

THE PROPHETIC REALM SERIES

FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROPHETS

Tonight we want to look at the life of a prophet. And if you have been reading the word of God consistently, you may have noticed that one of the prominent prophets in the bible is the prophet Elijah. In the New Testament John the Baptist was supposed to have the spirit of Elijah. If you examine it very carefully John the Baptist did not do the same kind of miracles that Elijah did. John the Baptist preached repentance. Yet the bible says that he has the spirit of Elijah even though he did not do all those things that Elijah and Elisha did. So as I look into all these prophets and their lives, God began to show that there are two types of prophets in Old Testament. And there are four flavors of prophet.

Lets look at First Chron. 29:29 It says of the life of David who himself was a king and a prophet. Verse 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.* Although the bible tells us in the book of First Samuel chapter 16 and in chapter 9 it tells that in those days they call a prophet a seer. And they use the word seer and prophet synonymously. We have always looked on those two words as the same. Notice here that they purposely isolate Samuel as a seer, Gad as a seer and Nathan as a prophet. The question is: is that on purpose? Is there something in there? As I examine the scripture I found that there is a consistent use. Some prophets are consistently called a seer. Some others are called prophets. Some are called both prophets and seers.

The word prophet comes from the Hebrew word *Nabi*. The root word is *naba* which

means flowing forth, to prophesy or to flow forth. And talk about something rising from within them. The other word, which is the word seer, is from the word *Ro'eh* which is the word that is normally translated in its other forms as *behold* or *see*. So it seems that there are certain prophets who constantly see. Over in Second Chron. 29:25 Again it record this prophet and he systematically classify them. II Chron.29:25 *Then he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals and string instruments and with harps according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of Nathan the prophet for this was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets.* Gad was again referred to as a *Ro'eh*. And Nathan as a *Nabi*. Why does God classify them that way? In Deut. 13:1 *If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams.* So apparently God recognizes that even though *Ro'eh* and *Nabi* are used synonymously that there is sometimes a differentiation. Where some seems to concentrate on the flowing forth and some seem to concentrate on the seeing. So some prophet would lean towards the flowing forth kind. And some are the seeing kind. The seeing kind would be qualified by this dreamer of dreams. The word *dreams* also is interchangeable with the word *visions of the night*. So we are able to outline clearly that some prophets are those that lean on the spoken words. They may see visions but they major in the flowing forth and they minor in the beholding. The other group graduate differently. They graduate with a major in the beholding and they minor in the bringing forth; these are those with big eyes and small mouth. The *Nabi* are those with big mouth and small eyes. But there are some prophets who concentrate on the bringing forth. These prophets hear from God and they deliver it. They may or they may not have a vision. In the modern times I would classify people like Paul Cain under those *Ro'eh* type with big eyes. Those like Bill Harmon is a different type. His is a speaking forth kind. He may not receive an open vision like the other types. But it's the flowing forth from his life. So when someone says, "I am called by God to be a prophet." Now we can ask them, 'Is it the big eyes small mouth or big mouth small eyes?'

You see Agabus the prophet seems to lean towards this category here. Some of them are like Samuel. Samuel is the type that have big mouth and big eye. They are able to bring forth and they are able to see. So those types function in both categories. You notice some of those minor prophets. They don't have long words from God. All they have is just this vision. And with that vision came some words. Whereas others like the major prophets in the Old Testament. Look at Isaiah and some of the Psalms where David was functioning as a prophet. A lot of words were coming forth and they are long, long books. So it is either the *Nabi* type or the *Ro'eh*

type. Even though God call you to be a prophet, it doesn't mean that you immediately move to *Nabi* and *Ro'eh*.

We see here how David flows into the *Nabi* type as he yields his tongues and lips to God. Lets look at II Samuel 23:2 *The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me and his word was on my tongue*. And he continually spoke forth songs after songs, not realizing that some of those songs were fantastic prophecies. He did not have visions but every time he writes a song, all he has was a flowing forth, something welling up on the inside. And he tapped on what I call one of the seven rivers of the Spirit of prophecy. In fact in his days he is not well known as a prophet at all. They know him as a king. It is always recorded as *David the king and his prophets Gad and Nathan*. It was later on in Acts 2 that he was referred to as the prophet.

Think about Elijah he didn't leave behind a book. As we have mentioned last night that the New Testament quotes the book of Psalms and the book of Isaiah the most frequently. These two prophets function a lot in the flowing forth type. There are others like Daniel. The first half of the book of Daniel records his life story. Then in the second half of the book of Daniel he records the visions he saw and the conversation that took place in the spirit world. He didn't have the same kind of record like Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah who says thus the Lord to this, thus says the Lord to that. Now in these prophetic categories, you will notice as we study the lives of the prophets, you could classify the prophets into these four flavors.

Before we can establish these four flavors we need some background. Rev. 1:4 *John to the seven churches which are in Asia. Grace to you and peace from Him who is, who was and who is to come; and from the seven spirits who are before the throne*. What are these seven spirits? Turn over to the book of Isaiah chapter 11:1 *Then shall come forth a Rod from the stumps of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord*. Notice in verse two there is seven-fold spirits. One Holy Spirit with seven-fold manifestations. No. 1 the Spirit of the Lord, No.2 the spirit of wisdom, No. 3 the spirit of understanding, No. 4 the spirit of counsel, No. 5 the spirit of the spirit of might, No. 6 the spirit knowledge, No. 7 the spirit of the fear of the Lord. So you have there the seven spirits of God that were on Jesus' life.

Now these seven spirits flow into four dimensions. No. 1 you notice that the word spirit occurred four times, even though there are seven descriptions of it. It says there *the Spirit of the Lord*, which is the first time it is mentioned. The second time it mentioned *the spirit of wisdom and understanding*. They lump wisdom and understanding together. Then No. 3 they lump counsel and might and call it *the spirit of counsel and might*. Then No. 4 *the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord*. Four times the word *spirit* occurred. To point to us a significant thing and he talk about the spirit of prophecy.

When you began to deal with the Spirit of prophecy you will undoubtedly have to deal with the winds of God. The bible always talks about the four winds of God. And these four winds of God are represented by the North wind, the South wind, the East wind and the West wind. These 4 winds of God flow together. You will notice that these 4 winds are actually as recorded in Ezekiel 37:9 *Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy son of man and say to the breath, thus says the Lord God come from the 4 winds O breath and breathe on these slain that they may live."* Notice there are 4 winds.

In the book of Daniel 7 we mentioned how Daniel saw this vision of the night in a dream. And he saw this four creatures coming out representing the four empires. Just before all those things took place Daniel saw the 4 winds. And every time before God move there is always a wind. Remember what happened in the book of Acts 2 there was a sound like a rushing of mighty wind. That's the wind of the Holy Spirit. There is a natural wind of course but the natural world is a type and a picture of the true spirit world. Every time before a great move of God there is always turbulence in the spirit world. Before nations rise and nations fall, before dramatic events that you read about in the headlines in the paper takes place, there is a fantastic turbulence resulting from the working of the angels and the 4 winds of God. So these 4 winds of the Holy Spirit which will be as part and parcel of the last move that God brings forth are the Spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might and the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. What we must understand is that these 4 spirits in Isa.11:2 is the same as the seven spirits. The spirit of the Lord is the North wind. The spirit of

wisdom and understanding is the South wind. The spirit of counsel and might is the East wind. The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord is the West wind.

Let me tell you how I came to that revelation. When I saw what God was showing me about the winds of God, and if anyone has ever been in the spirit world, you will understand that there is a lot of spiritual winds going on. There is a lot of activities going on in the spirit world. We know in the natural that the movement of air due to temperature differences and air pressure differences causes winds. But in the spiritual what is causing the wind is the moving of the Holy Spirit. And these 4 winds work out God's plan on this planet earth. When I saw how important the winds of God work in relation to revival I did a deep and thorough research. One of things I began to see rising up from the scriptures as I studied it is this that always when God talks about different types of wind there is a double reference. That means there is a natural and there is a spiritual reference. There was an actual physical wind but there was an allegory that point to the spiritual realm.

We will start with the East wind. When Moses built the tabernacle, he had the door of the tabernacle facing the East. Every time the bible talks about the East wind he talks about judgment. The East wind is mentioned in Gen.41 when he talks about the East wind causing the famine in Egypt. It was the East wind that brought in destruction. It was the East wind that brought in judgment. It was the East wind that causes the famine. It was a wind of judgment. Lets look carefully what is the East wind and what it can mean and symbolise. Gen.41:23 *Behold seven heads withered thin and blighted by the East wind sprang up after them.* So he talks about the East wind and how it brought a judgment and destruction. The East wind throughout the Israelites period always represents a wind that brings hardship. That East wind is the spirit of counsel and might. Why counsel and might? Because that same spirit of counsel and might is the same anointing that Jesus had when He went out and destroyed the works of the devil. So that people say of Him in Mk.6 how did this man get this mighty works. I Jn. 3:8 tells us that the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Now we are talking about the devil's works. As Jesus was about to go to the cross in the gospel of John He says now is the time when the prince of this world will be cast out, will judged. East wind is the wind of judgment. It talks about pulling down strongholds. It talks about paving the way, preparing the way of God.

East Wind Prophets

That's the first flavor of prophets. There are prophets whom God called like the East wind. Elijah was an East wind prophet. East wind prophets come forth and they confront, they tear down, they remove. Notice what John the Baptist did that is what they have in common. They were both East wind prophets. When John the Baptist came the bible tells us he had the spirit of Elijah on his life. And the gospel of Luke chapter 3:4 *as it is written in the book of the Isaiah the prophet, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low, and the crooked place shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. The he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him.* This is East wind prophet speaking. He says, "*Brood of vipers. Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*" You must remember that those people who came to be baptized by him were people who were sort of acknowledging their sins.

Notice Elijah's first ministry was destructive. He said *there will be no rain except at my word.* East wind prophets demonstrate power. You don't find Jeremiah demonstrating power in healing. The only prophets demonstrating power in healing are Elijah and Elisha and Moses. What about the other prophets? Daniel didn't demonstrate healing power. John the Baptist didn't heal anybody. Remember there are different degrees of moving into that realm. Although John the Baptist has the spirit of Elijah, he himself said that he was not the Elijah to come. But Jesus said he was. What does the scripture says there is still an Elijah to come before the Jewish dispensation. We are talking about counsel and might. An East wind prophets brings forth the ministry with might. In its highest extent there is healing power, miraculous power demonstrated. Elijah demonstrated miraculous power. Yet it was only what I call incidences in which it was demonstrated. You also see it in Elisha's life which had twice the amount of miracles happening compared to Elijah's because he received a double portion of Elijah's anointing.

These are different types of prophet. They have might. Why do they need it? They need that might to confront demonic power. So when you began to see these flavors

of prophet, then you understand that they need to work together. You need the 4 winds to create a revival. Do you know that John the Baptist ministry without Jesus would be incomplete. East wind prophets cannot function by themselves. If you are ever called to be prophet and if you are one of those East wind ones please work together with South wind, North wind and West wind prophets. No East wind prophet can function by themselves. They are supposed to prepare the way for others.

West Wind Prophets

Then you have the second flavor of prophets the West wind. The West wind is seldom mentioned in the bible. But it is mentioned at one time in the book of Exodus 10:19 *And the Lord turn a very strong West wind which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territories of Egypt.* Now scripture must be consistently interpreted. If you interpret in the natural it would be in the natural. If you interpret by allegory then the allegory must be consistent. For example in the bible if a dog represent something not so good, then in all the books it is the same. You cannot have it changing all the time. A snake in the bible always represents something bad. Now a locust in the bible always represents demonic powers. It is used that way in the book of Revelations. It is used that way in the book of Joel. It is used consistently as demonic powers. So we have a natural interpretation and a spiritual interpretation. The West wind always brings deliverance. The East wind deals with the works of satan. The West wind deals with satan and his cohorts. So that is why the West wind and the East wind flow together.

The West wind is the spirit of deliverance. It's the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord and knowledge are intimately connected. You either have the fear of God or the fear of the devil or man. You cannot have either. When the fear of God fills your life, you have no other fear in your life but God. The word fear of the Lord is not the other word *mora'*, which means terror. It is the other Hebrew word *yur'ah* which talks about reverential fear. God is not there to terrify you. No it is not that kind of terror. It's the awesome feeling. Paul always connects the spirit of a sound mind with freedom from fear. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, of power and of a sound mind. Satan can only hit you if

you don't have knowledge. Ignorance is to his advantage. And any time if satan wants to work anything he has to deal with deception. He does not have any power since Jesus took it off at the cross. And satan's only strategy is through deception. If he could convince you he has the power. You have sort of surrendered your rights to him. So knowledge and the fear of the Lord is important in terms of deliverance. Who has that kind of ministry in the bible and how is it connected?

Turn to the book Ps.32:7 *You are my hiding place, you shall preserve me from trouble, you shall surround me with songs of deliverance.* When you begin to talk about knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, you will have to talk about worship. It is through the songs of deliverance that God brings forth knowledge and the fear of the Lord. You could go about in any secular office and you began to worship God there is awesome presence that begins to fill the place. Worship brings the awesome presence of God. There is two prophets, one of them is David, who moved into what I call the West wind. Through his life he was able in the natural to conquer all the enemies of Israel. Because of him Solomon became a man of peace. David is well known as a man of war. He made war with his songs. He conducts warfare with his songs.

Ps.149:6 *let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword be in their hands. To execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the people, to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the written judgment, this honor have all his saints.* Now the West winds also looks like a judgment. But it is a judgment on satan and his cohorts. The East wind is the judgment on the works of satan. The West wind is the spirit of deliverance. And it is always accompanied with a song of deliverance.

So when a person is called to be a prophet, he or she has to first determine whether it is the *Ro'eh* or *Nabi* type. If they are West wind prophets they will be able to move into the songs of deliverance. The key mark of an East wind prophet is might and demonstration of miraculous power. The key mark of a West wind prophet is a demonstration of deliverance.

Look over to Judges 4 this is a lady prophet and she is a West wind prophet Deborah. Judges 4:4 *Now Deborah, a prophetess the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time.* She had a ministry where God anointed her specially to set the Israelites free from the chains of bondage. And in fact Barak her co-worker had to obtain courage from her. Notice what they did after they won in chapter 5:1 *Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day saying. When leaders lead in Israel when the people willingly offered themselves, bless the Lord. Hear O kings, give ear O princes, I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel. Verse 7, Village life ceased in Israel until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel.* Now here was a prophetess with an anointing of a West wind prophetess. She was used by God as an instrument to deliver His people. It is very similar to the East wind prophet but it is slightly different. The West wind comes with a gentleness. The gentleness comes in what I call songs. Through her encouragement Barak was able to go forth. West wind prophets tend to minister very deeply to people. They are able to deliver people from the curse of the law. And in David's life not only did he destroy all the enemies of Israel, but he was able to amass a vast storehouse of treasures and prosperity for use by king Solomon.

South Wind Prophets

Then we have the South wind prophets. South wind prophets have a specific work different from all the others. Let's look at the book of Zechariah 9:14 *Then the Lord will be seen over them and his arrows like lightning, the Lord God will blow the trumpet and go with whirlwinds from the South.* If you look at verse 14 very carefully, they are continuation of verse 12 and verse 13. Look at verse 12. *Return to the stronghold you prisoners of hope, even today I declare that I will restore double to you.* South wind always brings about restoration. South wind prophets are restoration prophets. You can see the order now why we started with the East. You cannot restore until you remove. That is why God starts with the East wind. John the Baptist functioned primarily as an East wind prophet. He pulled down all those things, made His path straight. Elijah came forth to confront Israel in its darkest hour. You must remember why Elijah shines like a bright star. Because of all the kings in Israel the worse was Ahab. They were the most infamous of all the Israelites kings. At its darkest hour God send a strong East wind prophet who in his ministry destroyed a great portion of the false Baal prophets. You read about that in I Kings chapter 19.

See the East winds must come first. The 4 winds of the Spirits of God have a certain order of coming. If you bring the South winds first before the East wind, the people will take the wealth and use it for the wrong thing. So you need the East wind to blow first, to remove all obstacles to God. And when the East wind had blown through and ministered in your churches, when they have finished, everyone is also finished. Everything in us that is not of God, any thing in the flesh is cut away. Once in a while we need the East wind coming about to blow and blow across the place until we all humble before God. Until we realize where we have compromise. When we have all finish then the West wind prophet comes along. And then sing the songs of deliverance. Once you pull down everything, you have to build your defense. The West wind builds your defense around you. Because when you have destroyed the enemy your defense is still not good. So the songs of deliverance comes forth to remove all the spirits that have made themselves at home.

You could pray for a person to be healed. But if they have a demonic spirit that they are keeping as a hobby, they must remove them or their objects before healing can take place. Sometimes when you minister to people, God reveals that there are certain things they have allowed in their homes. It could be an object of art. Please don't go to the extreme. Some people go to the supermarket to buy a few things. And the plastic bag has pictures of a dragon and phoenix. When they are near their house they empty everything and leave the plastic bags outside. We must differentiate between normal things that happen to represent some of these things and a real charm or something that is used in demon worship. A resemblance alone is no excuse.

If you go to Thailand have you ever seen what a Thai passport looks like? There is an image of Buddha on every page. What are you going to do? Travel without a passport. So you can see how impractical some of these people are when they go the wrong extreme. If you really want to be extreme, in everything you can see a demon. I remember one sister who fell into somebody's wrong teaching. She bought a dress and on one corner there were some strange design. She was so caught up in this wrong teaching. She took a scissors and cut a small hole around the design. I am not talking about extreme. But there are some cases which are really demonic

objects. We have to differentiate between anything that is of worship and anything that is of culture. Remember that through generations something that is of worship died off and only the culture remains. So there is a line that is drawn and something through times are constantly passing across that line.

Just like you go to Malacca there is a special dish called *devil's curry*. Because you eat *devil's curry* doesn't mean that you are a devil. Moon cakes started as worship thousands of years ago. But through time that has died off. Now it is primarily a cultural thing. Most people still enjoy eating moon cakes. Just because you eat the moon cakes doesn't mean that you become demon possessed and filled with the spirit of the moon. If it's a cultural thing there is no problem. If it is things that have to do with your conscience and worship then it is a different matter. Being a Christian doesn't mean that you become a non-Indian or a non-Chinese. So there is nothing wrong with giving *ang pow* or red packets with money inside to visitors during the Chinese New Year celebrations. It has become a culture. The same with the Indians. They have their traditions too. For the Indians sometimes they have this custom of the ladies putting a dot right between the eyes on their forehead. At one time it was purely worship. And the dot is taken from the temple. But through time now they sell all kinds of pastes. It has become a culture. And for them it makes a difference whether a woman is married or not married. The dot tells something. So it has become a fashion.

Christianity is not going against everything. We are living at a time where there is a thin line. And there is one side worship, one side culture. But in each society and in each nation they must determine what is still worship, what is still culture. Sometimes a person is prayed for and sometimes the Spirit of God has revealed that certain things that has to do with demonic worship. Then they are set free but they last only for a short while. Then after that the same problem comes again until they remove the object that welcomes the demons into their home. So we are talking about certain objects, which carry a demonic presence, but not all objects. So we are talking about deliverance. You could bring healing to a person, East wind. But unless the cause and the source is removed by the West wind you will have a perpetual problem. And that is why when God's East wind comes along and removes all those things that block, God wants to hit the very source and remove satan and his cohorts by the West wind. He builds songs of deliverance around us so that no demon can penetrate any more. And demons cannot feel at home any

more because that home becomes the home of God. The West wind brings songs of deliverance.

Then comes the South wind. After you have removed the source of the spiritual problems, you are still not restored yet. Restoration is to put back in what was taken out. That is why the South wind prophets need to come. And when the South wind prophets come they bring restoration. That kind of restoration can take form in many ways: restoration of the people to their land; restoration of their riches where they have been robbed. It's a restorative move that God is bringing forth through the South wind. Now there are prophets that primarily function as South wind prophets. South winds prophets tend to be those who bring prosperity and other forms of restoration. Abraham was known as a prophet in Gen.20:7 *Now therefore restore the man's wife, for he is a prophet.* What kind of prophet was he? He was a South wind prophet. You will notice that in Gen.15 God gave him a powerful prophecy about his descendants. Gen.15:13 *Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs and will serve them. And they will afflict them 400 years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge afterwards they will come out with great possessions.* Now Abraham was a prophet. He was a South wind prophet. South wind prophets prosper themselves and cause blessings and prosperity to come into people lives. So Abraham was such a prophet. It is told in the book Genesis that Abraham became one of the richest persons in that area. Isn't it true that the bible says that Abraham will be a blessing to all nations. That's how powerful his prophetic office was. In fact this was a special blessing in Gen.15 that God gave to him. And this blessing was going to last right up to the fourth generation. And God said in the fourth generation when I bring your descendants out. I will bless them mightily.

And we read that story in Exodus 12 when the Israelites were coming out of the land of Egypt they demanded gold and silver. And they plundered the Egyptians and they came out. So they came out restored in God. If the Israelites had only had the East wind then they would have the destruction and Pharaoh. If the Israelites had the West wind and the East wind they would have Pharaoh and all his cohorts destroyed and they would be delivered out of Egypt but with nothing in their pockets. But because the East wind came, West wind came, South winds came, the Israelites were restored and all their bondages were broken in their lives. They were set free and Pharaoh was destroyed. They were delivered, the songs of deliverance

came, and they were set free. And the South wind was also blowing and they came out with wealth. That's restoration taking place in their lives.

Lets look at Job 37:17 *Why are your garments hot when he quiet the earth by the South wind.* See the South wind sort of restores. Any scholar who has studied the Song of Solomon realizes that is a story that allegorized the bride of Christ and Jesus Christ Himself. That's the prophecy that is found in the Song of Solomon. And all those pictures there point to Jesus and to the bride of Jesus Christ the church. And in those pictures you do find the winds of God. So lets look at the book of Song of Solomon chapter 4:16 *Awake O North wind and come O South.* Do you notice he never ask the East and the West to come. It is very consistent, if he says, "Awake O East wind" they would have been finished. The bible is so consistent when you began to study the winds of God. *Awake O South wind because the South wind is very restorative. Awake O South wind and blow upon my garden that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its pleasant fruit.* So the South wind brings prosperity.

Daniel is a South wind prophet. Do you notice all these South wind prophets always look like they have an easy life? They don't walk about like the East wind type with camel's hair and eat locust. Daniel 9. Daniel 's ministry although very private and away from the public eye has a powerful impact on his nation. You don' have to be known all over the world. You have to be only be known by God to be effective. You could do more in a closet in God's presence and have your name written and framed up there in heaven rather than on earth. When we all get to heaven there will be a lot of surprises. Today do you know how people qualify as being a successful man of God? By their reports in magazines. If their names do not come out in the Christian newspapers or magazines, we classify them as unknown. But there are a lot of things happening that are not reported. America has always emphasized on the media. It is sometimes misused. The Christian media should do this. You should be looking at what God has done and then bringing it forth to the rest of the body of Christ; rather than using that media to build up somebody who is not doing anything. And putting a person in the public eye and enlarging a person out reach and from that build his ministry. Today that is how people are using the media. Not as a means of information but as a platform to take off in their ministry. It's a misuse of Christian media. A Christian media is supposed to be a report not a platform. But it is being used as a platform. If you have been in

Christianity long enough you will see a lot of politics going on. These are not the things that make a man of God. A man of God is produced in a factory up there and not down here.

So Daniel even though he is away from the public eye and privately in his life as a prophet in Daniel chapter 9:2 *that in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord given through Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplished 70 years in the desolations of Jerusalem.* When Daniel saw it he began to give himself to fasting and to prayer. He began to ask God to restore the people of Israel. Remember he is a restorative prophet. He did not need to go to the Israelites and restore them himself. He did not go to the public media and restore them. He went to God by his position as a man of God and a prophet of God. And he himself studied prophecies by other prophets. And he realize that he was a man who could discern the times and seasons. Sometimes it is only by virtue of your position. As we say there are 7 rivers of prophecy, and the second river is by virtue of your position. By virtue of your position you can tell the times and seasons that are ripe for certain things. And Daniel knew the times and seasons. I am sure the rest of the Israelites have the prophecy of Jeremiah. But he was the only one recorded who knew the time and season is ripe because he had a prophetic office. He could discern times and seasons. And he prayed to God to restore the Israelites. He prayed to God for forgiveness. And God heard his cry. God explained to him what the full restoration is like. As a result of Daniel's ministry privately something began to take place right where he was. Remember Daniel was a right hand man at the middle Persian Empire. He was the Prime Minister. And he was also a prophet. And being a person of prayer he could pray through. Something began to take place in the heart of Cyrus. If you study bible history, you will realize that the middle Persian Empire was under a dual reign with Cyrus and Darius reigning together.

Turn over to Ezra chapter one and see the impact of Daniel's ministry in the circle that he moved in. Noting that in historical records it is about the same period. Ezra 1:1 *In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by mouth Jeremiah might be fulfilled. The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia.* That's powerful because Daniel was the one who prayed for. Daniel was stirred first and then Cyrus. We know it has to be that way because when Daniel was weeping the king had not done anything yet. The command has not gone forth yet. And in fact

the angel revealed to Daniel that from the going forth of the command until such and such a time the Messiah would come. And after Daniel's intercession privately something took place publicly. If the bible didn't record this we would have thought that it was by accident. It was Daniel the prophet's private South wind ministry. There is no doubt that Daniel was a good example. Daniel served Darius and Darius loved him. He may have put words here and there that would turn the heart of the kings to sympathies and to have compassion on the Jews. And God put him at the right place at the right time.

Daniel started his prophetic ministry pretty late. Because it tells you his first vision in the book of Daniel was recorded only after his early years has passed. His first vision was recorded in the book of Daniel chapter 7 in the first year of Belshazzar. That is after Nebuchadnezzar died. Although Belshazzar was called the son of Nebuchadnezzar, in historical records he is actually the son of the son of Nebuchadnezzar. So you can imagine how old Daniel was by that time before he moved into that prophetic office as a *Ro'eh* prophet. So God has his time frame that we need to flow along. It was important for Daniel to move into that right at that time. If Daniel failed it would mean the failure of the entire nation. That is the South wind prophet bringing restoration. And Daniel was one of those who have plenty of wealth in his own life. In position he had no lack because he was a South wind prophet that brings restoration.

North Wind Prophet

Of all the winds the most dramatic and the most powerful is the North wind. The North wind brings the presence of God. Now you begin to see the pattern. The East wind removes the works of satan. The West wind removes satan himself. The South wind restores our goods and all those works of God in our life. And the North wind restores God into our life. In the book of Proverbs 25:23 there is a statement made about the North wind. It says here *the North wind brings forth rain*. The second part is something more to do with personal life. But I want you to see his illustration. The understanding of Solomon in all the Israelites is the North wind brings forth rain. If you have the Old King James version, it says *drive away the rain*. The Old King James is fantastic but it was based and translated when the understanding of Hebrew was not that deep. Now rain always symbolizes revival. Notice in Ezekiel

chapter 1 as Ezekiel was having a vision of God. We notice that he saw Almighty God in His presence manifests. What I want you to notice was the direction it came from. Ezekiel 1:4 *Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the North, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around him..* The North wind symbolizes the presence of God. The North wind is the Spirit of the Lord. The East wind was a spirit of counsel and might. The West wind is the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The South wind was the spirit of wisdom and understanding. In wisdom and understanding you will gather wealth and restoration. And in wisdom and in understanding you will preserve yourself from sin. You have spiritual wealth.

Now the North wind is the Spirit of the Lord. For the presence that comes from Almighty God we need North wind prophets. And in the last days God is going to cause the North wind to be the strongest wind. Because each one of these East wind, South wind and West wind have had their places. You will notice that in the 1950s William Branham came on the scene of the healing revival. He was a miracle-working evangelist and East wind prophet. Sadly, he went off track when he tried to be a teacher when he was only a prophet. Then you have the West wind blowing in after sometime you see people beginning to get the understanding of their position in the Lord. People began to take authority over demons. People began to know that the devil is nothing. Then we have the South wind. You began to see the faith movement. Almost every Tom, Dick and Harry man of God is speaking about prosperity and restoration to God. Restoration of church structure, restoration of truth, restoration of prosperity, restoration of this, restoration of that. My friend we have the South wind blowing for quite a long time.

But there is one more wind coming. The North wind. And that wind is going to bring forth a new breed of man of God. Now these other winds are still blowing and they need to blow. But in each age and generation and decade God demonstrate strength in each wind. And the North wind that God is going to blow forth is the raising up of men and women of God who will bring forth the presence of God. Now there are two prophets that I bring before you and the third is also Elijah in his last stage but he was more the East wind, Samuel and Moses. I want you to see the kind of person Samuel was. In the book of I Sam, you began to see the North wind. Every time when you have a North wind Prophet comes to the scene, it means that there is a transition period that is totally different. It is not just a

flow of different wave. It's a complete transition. When Elijah came and Elijah went there was still the kings period. He only confronted Ahab and Jezebel and the false prophets of Baal. When the West wind prophets showed up they always bring forth that new fresh song of deliverance. When the South wind prophets show up there is a restoration. But when the North wind prophet shows up, you know that there is going to be a closing of one chapter and an opening of a new chapter. When Moses came to the scene it was time for a new chapter. When Moses died the Israelites had to talk to God in a different way through the tabernacle. And that tabernacle was in different outer form in Solomon's temple. It was still basically the same pattern. But it was now made from gold and silver instead of animal's hair but the same ark was used. But when Samuel came to the scene it tells you that the nation of Israel was totally changed and now God will speak and deliver them through a new phase of a kingship. When the East wind prophet shows up you know that is just preparation. But when the North wind prophet shows up in our days the chapter of the gentile age is going to close.

In I Samuel you notice something that Samuel had a demonstration that the other prophets did not demonstrate. In I Sam.7 when he took his full position and authority in Israel, and when the Israelites were going to war because he was a different type of prophet from the rest, look at how he does battle. In verse 7 *when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it they were afraid of the Philistines.* It tells you here in verse 10 *Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel.* That is North wind prophet. He fights with thunder and lightning from the presence of God. They didn't even need to wield a sword. He just gave God an offering and the presence of God is enough to destroy the enemy. He was a prophet of thunder. If Elijah was a prophet of fire, Samuel was a prophet of thunder. And he literally scared the wits out of the people when he proclaimed the Lord's displeasure in I Sam.12:20 when he told the people you have done all these things wickedly. In verse 18 you notice what he did. *Samuel called to the Lord and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.* The people had never seen that before. The thunder and rain served to witness to what Samuel was saying.

Now Moses was another one who brought God's presence. You read about how the skin of his face shone with presence of God. That's the North wind. They bring about a special awesome presence of God into the life of the people of God. In other words they bring you right up to the portals of heaven. When we look at all these 4 flavors of prophet, how do we reach into the levels of these 4 winds? Each one of these give you a clue. The East wind and the West wind go together. The South wind and the North wind go together. The words of Elijah are important here.

Lets look at I Kings at a statement that he always made starting with chapter 17. Notice his favorite saying in verse 1 how he introduces himself because that tells you what his life is about. *As the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand.* That's his favorite saying. Now he was in a spiritual and almost a physical sense always standing in the presence of God. That's how he moved into the East wind. In the book of I Kings 19 as I said he was an East wind prophet. Because you see here there was a wind in verse 11 *but the wind that he brought forth and he saw was destructive.* It destroyed every thing in the way. Then the prophecies he was given by God through the still small voice were all destructive. Look at verse 17 *it shall be that whoever escape the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; whoever escape the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.* Look at chapter 18 his favorite saying comes out again. *As the Lord of Host lives before whom I stand.* Now the key word tells you how to enter into counsel and might. If you ever enter into counsel and might, you must spend a lot of time in worship; the West wind music will come along and help you. Elisha knew how to tap into power. When he needed to prophesy he said, "Bring me a musician" (II King 3). So the East wind and the West wind you tap into that through worship with the aid of songs. And if you would spend time worshiping God I would challenge you. We talked about 24 hours praise and worship; you haven't seen what 24 hours praise and worship will do. We talked about 24 hours prayer and fasting. Have there been any time people have 24 hours praise and worship.

Do you know that David was a west wind prophet? And he instituted praise and worship 24 hours. And that was what brought about revival in his days. And it lasted until Solomon's time. If we were to do that and move into the depths of worship you will see counsel and might demonstrate like it never demonstrate before. When people move into the depths of worship that's when they tap into he East wind and the West wind. Elisha always say, "I stand in God presence." David always minister to the Lord in songs.

The other flavors of prophet always you see them doing this they are always fasting, they are always praying. Can you see the key now? Daniel was always fasting. Moses was always fasting. Samuel said when he retired and turn over the leadership to Saul. He says pray that I will not sin by not praying for you. I will continue to pray for you. He is a person of prayer. When you tap into the South wind and the North wind, remember in the book of Joel there is a prophecy of the latter rain preceded by a call to fast. Its so clear cut you cannot miss it. You read Joel carefully - sound the trumpet, call a fast sanctify a fast then only it talk about and it shall come to pass in the last days. When you talk about asking the Lord for the rain it includes fasting and praying. If you want to succeed in the ministry God calls you to, it would require fasting. If you want the former rain and the latter rain it would require fasting. Every missionary move in the book of Acts was born of fasting. Paul's 3 missionary journey began in Acts 13 when they were fasting and ministering. You know why? They tapped on both winds.

Did Jesus have all the four winds? Yes you read the gospel of Luke 4:18 -19 He says *the Spirit of the Lord is upon me*, that's the North wind. And He says that He *has come to set the captives free*, deliverance, the West wind. *To heal the broken hearted, brings sight to the blind*, healing the East wind. *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord*, the South wind restoration. And Jesus Himself says the days will come when the bridegroom is taken from them then they will fast. And it is not possible to see the outpouring and the latter rain without fasting. It will have to take fasting and praying to get the South wind and the North wind blowing into the churches today.