the whole house to become prophetic? If Dad says, "I see this," and Mum says, "I hear this," and the kids step in and say, "I can feel it too. I can see it too. Let's go for it." To make our house a household of seers, all we need to do is make it Jericho – a place of sweet praise.

Regarding the two blind men, Timaeus means *filthy/foul one*. When Dad was hopeless and could not see – was not a see-er, his son also couldn't see so also had no career. I often find that children who have no career, no vision, and no future have a father who is not a prophetic person. If you cannot see it, you cannot believe it. But give me a person that can see it, and he can believe it. And if we can believe it, *all things are possible for those who believe*. If the whole household is seeing and believing, that house has no limitations.

I don't know about you, but I want God to remove my limitations, to make my house a prophetic one. The same applies in churches – make the church a church of seers instead of just a bunch of religious people. Give me a church of seers, and I will show you a church with vision. Without vision, people perish. You cannot afford to be blind at home or in church. God must open our

spiritually blind eyes so we can see.

Close your eyes for a few moments and lay your hands upon your eyes, and ask the Lord to touch your blind eyes that they may see what the Lord wants you to see. A blind man cannot enjoy his life to his full capacity, and neither can a blind family or a blind church. They're all going to find it difficult to go places or accomplish great things.

The spiritually blind wake up every morning without knowing the light – not seeing what is down the road, and not even seeing the needs of his neighbours in order to offer a hand. And so the spiritually blind remains a spiritual beggar – one who daily relies on others for fresh prophetic words and guidance for where to go and what to do.

The life of a blind church is the same. Every Sunday, week after week, nothing happens in the church, and nothing happens in its neighbourhood. What is truly sad is not that the church is blind, but that so many blind Christians think they can see – but they do not have the fruit of those able to see – no vision, no passion, and no faith. Every day they need a prophet to lead them and tell them to watch out for this or that. Unfortunately, because they are blind beggars, and reliant on others, they will often take anything

handed to them.

"Timaeus my son! Come here, let me talk to you, my boy. Where are you, Timaeus?" "Here I am Father, but where are you? Daddy, tell me, what will I become one day? Will I be able to have friends, go to university, study for a career, become someone important, and have a wife, children, and a happy family? Daddy, is there hope for me in the future?"

"No my son. You will become is a professional blind beggar like me – with no vision there is no career, no future, no growth. When you are 12 years old, you will receive a coat like mine which will provide your identity, and a licence to beg for money to make a living. So son, sorry about the bad news, but you will always wait for people to support you and lead you."

"So, Father, does that mean there's no hope for me to be anything but a beggar?"

"Maybe there is still hope Son, I hear that Jesus is on His way to Jericho. I hear that He can make the blind see, the deaf hear, and the crippled walk. There's hope in Jericho!"

"Dad, I want to change my life; I don't want to be a beggar anymore. I want to do what people do in Jericho." "Son, when two come into agreement about anything, it will come to pass." "Dad,

do you mean that if you and I agree together, that maybe there's a future for us in which we can see? Are you saying that our house can become a house of seers? That's what I would like to happen; in fact I believe it can happen!" "Son, I will stand with you in agreement."

If the blind can see in Jericho, if the crippled can walk in Jericho, if deaf ears can hear in Jericho, then something is going to happen in this house in Perth, and anywhere that people will Praise.

Shake off the old identity

Your house can become a house of seers if you will do what Bartimaeus did – put off your old identity as someone who cannot see, and call out to Jesus for mercy, "Son of David! Have mercy on me!" Nothing is impossible for God. If Jesus would do it for Bartimaeus and Timaeus, He will do it for you. No longer will you walk in blindness, but you will take up your priesthood so your family might have a future.

I call every man to be the priest of his family. I call every woman to be a seer in her family. I call the vision back to the family. I call the vision back to this city. I call the vision back to this country

and to other countries. I call back the praises of Almighty God. I stand in the gap right now, I break the spirit of blindness, and I say that everyone will see, and that all those who see will make an impact in the name of Jesus.

Find someone who will pray in agreement with you, saying, "In the name of Jesus, I claim this house to have a seer as a priest, to have a seer as a mum, to have children who are seers." You will become a prophetic family. In the name of Jesus, I proclaim that. Miracles will happen.

Now, you have to remove your beggar's coat in Jesus' name. Bartimaeus had no intention of ever needing his beggar's coat again, that's why he happily threw it off. But this can be a dangerous action for some; it means you will lose your licence to ever beg again. Are you prepared to leave behind for ever your old identified as a non-seer?

How do you throw off your beggar's coat? I believe in the power of prophetic actions. For months, I had on my computer screen a screen-saver of a new Dodge Journey car. Every time I saw it I made a prophetic action by confessing, "One day, I will drive a new Dodge Journey." And guess what? One day a man gave me a new Dodge Journey. That was a prophetic action.

You're now beginning a new lifestyle – no more begging. Whatever we confess we will receive. I want you to call your future into existence right now. Whatever you ask from the Lord, or whatever you have had prophesied over your life which you desire to come to pass, you have the responsibility to call it into existence. Call the things that do not exist as if they exist.

We call forth us being in the gateway of seers. We call forth a seer's lifestyle. We call forth the wealth. We call forth revival. We call forth resurrection. We call forth priests who can lead and prophesy in the house. In Jesus' name, we call them forth.

Call forth what you need. If you want to start a sister church, call forth everything you need – musicians, helpers, volunteers, sound systems, microphones, chairs, and buildings. If you need healing in your body, call it forth. Believe it, and cast off your beggar's coat!

Chapter Ten

Dwelling in the House of the Lord

Pastor Reg Morais

Many people have a picture in their mind that a seer should be harsh, staunch, and difficult to deal with. The true picture however, is quite contrary to what many people imagine.

Psalm 27:4 – *One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may* ***dwell*** *in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.*

One of the main goals of a seer is consistent intercession, therefore dwelling in the house of God plays a very important role in their ministry. The word *dwell* in the Hebrew text, means *joy*, *to be merry* and *celebrate*. That doesn't sound like it's harsh, staunch or difficult to deal with, does it?

Let's look at more scriptures to expand your mind on the word *dwell*. Deuteronomy 12:10 says, *But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety.*

To dwell is to provide protection

Here the word *dwell* is associated with a house of safety, security, and protection. Dwelling in the temple gives seers confidence and strength to deal with different issues when they pray for someone.

Exodus 25:8 says, *And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.* There are many scriptures like this which indicate that God wants to dwell with us and to provide us with, among other things, peace and protection.

I've served the Lord for a long time and have visited many households in that time. Sometimes, the moment I step into a home and look at the husband, wife, and children, I know that the household has no security – no protection.

Often the reason is simply that the people in the house haven't allowed God to dwell in them – they haven't built a sanctuary for Him. A seer has a God-given mandate to bring peace and protection, which he or she is able to do because he or she walks with God, and He dwells with them.

I remember a family that came to our church quite some time ago. When they came, their lives were a mess and the marriage was falling apart. The husband, apparently through no fault of his, would lose every job he got. His employers never gave him the

credit for what he did well, yet they would use his knowledge and eventually tell him to leave. (Any vicious cycle like this, I call a curse.) They had been going to different places seeking help and counsel, but nothing seemed to break the underlying issues that kept coming upon their lives.

As a seer, as a gatekeeper, you carry a great responsibility in your heart and in your spirit for this generation, so when you see a family in these circumstances you are moved to intercede. Jesus had a consistent message in His ministry – "If you come to Me, I will take your burdens on Myself. They'll become My burdens."

In John 16:33, Jesus says, "*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*"

To dwell is to have joy

Jesus says to be of good cheer. A merry heart does good like medicine. The meaning of the word *dwell* includes *to have joy*, *to celebrate*, and *to be merry*. You and I have been appointed to dwell in the sanctuary, where there is always the spirit of laughter, the spirit of celebration, and the spirit of joy in serving people.

Back to the story of the couple – when the Spirit of God

revealed to me their situation, I knew immediately that I had to do something to help their lives change. If they continued the way they were going, eventually the family would fall apart and split up. I realised I had to hold this couple's hands and pray to break this curse over their lives.

I cannot say that after I prayed there was a miraculous change overnight – it took a good 12 to 18 months. During that time, not only was there a complete shift in their relationship, but also in their employment and financial situation, and in their children's lives.

Today that couple comes to church laughing, and with a joy they never had before. They always knew that Jesus Christ died for them, but now, more than ever, they are sold out for the Lord. They know for a fact that Jesus is truly in the business of healing and transforming people's lives.

From this example you can see what a seer's life is like. A seer works differently than an evangelist, or prophet, or teacher. A seer can be intermingled with any of these ministries, but can also move separated anytime they need to.

Prophecy is very auditory – you pick it up from your spirit and your heart. A prophet shoots like a machine gun, speaking out

what they are told by the Spirit. A seer moves more in the visual – seeing a vision, like a picture that moves in front of them showing the past, present, and future. All this comes from the way a seer dwells with God.

Psalm 27:4 says, *One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.*

For those who want to be a seer in order to penetrate against the kingdom of darkness, scripture says, *"That I may dwell in the house of the Lord."* Dwelling in the house of the Lord is not an option. If you want to be a seer you need to dwell in the house of the Lord – all the days of your life. When you do that you will have joy, be merry, and celebrate. A seer celebrates every single day. A seer must deal with so much of people's pain and suffering that he or she needs to be overflowing with joy to stay the course.

Much of the joy I experience with God is seeing people get healed every single day. Some are healed instantaneously, and some are healed progressively, but everyday people are healed. I'm always amazed and joyful at what God does.

At one of my Tuesday healing meetings, a young woman with a small child came forward and joined the line of people I was

individually laying hands on and praying for. When I eventually came to her I held her hands and prayed and asked God to bless her. I gave her some insights into what her life was going to be. After I prayed for her she asked, "Would you please bless and pray for this child?" I did as she asked, and then I forgot about them.

Some time later, another woman told me the story of what had happened with them. The young child I had prayed for had deformed feet. Her mother had taken her to the Children's Hospital, where they said they could operate on the child's feet, but it would cost $3,000. The young mother didn't have the money. That's when she came to the prayer meeting and I prayed for her.

The morning after I prayer for the child, the child woke up turning its feet over and over. This continued for four days until the mother noticed the feet were straight. She could not believe her eyes. God did not heal the child instantaneously but progressively. I don't always know why God does things the way He chooses. In fact, some of the healings God uses me in, throw me right out of my comfort zone. But that shows you what God has in store for people like you and me – if we commit our time more and more to Him.

When stories like that come back to me, not only do they bring tears of joy and thanksgiving but they give me the stamina to go more and more into this ministry, and to seek to understand more clearly who God is, what God is, and what He can do in our lives.

As a seer, you should not act all solemn, pious, and serious, because that is not what it is like dwelling with God every day. If you carry the joy of God in your heart, as a seer, you will start to see miracles like I've just shared with you. And as the joy and confidence grow with each miracle, they become an everyday occurrence. A seer's heart will never accept second best, it always desires extreme victories that God will work through us, for us, and on behalf of us.

Let's look at a few more scriptures. 1 John 4:13 says, *By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit*.

Psalms 37:29 – *The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever.* A seer's heart is full of righteousness so the seer inherits the land that God has given them, and dwells in it with joy.

Colossians 1:19 – *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.* Jesus was always in the presence of, and dwelling with, His Father. The moment we choose to dwell in

Him, His Spirit dwells in us in all fullness.

Do you have to do special favours for God in order to have a seer's heart? Not necessarily. As long as your heart is in the right place and you allow Him to speak into your life and to dwell in you unconditionally, you will realise that God has only one purpose – to bless you, touch you, and use you as a seer.

Deuteronomy 33:12 says, *"The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders."* Once again, *dwelling* means to have joy and celebration because we know we dwell in safety. No matter what transpires, the core of a seer's heart is never shaken.

A seer sees things differently because of their time spent dwelling with God

I remember a little while ago being told that someone I dearly love was about to die. People around me were very sad saying, "Reg, we might have to be prepared to let this person go on to be with the Lord." When I looked at their faces, they all looked so down and depressed, yet I was smiling. And none of them seemed to understand why I wore a different expression.

Eventually a few of them asked why I didn't seem disturbed by the worsening of this person's condition. It was because the same morning, in the very early hours, I rejoiced that God was going to fight for me. Because I was dwelling in the sanctuary, I had the joy and celebration in His Spirit. I finally broke the news to them, "I'm so sorry to tell you that all this concern you're carrying is a waste of time." When I said that, they asked, "Why?" I replied, "Because early this morning I already saw that the person will be resurrected. That person will be brought back to life and is not going to die."

They said, "Are you sure, Reg? The doctors already said that this person will surely die." I said, "I have the highest respect for the doctors. Let them do what they want to do, let them proclaim what they want to proclaim, but in the end, we will override the doctors' proclamations."

I told them the person's sickness was of a spiritual nature and that given a little time; everything would turn out all right. Eventually that person regained their strength and made a full recovery.

The reason I say this is because a seer sees things differently from everyone else. Others will see only as the carnal nature sees

and what professionals see. But a seer overrides these because he or she is focussing on the supernatural. And the supernatural comes because of the heavy time spent with God in the early morning hours. Before a seer enters the marketplace, he or she is already prepared so that they don't *buy into* whatever words come against them.

A seer is not a sponge. A seer is more like rubber. Anything that hits a seer bounces back seemingly without touching him or her. Most of us act like sponges. The problem with sponges is that they soak up what is around them, rather than bouncing it back. If you pour water on a sponge it all gets soaked up, and the sponge becomes heavy. But if you pour water on rubber, the water cannot penetrate. The water might run all over the rubber, but the rubber stays dry. Even if you are able to squeeze the water out of a sponge, it's still not dry – it stays affected by the water.

The call of a seer is very versatile, but that's a good thing when you are a seer knowing how to dwell with a personality of joy and celebration, safely in the house of the Lord.

Chapter Eleven

The House of the Lord

Pastor Reg Morais

Now I want us to look at the word ***house*** in Psalm 27:4 – *One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the* ***house of the Lord*** *all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.*

The root meaning of *house* in this context refers the *temple* of the living God. So, what does this house look like? Is your own house the house of God? Is your church the house of God? Can your workplace or your school be the house of God?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Your body is a temple

Your body has been a temple from the moment you left your mother's womb, and many say from the moment you were

conceived. Your spirit, your inner man, even though it is a corrupted seed at birth, is still created in the image of God, with the spark of His nature which draws you to Him all the days of your life. So your body is a temple designed to be the house where God would live. Prior to the day you met the Lord you had a corrupted seed in your temple, but the moment Jesus came into your life, the corrupted seed was changed to an incorruptible seed, and He was able to make you His home.

Until Jesus came into your life enabling you to understand your identity in Christ you, like me, were fighting to discover: Where do I belong? What is my destiny? Why have I been put on this earth? What is my purpose?

Sometimes I wonder, "If I had decided to go with some of my other desires of what I wanted to be, would I be as satisfied as I am today? Or would I be as frustrated as the many people I minister to who didn't follow the call of God?"

There are a lot of hurting people inside and outside of the Church, all trying to find the answers to solve their pain. The difference between those inside and outside the Church is that when you come into the Church, you come to know the reality of Jesus and experience a connection with the Spirit of God. The

Spirit of God then eases every complication and circumstance you go through.

Again, the scripture says, *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord.* Why in the *house of the Lord*? Why do you have to give your body to be the house of the Lord? Why is your body the house that God is asking for? Only when you give Him the title deed to your house, will it become a true temple of the living God – fully occupied by the Spirit of God.

A seer can never be set apart for the work of God without a full awareness that his or her body – the blood, the vessels, the tissues, the oxygen, the lungs, the chest, the shoulders etc – is the temple of the living God. And when God lives fully in every part of your temple, every human soul you come into contact with becomes open and transparent.

This office of a seer won't suddenly appear in your life with a big bang, it happens over years of being responsible in the small things God asks and prompts you to do. Only when you consistently come through on the little things, does God promote you to bigger things. And when God sees you being faithful in bigger things, He gives you greater and greater opportunities. As you submit your will to God, you are being nurtured to become more like Him.

Sadly many Christians have been told, and believe, that the joy of salvation comes free of charge, without anything being given by them. God gave us the Cross of Calvary to pay for our sin and defeat the enemy so that we can have the true joy of salvation. But the biggest mistake we make is to stop our journey at the Cross.

We keep asking, and asking, and asking of God, and He keeps giving and giving and giving. But at some stage God holds back on the giving and God asks, "I've done all this for you. Now, what will you do for Me and for My people?"

Over the years, the selfishness and greediness of Christians has greatly saddens my heart, and affected me deeply. But I'm not saddened that people treat God like a divine butler, as much as I am that they miss the true and greater joy of salvation. In my own Bible College I've trained many people in a 3 year ministry course. And even though the course covers theology, and especially the gifts of the Holy Spirit, after the 3 years many packed away their books along with everything they learned, and returned to living a Christian life that is easy and comfortable instead of allowing them to be challenged by what God had in store for their lives.

Some of my students have read books by mighty men and women of God, and been excited about the fabulous way God

moved in their lives to accomplish great things through them. But they forget that they too could be writing books to inspire others, if they would simply start doing the difficult things He has put in their hearts to do. Instead, they fortify themselves in a cave because they don't want to go any further.

As I imparted into their lives night after night, they would take down notes and compile them very nicely. But then they decide to not act on the knowledge, nor to put it into practice. They became hearers of the word only and not doers – deceiving themselves (James 1:22), and thereby miss the true joy of salvation.

A seer is an ambassador for God

A seer is God's ambassador, who represents Jesus Christ on the earth. As a seer you are meeting and walking with new people every day, laying your hands on them, and prophesying and giving words of knowledge to them. When you do that you put your entire mind, heart, soul, and spirit into it. In other words, you are operating as the temple of God who lives in you and wants to work through you.

When Christians stop growing because they are only focussed on what they want and what God can do for them, instead of what

they can do for my Lord Jesus Christ, they are unfaithful ambassadors who bring shame to the name of Jesus in this world.

A seer needs to be unselfish. Of course their family is very important, and they should look after their family very well, but the seer must always be available to minister to the crowd God gives them – even when it's inconvenient. If, at times, I must leave my family to spend time praying and breaking bondages, or travelling to minister, I know for a fact that God will look after my family, and my family will be blessed.

Wherever you find yourself in the Church right now, this is your time to rise up, this is your time to shine, and this is the time for you to take the world for Christ – at least the part of the world you have access to. No matter which nation you live in, you can bring a profound impact to it – if you will step up to the mark and start to do the first thing God is telling you to do, even if that is a little thing. If you are faithful in the little, God will give you authority and responsibility for much bigger things.

A seer changes the heart, mind, and soul of a person. One morning I was in a healing meeting when a large crowd of people I had never seen before came in. One of the women in the group was completely broken, so someone told her to go Reg Morais for

prayer, and to see what God would do. As I held the hands of the women and started to pray, the Spirit of God transported me into a home where I heard a conversation from this woman's life. I realised that someone she loved was running away and making all sorts of mistakes, it was her son. She was crying for her son's life to be changed; she did not know what to do.

As the Holy Spirit fell upon her, I painted a picture of where she was and what had transpired. She started to cry her heart out, until eventually she had to sit down. She was so overwhelmed to realise that there is a God in heaven who knows all the things taking place in her life, and that He loves her and cares about her. This is the beauty of the work of a seer.

The temple of a seer carries power

Scripture says, *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord*. This temple carries a power. The word that you utter carries such a phenomenal amount of power. It can transform a person's life by changing them inside and out.

As you are shopping in a supermarket, stepping into a medical centre, or going to your children's school, you are walking as a temple. But there are two kinds of temples: those which are empty,

and those which have the living God abiding in them.

An empty temple is one who doesn't know the Lord, so goes about causing a phenomenal amount of difficulties, pain, and misery in the lives of people. But the temple of the living God is one who walks in the realm of the seer. The seer is one who carries in their heart, soul, and mind the understanding that they are the temple of the living God, and therefore take that responsibility very seriously. Whenever they meet and speak to people, the person's life is changed for the better.

I pray for 10,000 to 50,000 people every evening during my nightly prayer sessions. If I were to systematically pray for each individual, I don't think I'd have enough days in my life to do so. But as each person comes into my spirit, I just say, "My Lord, change or bless," or words to that effect.

In some cases after I have finished a service, people will come to me with a last-minute request. So I might pray something brief and to the point like, "What you're asking for, it's already been done." Nine times out of ten I'll hear back from them in the next few days. They'll say, "Pastor Reg, you know how you said it was already done? My business has just been blessed tenfold. My wife just came home last night. My young son has stopped drinking." When you

take very seriously that you are a temple of the living God, each word you utter is the breath of God, and the breath of God carries the power to change a person's life.

Every word you speak is important

I know a great man of God whom I lovingly call my uncle, who has been my mentor for many years. He befriended me when I was a child of 14, and has been growing me in the things of God since then.

Something about him has always struck me in the heart. No matter how close I get to him in a social context, he's always ever so careful about what he says, and how he conducts himself with me. Even when we speak at lunch or dinner, it will always be with very courteous words. He may tell one small joke, but apart from that, he never speaks an idle word.

One day I asked him, "Sir, why don't you crack as many jokes as I do? Why don't you laugh as much? All your sentences are very limited. Most of them have a lot of full stops. When I speak, my sentences have lots of commas." He said to me, "Reg, you have to be very careful. You were created by God for a purpose – to do the greater works He is calling you to do."

John 5:20 says, *For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.*

He continued, "In my ministry of 40 odd years, millions of people have come and listened to me. If I were to speak the way you are suggesting I speak, I would waste much of the breath God has given me. The words I speak would then lose their power. But if I am concise in a social context, and save my words for speaking as a prophet to nurture and grow those who hear me, my ministry will be much more effective."

That was a profound statement from a wonderful man of God. Since then I've realised that a seer must be very careful how he or she speaks, and know when to speak and when to not speak. You can help or hinder how people grow by the words you choose to speak.

1 Corinthians 6:19 says, *Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you.* If you are a Christian and have given your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and you feel a strong call of God in your life, then I'm asking you right now to join with me. Allow the Spirit of God to work in you. Allow your temple to rise up for His glory.

If you are a Christian, you should not be in charge of your

temple; the Holy Spirit should be in charge. If the Holy Spirit is running your agenda, you will already be bringing healing into people's lives. A seer always allows his temple to be directed by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit of God giving directions, the seer's realm would be limited.

Therefore please look after the temple. Be very careful what you carry into your temple through such doorways as your eyes, your ears, your feet, and your hands. If you look after it very well, the Holy Spirit will remain in you, then whatever comes against you will leave and not be part of your body. Keeping your temple in good order – clean and well lit, allows you to be able to speak powerfully into people's lives.

Many times God has called seers to minister to people facing critical issues, where insight into the mind of God is essential for healing and direction. Though this is a very honourable gifting it must be treated with great responsibility, you must know how to have God dwell in your temple. If you don't have close, intimate time with the Holy Spirit on a regular basis, proceed with caution whenever you are ministering. If you regularly get distracted from having the Holy Spirit in your life, you can get yourself into trouble by speaking falsely from your own spirit or flesh, rather than from the Spirit of God. You might pray for people at a meeting and then

hear rumblings that your prayers were inaccurate, or that it would have been better if someone else had done the praying.

The things that distract you and prevent you spending close and regular time with the Holy Spirit can be related to what you are storing in your temple. Are you keeping revenge in your temple of God? What about bitterness? What about rudeness or unforgiveness? Are you kept too busy with legalism in your temple, or criticism, or judgment? Even if such things are only seeds in your house, I guarantee that you won't be able to operate as a seer as effectively as you could.

Check this in your heart. Take stock of yourself. You are the temple and the living God who lives within you. If you truly understand that, you will make your house a place worthy for the Lord God Almighty, and you will know the truer and greater joy of salvation.

Chapter Twelve

All the Days of My Life

Pastor Reg Morais

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord ***all the days of my life****, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.* – Psalm 27:4

In this chapter we are looking again at Psalm 27:4, but this time at the phrase *all the days of my life* which means *to be consistent and committed every single day*. We see it also in Psalm 23:6, *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me* ***all the days of my life****; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23:6 in the New American Standard version says, *Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

It might shock you to learn that I get tired serving God in the ministry of a seer. Even though I have been blessed by my church and by my organisation called Anoint the Word Ministry, I work six to seven days a week nonstop praying for people for healing.

And though every single thing I do is unto the Lord, from time

to time I get very sick. One time I had to cancel a lot of meetings because I was ill for two and a half weeks. My doctor said my symptoms were the result of wear and tear, of being worn out. He told me that my immune system had broken down and that I needed to rest more.

But my heart is to always help people and lead them to a closer relationship with my Lord, so sometimes I will conduct meetings even though I don't feel 100%. That's because I understand that what I do is not in my own strength, but in God's. My desire is that I may do all He has given me to do – all the days of my life.

You might work a day job; you go in at eight o'clock and leave for home at five. And when you get home, you forget about your work for the rest of the evening. Unfortunately, the down side of any ministry – whether you're a pastor, teacher, or seer – is that it never stops.

As my ministry grows, not just in our church, but as I minister across the country and around the globe, I find that I have an increasing number of people to pray for every day. I have a congregation at home which I pray for, as well as a larger congregation away from home. And I tell you the truth, sometimes this responsibility can be overwhelming... until you

realise one thing. The one thing you need to know is that, even though you are carrying the heart of a seer, you are not Jesus, you are not the Father, and you are not the Holy Spirit.

We represent Jesus, but we aren't Him, and therefore cannot function exactly the same as Him. Jesus had the anointing of the Holy Spirit *without measure*; whereas we have a potion of His anointing, and a potion of His gifting, and we operate according to a measure of His grace in our lives. We serve according to the strength God has given us, not our won strength. Understanding that simple truth has enabled me to run this ministry for 25 years every day and all the days of my life.

Consistency and Commitment

All the days of your life you need to be consistent and committed. Over the years, I have raised up in the church some solid leaders. The vast majority are extremely successful and able to minister year after year without fail. However, I don't have a 100% record of raising leaders that have lasted – probably only a 90% or 95% record.

I usually know in my spirit when someone is about to resign from the ministry. Some have to muster great courage to tell me

what they're going to do. They know the news will probably be sad and discouraging for me. Many times after such meetings I end up crying in my car because of the lost potential.

Some of them resign because they feel the sacrifice to be consistent and committed all the days of their life is too great. They think they don't have what it takes to operate the way a seer like me does. If they had sought the heart and face of the almighty God, they should have realised that the only way to be successful in this or any ministry, is by being consistent and committed every single day.

Often when I've had conversations with godly men and women I have trained up who are walking away from the call of God, I have heard the inner still voice of the Spirit of God saying, "Son, I haven't told this person to leave this ministry. I haven't told this person to walk away. If anything, I know this person could soon be promoted. But this person has decided to walk away for the simple reason that they like their creature comforts too much."

Hear me out – ministry is not easy, especially in the realm of a seer, however, I can guarantee that it gets a lot easier if you are: one, consistent; two, committed; and three, giving it a go every single day.

Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Every Christian loves to take to heart the first sentence of this verse: *Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life.* But many Christians come unstuck at the second sentence: *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* Dwelling in the house of the Lord requires consistency and commitment – not just now and again, but every single day.

Commitment

Commitment is a very difficult discipline for many Christians. Because I have a prophetic ministry as well as that of a seer, many people will chase after me for a word. They want a word for today and a word for tomorrow. And that's okay; there's nothing wrong with people seeking God's involvement in their life.

What concerns me and saddens me, is not that they are seeking a word, but that they will not commit themselves to obeying the word. As soon as opposition comes, the wishy-washy Christians cave in and lose the victory and the blessing. Many times people in the secular world are better at commitment than people in the Church.

People who are terrified by commitment tend to bounce all over the place – "Yes, I want to follow Jesus; no, I don't want to follow Him; yes, I believe that word was for me; no; I don't believe God can do what He said He would." I've probably heard every excuse possible for why people won't stay committed. To be a seer, you can't afford to give excuses, there are no real excuses – you can't tell God you can't serve Him at the moment because you're busy. A seer must be committed to serving in the house of the Lord *all the days of their life*.

To be a seer you can't stop, you must keep going and going and going. Can you get burnt out? Yes. From time to time I have burnt out. That's how God taught me that I need to take care of my body. If you eat properly, stay physically active, and maintain a good relationship with your spouse and children, your body will be strong and healthy for the next part of the ministry God has given you.

I encourage you that God is calling you to play a vital role in the bigger purpose. I know that we all like our little creature comforts, but don't allow your creature comforts to rob you of the call of God. People who are committed to seeking and obeying God when they and are going through tough times and need answers to the tough questions, are the ones who make it through.

The others who want to only receive answers and directions from God that are easy for them never go far in the Lord. They come to church but they never come regularly. And even if they know they have a call of God, they will only at best fulfill it part time – if there is no hardship or sacrifice required. They figure that because everything is rosy in their life, why would they need to serve God more than it suits them? Many of this type of Christian eventually fall away.

I knew a wonderful person who came to one of my meetings about four years ago. She gave her heart to the Lord, got so excited about the power of Jesus in her life, became a passionate evangelist, and had many people saved through her ministry. Then God miraculously answered her prayers concerning major difficulties in a relationship. Some time after the miracle, she stopped coming to church regularly, and eventually stopped coming altogether. We haven't seen her since. When people get what they want, they often forget all the promises they made to God, and run away from being faithful and loyal.

Consistency

A seer is very different from many Christians because a seer will

always be found in the house of the Lord all the days of their life. A seer enjoys the presence of God because loyalty plays a huge role in making a way for His presence. I've been walking loyally with God for over 30 years, and I still have no understanding of how people can walk away from our loving, gracious God after experiencing His goodness and mercies.

Some people say they don't have to come to church anymore because they can find God in their own home. I can't figure that out either – read the book of Acts! Peter preached the Gospel, and three thousand people were added to the **Church**. People who are genuinely saved have the urge to meet together in church to share in the Spirit of God. Yet many Christians do not go to church, preferring to stay at homes and not participate in anything in the Church.

Unfortunately, when they stop going they also stop growing, and then they become stagnant and get stuck in problems. Then they come to church again seeking an answer, asking, "What am I supposed to? Where have I gone wrong?" The point I'm making is that you have to be consistent, and you have to be committed. You have to be on the path walking with God every day.

If you don't meet your brothers and sisters in Christ and

fellowship with them, how are you going to be encouraged, challenged, and helped to grow? How are you going to see your character being reflected in the lives of others?

A seer needs to be found in a church all the days of their life – you are NEVER too important or too holy, or too godly to not be committed to a church, and not attend consistently. Without consistency and commitment, you will never be able to fulfill the call of the ministry of God. And the needs of people who go to you for prayer will never be totally satisfied because you haven't been in fellowship, haven't been accountable to any church body, haven't been in submission to an eldership, and haven't been under the guidance of a minister. Therefore you haven't been under the leading of the Holy Spirit, which mean that eventually there will be serious consequences.

A seer is very different – he or she will always be a part of the body of Christ ministering, associating, and laying hands on people in prayer. Seers are always in the front line – in the forefront of serving Almighty God.

If you want to be a seer you need commitment and consistency, and to be found in the house of God every single day.

I work six to seven days a week; you can always find me in the

temple. If I hadn't been consistent in the early days of my life, then I would not have reached this point where God has led and directed me. I encourage you therefore to follow the calling of the heart of the seer, to participate in the bigger plan of God, and to operate in the realm of the Spirit of God – all the days of the rest of your life.

Chapter Thirteen

Behold the Beauty of the Lord

Pastor Reg Morais

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to ***behold the beauty of the Lord****, and to inquire in His temple.* – Psalm 27:4

In this chapter we are looking at the phrase behold the *beauty of the Lord*. *Behold* in the original Hebrew is *chazah* (khaw-zaw). It means *to gaze at*, *to have a vision of*, and *to perceive as a seer who has been* ***transported to another realm***.

Transportation of the spirit

Sometimes when I lay my hands on someone's shoulders or hold someone's hands to pray for them, I leave this earth in the sense that I am no longer perceiving, seeing or gazing at the earthly things around me. Even though I might be physically standing next to the person, holding their hands and praying for them, my spirit has been transported to another place.

The ministry of a seer is very different from other ministries.

Pastors, teachers, and others in spiritual leadership do not usually get transported in the spirit. But a seer often has the opportunity to be transported in the spirit.

Why does God do this? Why do seers go through what we call being transported in the spirit? Humans were made in the image and likeness of Christ, but from the moment we are born, we struggle with confidence. We wonder why we are here and why there are so many problems in the world, and why we and others are suffering. Some people come from difficult family backgrounds; others come from countries with political corruption or civil war. Even in wealthy countries, you see families that are split, and children who are raising themselves. Many children have to grow up very quickly to protect their lives. Why, if we are created in His image, is life so difficult for humanity? Why are there so many fractures in our lives?

The simple answer is that suffering leads us to understand that we need a saviour, that the fractures in your life can not be fixed unless you know my Lord Jesus Christ as your personal saviour. This is where a seer comes in. A seer is someone who walks in knowing the mind of God concerning the lives of people. God usually reveals His mind to the seer when the seer prays and lays his hands on a person. As soon the seer lays his hands on someone,

he is transported into the person's past, present, and future.

You might wonder, "Why does a seer need to be transported to see what a person has gone through?"

Why does a seer need to be transported?

Every person's life is extremely complex, so in order to minister effectively to them you need to have a proper picture of their background. Only when the seer has this additional and specific information, are they able to understand how to minister to the person.

When you are transported and see all the relevant things that have taken place in the person's life, you can more easily help them overcome some of the battles they are going through. When you are transported, you are able to walk where they walked, hear conversations they had, and witness times of pain they have gone through. As a seer, you see and understand what has brought the bondage and pains in their life, so you can accurately target and destroy what binds them.

Also, because transportation allows you to personally experience what they have gone through, you become more

sensitive to the needs of each person as you pray, often weeping with them. I am rather shocked at how the Church has become very insensitive, religious, and blasé in the way they pray for others. When you pray for a person, be very careful; you are entering very tender areas of a person's emotional life. If you do not have the right insight and respect for the person, you can greatly hurt them when you pray for them.

If you are eager to become a seer, ask God on a daily basis to transport you to another realm and show you things you can use to free and bless others. In 2 Corinthians 12:1-4, a man was transported into the third heaven where he heard *inexpressible words*.

In 2 Kings, Elisha saw his servant Gehazi even though he was nowhere near him. After Elisha caused Naaman to be healed of leprosy, Naaman offered to reward Elisha with gold, silver and expensive clothing, but Elisha said, "No, I don't want anything from you." When Naaman then left in his chariot to return to his country, Gehazi chased after Naaman, and said, "My master has changed his mind and would now appreciate some silver and clothing to help some young prophets."

After Gehazi hid the silver and clothing, he went to Elisha, and

Elisha asked him where he had been. Gehazi lied and said he had been nowhere. And Elisha said to him, *"Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you?"* The NIV translation says, *"Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you?"* (2 Kings 5:26)

Gehazi did not realise that his master Elisha had travelled by the Spirit to see what happened between Naaman and Gehazi. Elisha was a seer. A person can never hide anything from a seer. A person might be able to get away with hiding the truth from a pastor, teacher, or evangelist, but they can never get away with trying to hide things from a seer. A seer is a rare breed of person who God trusts with seeing even the dark and hidden secrets of people's lives.

You could say that a seer is somewhat of a detective, discovering what is really going on. They do this so they can help to bring people closer to God, even if it sometimes means using gentle correction, or gentle pressure to push a person to the next phase of their life.

During our recent economic downturn, I knew a man who worked in one of the huge mining companies. One day when I had prayed for him, I saw through the realm of the Spirit of God, into

his future. I saw that over three hundred people were going to get sacked from the company he was with, yet he was going to be promoted. But at the time, God did not release me to tell him about the sackings. When I prayed for him I said, "You are about to be given a double promotion. You have nothing to worry about."

Soon after, all the staff of the company were called to a meeting and told that over 300 people were getting the sack. After the meeting he came to me and said, "Everyone is getting the boot at work, but you are telling me that God is going to give me a double blessing. I don't know how it's going to happen, but I'm prepared to wait and see."

The day came when it was his turn to see the CEO. The CEO said to him, "You know that because of the economic downturn we have to put off a lot of staff, but we are not sacking you. In fact, we want to give you a promotion, and not only a promotion, but a double promotion. You will now have greater responsibility." He could hardly believe it. He wondered how it was possible that when everyone around him was getting sacked, he was promoted.

There's a distinctive touch of God on a man or woman who walks with Him every day. A person who is led by righteousness, by what the Spirit of God wants to do, will always be lifted up.

the spirit, but the greatest privilege is being involved in the work that was started at the Cross of Calvary – setting people free from the power of darkness, and bringing them into the glorious light of our Saviour.

I believe that in the Garden of Eden, God gave mankind the authority and ability to be a seer, but with the fall of Adam it was lost, except under special authority from God. When Jesus, the second Adam, came and died for our sins, He took back that authority and ability, and gives it to those who are in Him. So this call of a seer rightfully belongs to you and me.

You can develop that ability and take that authority by always reading the Bible and soaking yourself in the Word of God. Then, as you develop in the call of a seer, find brothers and sisters in Christ who also move in the realm of seer. They will be a source of encouragement for you.

I pray in the name of Jesus that this gifting and this calling will be given to you, and that you will never, ever lose the passion to serve God. As long as you have the passion to serve my Lord Jesus Christ, this calling will continue to run ahead of you to make you the person you're going to be.

I always tell business people in the Church, "On earth there can be a recession, but there's never one in heaven." You have a choice to live on this earth and experience the hardships of recession, or to live in the realm of heaven as children of the almighty God Jesus Christ.

Often I say, "Whatever affects earthly people will not affect the godly people. God will always pave the way for those who trust Him, and will provide wonderful surprises along the way for them." My heartfelt prayer is that we all take that promise on our next journey through the dark times that cause people of the earth to fear.

Advice for seers

If you want to become a seer, don't have fear in your heart. Have a heart of boldness, press into God, make yourself available to do anything that people do not want to do, and make sure you're submitted to the call of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't go thinking that being a seer is all about being transported in the spirit, that's only the result of many, many hours in the presence of the almighty God praying for everything and anything in people's lives. Yes, it's a privilege to be transported in

The beauty of Jesus' face

In this chapter, we're studying the phrase in Psalm 27:4, *behold the beauty of the Lord*. So now let's look at the word *beauty* – what does it mean? The original Hebrew word here means *agreeable* in the sense of being *full of delight, favour, splendour, and pleasantness*.

I'm overjoyed that God has given me the grace and privilege of seeing Him face-to-face about 20 times. I was 17 when I started asking God to see Him face-to-face. I said that I would never enter the ministry until He showed Himself to me that way. Of course God will not be manipulated, so that never took place. But ten years later He did appear to me face-to-face. Each time I've seen Him there's always been delight, favour, and pleasantness on the face of my Lord Jesus Christ.

When you are praying for someone and Christ is working through you as His seer, it is important that you know how to see the face of the Holy Spirit and understand what sort of message He carries for the person you are praying for.

The word *beauty* in Psalm 27:4 means d*elightfulness, favour, and pleasantness*. You as a seer, are the temple of the living God and carry the power of God, so when you lay your hands on someone, you impart the beauty of the Lord into that person's life. Each time

I've seen Jesus face-to-face, the beauty He carries – the pleasantness and delightfulness – has come into my life. So, in return, when I pray for someone, I want to leave the delightful, favouring, and pleasant residue of the beauty of Jesus Christ in their heart, their spirit, their family, their children, their financial situation, and their marriage.

When you see Him face-to-face you are affected by His character and personality including the sense of security, protection, guidance, and certainty. These are attributes that are missing in a person's everyday life. A seer carries this in their touch. Thus, when the seer reaches out his hands to pray over someone, a change comes on that person.

It's time for you to grasp this revelation, and take on the position God has given you – to reveal His beauty to others. When you show people the beauty of the Lord, something wonderful and creative, and beautiful comes out of it. The broken people are made beautiful too.

A seer operates to give back to God's ultimate creation, their former beauty that was stolen by the enemy. When you reveal the beauty of the Lord to people, an immediate transformation takes place in their lives.

A seer can see into heavenly realms

The modern Church has walked away from the office of seer, but because of its great importance, in these last days God is resurrecting the ministry of seers around the globe. They carry all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the gift of faith, the gift of healings, the gift of creative miracles, and the gift of wisdom. But on top of that, God has given them visions. Seers virtually live in another world, a world that most people will never see while on earth.

While I'm working on this book in my studio office, I'm acutely aware of the angels of God around me. But I am also aware of the powers of darkness that want to come against this ministry. No matter what I am doing, my eyes as a seer are open 24/7 to the spiritual realm.

A seer's ministry can never be turned off; it's open for business every single day. Even when I'm asleep, my spirit is not asleep. While my body is resting for eight hours, my spirit is awake and praying and interceding and requesting to see my Lord Jesus Christ personally, and being transported to places to rectify things that are causing problems in people's lives.

Pretty much I live in a virtual world. In other words, even

though I am walking around seeing everything around me – trees, gardens, green lawns, and beautiful flowers – I'm also seeing the spiritual realm – the heavenlies. Some time ago, as I was praying before the Lord, the Spirit of God said to me, "I'm going to show you three people." I could see them in the spirit. Then God said to me, "These are three con artists planning to rob houses in your area so I want you to pray."

Every day and night I prayed that no robbery would take place in our home, but I decided to not tell my wife about it so that I didn't *spook* her. However, when I had to go out for night ministries, I would tell her to make sure all the doors and windows were properly shut and locked.

After a couple weeks of prayer about this, my wife came to me with news that a house three streets away from ours had been robbed during broad daylight. A van had turned up at the property pretending to be lawn mowers, but they broke into the house and stole everything they could. Originally they had been planning to rob our house, but then changed their mind and robbed another place.

My heart lamented for the people who lost everything in the robbery, and I asked God, "Why do such bad things have to take

place?" Obviously, the answer is very clear. Job 1:10 says, *Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side?* On this occasion, the family which was robbed didn't have a hedge protecting them. Thank and praise God that nothing happened to the family.

My point is that, to minister as a seer, you must have deep roots solidly planted in the house of the Lord, totally dedicated to serving God. Then He sets a hedge about you and your family by showing you the things you need to know.

Chapter Fourteen

To Behold the Beauty of the Lord (cont.)

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In this chapter I want to look in more detail at the phrase in Psalm 27:4, ***to behold the beauty of the Lord***. So look at 2 Corinthians 4:6 – *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* This reveals how and why a seer operates.

The light allows a seer to see into people's lives

The Apostle Paul says that when the light shined on us, the darkness was removed. When the darkness was removed, we were given the revelation of the image of Jesus Christ. The moment you sit at the Cross of Calvary, the light of the knowledge of God shines on you, and the Spirit of God reveals to you who He is, what He is, and what He's capable of doing in your life.

The benefits of seeing what takes place in a person's life includes knowing and understanding exactly what has to be dealt

with. When God gives you such insight He also shows you how He can bring correction, healing, change, or closure for the person.

There are so many ways the Holy Spirit works on believers and unbelievers. Once I was praying for a woman who came to one of our Tuesday morning healing meetings. The Spirit of God said to me, "Do you see the woman wearing a pink T-shirt and denim jeans? She's sitting right in front of you. Once your sermon is over, please pick her out. I'm going to show you her past, present, and future."

When I held her hands to pray for her, the Holy Spirit showed me things from her past, present and future. And this is what I said to her, "You have been running away from place to place. Even right now you are wanting to pack your bags. You've been saying that you want to go to the Eastern seaboard of Australia. Then you want to go to London. From London you want to go to Florence in Italy. From Florence you want to go to the United States."

I remember the amazed reaction of the congregation because I was able to accurately name countries and cities. I was also able to give the woman the precise reason she was running – she didn't want to solve the situation she was going through at that time. She thought if she could change where she lived, all her problems

would be left behind. Then as the Spirit of God showed me the places she liked to go and sit, the places she went to for lunch and dinner, and the people she had around her. I understood that her moving was a coping mechanism. Every time she started to wonder in her heart how she could cope, her preferred solution was to leave.

Many pastors, teachers, and prophets would pick up in their spirit such revelation, but they probably wouldn't *see* it. But according to 2 Corinthians 4:6, when the light of God comes upon a seer, he or she is able to see Him face-to-face.

An encounter with God dramatically changes your life and ministry

When Moses had the encounter at the burning bush, his life was turned upside-down. When Jacob had a wrestling match with the Angel of God, it changed his life. When Daniel saw the Son of Man, his life was changed. When on the road to Damascus, Saul, who later become Paul, heard Jesus say, "Why do you persecute Me?" his life was changed. When John saw Jesus as he wrote the book of Revelation on the island of Patmos, his life changed. When Isaiah saw the glory of God, he said, "*Woe is me, for I am*

undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips."

Whenever men and women have a holy encounter with God, their lives are never the same. It turns their lives upside-down and inside-out. They no longer even know where they fit. Though their bodies are still on this earth, and sustained by it, they find themselves living in another dimension. And in this other dimension of the spirit, God keeps showing them new and wonderful things, including what they're going to do or not do.

Amos 3:7 says, *Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.* Amos was a seer – able to see things in the realm of the Spirit of God. All the major and minor prophet of the Bible operated in the prophetic realm, but the prophetic realm goes one level higher – to the realm of the seer.

A seer is different from a psychologist

A psychologist can work out who a person is simply by looking at how that person reacts and behaves. They look at their face, their eyes, and their lips, and whether the person is fidgeting or shaking or some other identifiable behaviour. Through these telltale signs the psychologist can pick up what's wrong. For instance, a person could be depressed, or have a fear of spiders or heights.

A seer is like a psychologist in the realm of the spirit. But a seer is not interested in what sort of clothing you are wearing, how fidgety you are, what your eyes are doing, whether you are biting your lips, or what you are saying. A seer looks in the inner spirit to determine what's wrong, the patterns that are taking place, and how it can be fixed.

A number of weeks ago I was ministering to a group of people, when the Spirit of God said to me, "Please stop praying for this person, and look at that other person." I asked the other person to stand up. I held that person's hands and said, "You will always fight for justice. No matter where you go, you will always fight for justice. You are a good debater and you can argue for others. You always have to win all your arguments."

The group responded in amazement that I could be so specific, especially about a person I had never met before. I did not even look at her eyes. Instead I was facing the wall on which I could see being projected a movie of her life – where she'd been, what she'd been, and what sort of things she'd been fighting for.

As I kept speaking, the group became even more excited and started to clap their hands. They realised that there was no way I could know the personal life of this woman except through the

Lord Jesus Christ. I said to the crowd, "Listen everyone, I'm not clairvoyant. Clairvoyants can't know such things. They can only reveal a few things, and then beyond that they cannot go."

The revelation I received was through my Lord Jesus Christ through the Cross of Calvary. I did not focus on the psychology tells of her physical body, her eyes, her mannerisms, her behaviour, or her dress sense, instead I saw the psychology within her spirit. When the Spirit of God took off my carnal eyes and put on my spiritual eyes I saw everything she had gone through. I saw who she had shaken hands with, the good parties and bad parties, the ups and downs. Everything was revealed to me.

When we seers see such things, we don't try to provide the person with tools in the way that a secular psychologist does to help solve the problem, we expect God to change the circumstances. The secular psychologist can only put a Band-Aid on the problem, but the seer is directed by the Spirit of God to make sure the problem comes to an end – once and for all. A seer helps God bring a change of heart. Then once a heart change takes place, the person is able to forgive their mom, dad, sisters, brothers, neighbours, or anyone else who has ever done something against them. Forgiving enables them to move on and be permanently healed.

A seer is interested in the inner man – the spirit and heart of the person. By changing the inner man, the outward behaviours will start to change. To help change the inner man, I transfer the righteousness, thanksgiving, and grace of God and deposit it into a person's heart.

The inner man is in charge of the outward man. If I can get you to change your inner man, then the outward manifestation will be the mirror image of my Lord Jesus Christ. Once again, 2 Corinthians 4:6 says, *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Darkness is gone; light has come. A seer's job is to be a conduit for God to operate in a person's life – removing the darkness and bringing the light of truth – Jesus Christ. As the light comes, the person begins a relationship with Jesus Christ.

May the eyes of your understanding be enlightened

Ephesians 1:18 says, *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*

We have spiritual eyes and we have natural eyes. We have been trained very well in our natural eyes, unfortunately, we aren't trained as well when it comes to our spiritual eyes. Our spiritual eyes are still closed. However, the work that Jesus did on the Cross paved the way for us to see.

Why is it so important for your eyes to be opened?

Matthew 6:22-23 says, *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

Both those verses indicate that the lamp of the body is the eye. Through your eyes you gauge someone's behaviour, what they are for, and how they can help you. Also through your eyes you can pick up on whether a person is shady or if they will do the right thing by you.

I marry quite a lot of couples. Often when couples get married, they are infatuated by how visually attractive each other is. Now, it is important for that part of attraction to be there, but I always like to give them a wake-up call by telling them that one day the wife will have wrinkles and the husband will have baggy eyes. I ask

them, "When the symptoms of ageing occur, are you still going to be in love with each other?"

In the premarital counselling I do, I always try to make sure that they fall in love with the heart of the person, not just what is on the surface. What is in the heart will always manifest outwardly, so falling in love with the heart of a person will go a long way to ensuring a long, strong and prosperous marriage.

I was attracted to my wife because she is intelligent, articulate, witty, has a sense of humour, and nothing seems to bring her down. And even though I love how good looking she is, more than anything else, her heart is what has always kept me attracted to her, and keeps me attracted to her still. I pray that your eyes may always be opened to see the height, depth, and width of what's in a person's life.

There are three types of seeing. One – seeing into heavenlies. Two – seeing symbolically. And three – seeing a future purpose or future plans.

Ephesians 1:18-20 says, *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to*

the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

Then Ephesians 2:6 says, *And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.* And Ephesians 3:10 – *To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.*

A lot of things take place in the heavenly places. Warfare often goes on between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. In other words, angels of God and the demonic powers fight it out in the heavenlies. Because we carry the authority of sitting in the heavenly places, we have been given the same privilege as Daniel, Joseph, Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and others, of seeing God face-to-face and having their ministry completely changed after the experience.

There are two kinds of ministry – before you see God face-to-face, and after

In the early stages of ministry, you minister by faith. But when you have a God encounter, and He brings you to another level,

allowing you to become a seer, it changes your entire life. Then when you work for God, you know exactly who your master is. When you've seen Him in the glamour of the entrance of heaven – what He looks like, how He speaks, how He treats you, and what benefits He's able to give you, you receive encouragement and strength to step up to the next level where ministry will never be the same again.

That is the level I am in, and that is why I encourage you to reach for the same place. When you reach the place that God, by His mercy and by His grace has given me, you also will be empowered – as sure as there are words on this page. May the words on this page, and this book, leap upon your life right now.