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Be careful of limiting God.

There are different anointings

for different seasons of time,

for what you are called to do.

It is not like there is one anointing.

– Randy Clark

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You are so much more than you know

Julia Loren

Wherever I speak and minister, I have people come up to talk with me about how they feel adrift, unaffirmed in their gifts, and unaware of their calling. I usually respond, “There is so much more to you than you know. Life is short and you were born for a reason. You need to discover who you are and what you are carrying so that you can enter into your sacred destiny.” And you need to discover WHY you need the anointing in your life and operating through your life.

Others are catapulted into their anointing as they read simple stories of others who have paved the way. As you read about the various gifts, callings and anointing, listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering, “This is you! This is for you!” And begin to access your birthright. Claim your anointing.

You are unique. Before you were born, the Father of all Creation set you apart so that you may know God and enjoy the fullness of life. Before you were born, the Father dreamed of you. He dreamed you into existence. You are His dream come true. There is so much more to you than you know. At every age and stage of life, new gifts emerge, new anointing is released, and you wonder if there is more! There is more in you longing for release that you can imagine. Or maybe you do know it and don’t know how to access more anointing…or even discern what gifts in you long for outward expression.

Part of His dream includes wiring your spiritual DNA with specific gifts that includes an anointing, or capacity, to love God and out of that love, serve God. The anointing is God’s love saturating your life and overflowing to others. If you want more of the anointing, you are, in reality, asking for more of God’s love.

Love releases the gifts in greater measure than you ever dreamed could happen through you. The gifts are tools to do the work of advancing the kingdom, of building, of parenting, and of releasing God’s love in such a way that you end up

leaving a spiritual legacy for those around you to draw from as they advance the kingdom in their spheres of influence. The supernatural charisma gifts, or graces, from the Holy Spirit are simply tools, which are always given by God to serve others. The gifts are yours to express but given by God alone and to God alone, belongs the glory. They are born out of God's love for you and are released out of your love for God.

What does this love look like?

Just as Jesus released His natural and spiritual gifts, you have a specific gift mix of natural and spiritual gifts that includes even your personality. As the anointing falls on your gifts, it becomes supernaturally transformed and empowered to change the atmosphere around you.

The wonderful thing about the anointings, gifts, and power that God gives us to serve Him by is there is always more to be had. (Read through Acts 1.4-5,2.1-13, & Acts 4.23-31) Jesus is the one who gives the Spirit without measure.

Do You Want to be Happy?

I love studying happiness. Do you want to know who the happiest people are? Not the rich, nor the most gifted. The happiest people are those who find their purpose in life and release their gifts in such a way that they discover they are living a meaningful existence. The happiest people on earth are those who are living in the flow of grace – releasing God's favor and gifts to others.

God calls us to ministry not simply for utilitarian reasons - to build the kingdom and release God's love - but also because it is more fulfilling to give than it is to receive. God wants us to seek Him for more of Him, so that our joy might be made full in Him, as we extend His love, grace, compassion, and power in the wonderful Name of Jesus. Claiming your anointing will not make you happy. Releasing the anointing will…if it is done to the glory of God and not to your own desire for glory.

God's anointing comes on the most unlikely people. Biblical stories reveal that

He anointed prostitutes, thieves, murderers, children, old men and women, young men and women, stupid people, rich people, whoever came to Jesus, He accepted. And even those who didn't really want to come to Jesus, or were completely blind and crippled and had no faith that Jesus would heal them, He drew them to Himself, poured out His love and they were forever transformed by just one encounter. Anointing happens. And it can happen to you. In fact, it is part of your birthright if you consider yourself a follower of Christ and become a child of God.

Humankind's approval comes and goes and if your emotions and joy are tied to the acceptance of others, you will find yourself discouraged. The Father's approval is forever. If your meaning in life, your identity and giftedness are tied to His approval, you will be happy indeed. And here is a secret – The Father already approves of you. And His love is unconditional. So no matter what happens, you can always find what you need in relationship with God. I say that, because later on, you will see that there is a price to pay for the anointing. And you will need a deep, loving relationship with God that enables you to know His goodness and access His presence every moment of every day.

Spiritual & Motivational Gifts

You have been set apart as a royal, priestly minister, so that "you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness." During the workshops on "Destiny Encounters" and "Flourish Workshops" that I offer through Global Shores Life Coaching and Counseling, I really focus on helping people understand and activate their spiritual and motivational gifts. People come alive as they realize their gifts and the uniqueness of their lives. I love watching people interact on a whole new level of anointing by the end of a workshop. The joy in the room is infectious. It is meant to infect others as you recognize your gifts and release them. Joy comes in the giving.

You are a child of God and have the right to access the spiritual gifts of the kingdom. Of the spiritual gifts, the nine charisma gifts, listed in 1st Corinthians, chapter 12, basically fall into three categories. There are the power gifts- the gifts of healing, miracles, and faith. There are the speaking gifts- the gifts of prophecy, tongues, and word of knowledge. And then there are the discernment

gifts- the gifts of word of wisdom, discernment of spirits, and interpretation of tongues.

Any Christian who seriously desires to serve God can pray to God for an impartation from the Holy Spirit. In fact, all of the gifts are what the late pastor John Wimber called “gracelets”, given according to the needs of the one in front of us who we are ministering to. They are gifts given through us. And they are all available to us when we need them. However, as you step out in faith, one or two of those gifts may become so much a part of you that you come to be known as operating in a more mature gift.

In addition to spiritual gifts, there are motivational gifts. Paul lists seven motivational, or personality, types God gives to the church in the book of Romans, chapter 8. They include: serving, teaching, exhortation, giving, prophecy, mercy, and leadership. Each of us is hardwired with a personality type that naturally gravitate towards on of these motivation gifts. We see these gifts emerging in children as they play. One plays out the mercy gift as a nurse or in feeding others, another child plays out the leadership gift as one doll bosses another doll around, or another child plays superhero and releases justice to others. Whatever you were playing as a child, probably gave your parents hints about your motivational gifts. Unfortunately, most parents were unable to recognize those gifts, call them forth more strongly, bless them and encourage you in them. But they are there, deep in your personality, and others recognize them. Do you?

While one is born with a motivational gift, or gifts, the spiritual gifts are imparted as one begins to actively desire to serve God. This impartation can happen sovereignly. The Holy Spirit may quite unexpectedly in a time and place of His choosing simply impart the gifts to you, or it may happen through the laying of hands in a church ministry time or at a conference type setting. It should be noted what with several of the gifts- particularly the gifts of healing, miracles, faith, and prophecy, they are often imparted with a great release of the *dunamis* (Greek for dynamite) power of the Holy Spirit. However, it should be known that some receive these gifts with no outward sense, or manifestation, what so ever. Either way is okay, as long as we receive the gifts of God by faith, not by sight! Additionally, God often uses prophets to impart and encourage people in their potential gifts and callings.

5 Fold Ministry Gifts

So you have a unique motivational gift and are able to receive the spiritual gifts to advance God's love and build His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. You are called to be anointed and release gifts. Some are even called to BE the gift and discover that they have been born into the ministries of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher which Paul calls ascension gifts in the book of Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 7-12. Many incorrectly refer to these as offices as in a position of authority. In the original language, however, the word for office is not really used. As with the charisma gifts, the *doma,* or calling gifts, are for serving, not a hierarchal posturing.

One can seek a charisma gift, whereas one can only be born to become a *doma,* or calling gift. While the charisma gifts are usually stronger and more in evidence with someone called to one of the five ascension gifts the true mark of someone walking in a *doma* calling is not so much that they operate in the charisma gifts. A true *doma* person is committed to training and equipping the church at large to grow in each one's gifting so we can all bear fruit for God the Father. (John 15.8)

As well, they normally have a strong desire to help grow the church in Christ like maturity. This is why some with the gift of prophecy can prophesy, but not necessarily be a prophet. On the other hand a prophet can come to your church and minister and they might not actually prophesy over anyone, but they communicate the heart of God for your congregation for that particular season! A *doma* person with a strong anointing for healing should be more interested in training others to pray for the sick than simply praying for the sick themselves. A true pastor may not actually hold the responsibility of pastoring in a local church, but everywhere they go they end up building people up with genuine love and hope.

Mantles

Specifically, the word mantle, as used in the Old Testament, means a cloak, or covering. As with the case of Elijah and Elisha the word becomes somewhat

synonymous with a calling, or *doma* gift. A mantle has much more to do with the ethos of whom God has created you to be rather than an impartation of a charisma type gift.

Frequently, I hear people saying things like “so and so’s mantle has come upon me”. Really, the only place in the Bible where there is even a hint of that sort of transference of a mantle is with Elijah and Elisha. But even then it was not something that could be passed on through the laying on of hands. Rather it had to do with the God given destiny over each of their lives. It was not Elisha’s for the asking like with a charisma gift. Neither was it Elijah’s to give away. Rather it had to do with Elisha coming into spiritual maturity (eyes to see) and stepping into the Father’s will for his life. (2 Kings 2)

Mantles, very much like a fine garment, are very tailored things, which God creates in a specific way for specific people. It is more than gifting. It has to do with the spiritual and emotional DNA, destiny and calling God has put with in some special people. It is not their specialness that qualifies them; rather it is simply the unique will of the Father that makes them special.

Elisha knew what he wanted. He wanted a double-portion of Elijah’s spirit. He understood that no human agency could present it to him—or prevent him from receiving it. A ministry mantle, especially a double-portion, is a hard thing to receive. It’s only found after going down an arduous road. We have to be determined (almost stiff-necked) to pursue it. The double-portion of Elijah’s ministry was Elisha’s for the asking, as long as he stayed with Elijah until the end.

You can ask for a double portion of anointing on your life, but what are you really asking? Is it that you want more power? For what? The double portion Elijah was asking for was of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit only came on a few. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is freely given. And in the days to come, the Holy Spirit will be poured out on everyone. So, what you are asking for is not really someone else’s mantle, but of a mantle of the Holy Spirit, being clothed in the Holy Spirit means wearing the mantle of God. And it is a mantle made of fire.

In the New Testament, we see that Jesus couldn't promise the sons of Zebedee they would sit at His right and left, even after being directly asked. But He did promise them great ministry with great price. He does the same for us; He offers us great ministry but at great price. He offers a double-portion of His Spirit to us —and a mantle of flame instead of cloth. So, how far will you go after a mantle for ministry? Are you ready to receive the fire of God?

Gift-Mixes

Why are some believers used in bigger, or at least more visible, ways? Why do some lives, more than others, impact people so significantly? Part of the answer lies in the differences between various ministry Gift-Mixes; an evangelist with a miracle-gift ministry will be far more publically visible than a server-helper type of evangelist.

An intercessor type of prophet will have a more powerful ministry off stage than onstage. A Seer prophetic gifting with a gift for healing will have a more public expression of ministry. An apostle may be known in small regions or known to the world. There are those with leadership gifts whose gift mix includes words of knowledge and faith. And those who are leaders armed with mercy and need others who have gifts of words of knowledge and discernment to come alongside of them.

You have a unique gift-mix. And you need others gifts to come alongside you so that you can come into the fullness of your gifting. You are so unique in your gift mix that there is no comparison to others! Why would you want to be a singer-prophet if you cannot sing? Why not be a Seer-prophet? Or a Scribal-teacher? If you are in prison, why not be empowered with gifts to serve the community you live in? Gift-mixes are yours to give wherever you live, in whatever circumstances you find yourself in. They are a part of you.

If you want to know more about your gift-mix and how to express your unique gifts and strategize about your future, I encourage you to contact me for individual Life Coaching or to host a workshop in your church. I encourage you to take your eyes off of others' gifts and stop longing to be someone you were not created to be. You were created to be different. You need to affirm and bless

that difference in you, accept who you are and appreciate who you are not. Then, you will discover that you have fully embraced your gift mix and anointing.

A person's gift will make room for him or her (Proverbs 18:16). What is the gift that others see in you and make room for? Did you know that it is only part of your gift mix? As you read this book, ask God to reveal more of your unique gift-mix. There is so much more to you than you know!

Growing in your anointing

As you learn about your gift mix and accept and value your anointing, you can begin to grow rapidly. The degree to which you become a laid down lover of God, laying yourself down, your gifts down, your ambitions for visibility and glory down at the feet of Jesus, is the degree to which you will rise up in His anointing.

Another factor that increases growth is simply the degree of someone's surrender to Jesus' words and ways. The more obedient we are, the greater impact our lives have because we live and minister in closer alignment to His truth. It's much like someone who is accustomed to using a certain tool: they will be better at it and more efficient with it than someone who rarely uses it.

Additionally, the degree to which we seek first the Kingdom, deny ourselves and willingly lose our life, affects the outcomes of our life. And that doesn't even begin to consider how much love, prayer, Bible reading, etc., adds to what we can accomplish; unforgiveness, greed and jealousy take lots away. While we will never understand all the particulars of how/why believers end up making varying degrees of impact in the world, some parts of our ministry portion clearly depend on us!

Vital ministry is active, not passive. We wait on God in order to gain new strength for additional, proactive ministry. We are invaders striking deep behind enemy lines in a world held captive under the sway of the devil. Everywhere we go, we're privileged to assertively introduce the power of the kingdom of God to override the world-as-it-is.

Paul advised Timothy, who was just beginning his ministry, to live intentionally and "make the most" of his time. When describing his own attitude and ministry lifestyle. Paul says,

> *I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus… Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:12-14)

It takes a lifetime of walking with the Holy Spirit to know who you are and who you were created to be. Every age and every stage of your life carries the potential to discover more and release more. I've walked with God for many years and I am still discovering new gifts emerging while others take a back seat. There are anointings and gifts we need for certain years of ministry or seasons of life. And when we are called to let them go, we discover that we have just what we need for the current season. Some seasons are focused on raising children and your gifts and anointing are channeled into parenting. Why seek to release them elsewhere when your sphere of influence and the legacy you are leaving to the world is to and through your children?

Often, I have young adults come up to me and talk about how they want to give up their educational process or business career and "just enter into full time ministry". My children, that is an old concept. You are in full time ministry! Young businessmen and women often tell me they just had an encounter with God's power and suddenly want to jump into missions or pastoral work. I tell them there is more to them than they know. Unless God really encourages them to jump into missions or church leadership, they should increase their anointing for business. More can be done to increase their anointing for high-level societal transformation if they have political power and financial clout gained through their business endeavors.

There are some who are anointed to be justice-oriented prophets. Why settle for a low-paying job with a non-profit organization when you may be called into a high-level political career that begins with obtaining an MBA or going to law school? Why sell your leadership gifts to the military when you are called into international business? Or let go of your business anointing to go plant a church if you are not called to that ministry role?

Jesus said the same thing another way: “Keep on asking, seeking and knocking…” Some things only open to those who persist in pursuit of what God makes available to them. That’s why Jesus’ most powerful invitation to us is, “Follow Me!” As you follow Jesus, He will direct your paths, release an increase of the anointing and open doors to destiny that you never dreamed of…so keep walking! At the end of your life, the only thing that counts is knowing that you have lived a meaningful life saturated in the love of the Holy Spirit and have passed along your anointing to a desperate, thirsty world.

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The Price of the Anointing

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(Excerpted from ***Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Power***)

If you are to prepare for an increase in power, you must understand that walking in the power of the Holy Spirit involves suffering and a continual humbling process. Not everyone you pray for will be healed. Your heart will ache over those who are desperate for a touch from God and don't receive the miracle they seek.

One night, I watched John Wimber pray for people gathered together in a Methodist church. Miraculously, almost everybody was healed when he prayed for him or her. The power of God was definitely present to heal. The next night, however, no one was healed.

I talked to John about it after the abysmal meeting ended and said, "I don't understand it."

He replied, "You don't get it do you? I don't have any more sin in my life than I did last night. I don't have any less faith tonight than I did last night. Last night I came here, put my fat hand out and said, 'Come Holy Spirit.' I just blessed what I saw God do. Last night when everyone got healed I didn't go to bed thinking I'd done anything great or I was some great man of God. And tonight I'm not going to be feeling like I am a great failure either. It wasn't me either time. And tomorrow I'm going to get up and do it again."

That short conversation with John encouraged me to step into the healing ministry. For the first time I saw the humanity and the brokenness behind the man who wielded such power. When I realized that the power was a result of the anointing and not John, I said in my heart I can do this. I can embrace this

ministry because I learned his secret: Just show up; just put yourself in the place of ministry. Don't take yourself too seriously. Learn how to see what the father is doing and bless it.

In Luke 5:17 the Spirit of the Lord was present to heal. The implication is that it wasn't always that way. But it is extremely difficult when you're in that place where the miracles aren't coming to the worst cases. I was ministering in Brazil recently and grieved after I prayed for a little boy with a severe case of Cerebral Palsy. The boy wasn't healed. I also prayed for a girl who was deaf in both ears. Despite the fact that I've seen a lot of deaf people healed, she wasn't healed. That night I didn't go to bed thinking I was a great failure and tomorrow, I am going to get up and do it again.

Despite heart wrenching nights of ministry like that one, I take encouragement in the fact that there are divine appointments. Recognizing the divine appointments helps me separate from the sense of obligation that I have to pray for every sick person that I see. Jesus didn't pray for every person he saw. Suffering is lessened by understanding how to obey the spirit, recognizing who you are supposed to pray for and not feeling guilty because you passed somebody else up.

Entering into the powerful ministry of Jesus is not all suffering. There is an excitement about it as you look to the divine appointments where you know that you are to pray for someone and that they will be healed or saved. You never know when God is going to show up and release His power. You could be at work, at play, or at home when God gives you a prophecy or a word of knowledge for healing. As you act on that prompting of the Holy Spirit all Heaven breaks loose. No sweat. Our ministry is to be yoked to Jesus. His burden is light. When we feel like it's no longer light or easy, we're pulling too much.

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VIDEO:

RESTORATION OF THE SHEKINAH GLORY
– Randy Clark

Claiming the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

Bill Johnson

(Excerpted from ***Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Power***)

Jesus walked in an anointing of the Spirit beyond measure. He constantly illustrated superior truths by stepping outside the boundaries of nature. The more you and I become empowered and directed by the Spirit of God, the more our lives should defy natural principles, and release the spiritual realities God intended for us to enjoy.

We are in the beginning stages of the season of accelerated growth. I believe it is possible under the mercy of God, to make up for several hundred years of failure in these areas. It's possible to lay the groundwork for another generation to come and use our ceiling as his or her floor, to build upon it, and go where no one has ever gone.

First Corinthians 12-14 contains wonderful teaching on the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. But beyond that it is a revelation of the body of believers who live in the realm of the Spirit that is essential for an authentic gospel. These manifestations of the Holy Spirit are being taken to the streets where they belong. It is there that they reach their full potential. Our ambition is to increasingly take that atmosphere of Heaven wherever we go, whether it's into our homes, businesses, the streets, or the even the mall. This is the normal Christian life.

In the city where I live, community members are recognizing the impact believers are having as they take the power of God to the streets. People are accepting Christ into their lives, being instantly healed and delivered. The Kingdom of God is advancing through signs, wonders, healings, and power encounters. Hundreds of people have been healed in public places through believers that believe God is good.

We are living in desperate times. Genuine hunger accelerates the process of maturity. And truly desperate people can pull into this hour what was reserved for another hour.

This generation has the opportunity to fulfill the cry of Moses for all of God's people to be prophets. We are to carry the Elijah anointing in preparing for the return of the Lord in the same way that John the Baptist carried the Elijah anointing and prepared the people for the coming of the Lord.

So how do we prepare for an increase of power in our lives?

By having our minds renewed to a Kingdom mind-set. This helps us to take the risks necessary for God's promised invasion.

By asking for more of the Holy Spirit. Divine encounters given to hungry people have always been the most important part of a person's transformation. Wise men still travel. Go wherever you need to go to receive what others can contribute to this need.

By giving honor to the gifts of Christ - past and present. Recognizing the grace of God on leaders outside of your immediate "stream" is beneficial in becoming the whole person He has designed. I have made it a practice to even honor the descendents of revivalists, asking them for the prayer of blessing and impartation for me to fulfill my assignment.

Put yourself in places where you can encounter the presence of God and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to transform your thoughts until you find yourself dreaming with God of the possibilities and potential realities in bringing Heaven to earth. Out of that encounter a lifestyle develops that sustains revival in our own lives. Once in place, we help to create a culture that sustains revival. It looks somewhat like this:

A culture that sustains revival is a culture captivated by the Lord Jesus Christ, delighting in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

It is a culture of humility—recognizing that we can do nothing except what we see the Father doing and only that insofar as we receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

This culture releases the power of God. To not walk in power is to withhold from man the very encounter that would bring God praise.

This culture releases the report of God's glory, nature and covenant; keeping continuously on our lips the testimony of what God is doing…not just what He has done in the past.

It is a culture of honor that recognizes peoples' gifts and works hard to call out peoples' destiny. As destinies are released, we ensure that the revival continues growing from glory to glory in subsequent generations.

It seeks to defer to others rather than compete, bless rather than destroy through petty jealousies, and seeks not to criticize but to aspire to have the mind of Christ and the heart of compassion for those in our midst and outside the church walls.

It is a culture that extends the blessings of God outward rather than hoarding them for us.

It is a culture where corporate gatherings open us up to greater encounters with the living God. Where the glory brings unity and divine encounters release us to fulfill our destiny—to release Heaven on earth wherever we go.

This is the assignment of the hour. And I joyfully welcome an increased manifestation of the Holy Spirit that enabled Jesus to pursue and display an authentic Gospel. It is that same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead that resides within us. But He's not in us as a lake. He's in us as a river that must be released. It is that River that will change the landscape of the world around us.

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VIDEO:

FATHERING SUSTAINABLE REVIVAL
- Randy Clark & Bill Johnson

Claiming the Anointing Of a True Prophet

Graham Cooke

(Excerpted from ***Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Experiences***)

Real prophets are challenged by mediocrity. They have an inner compulsion to fight darkness. They become light. Mediocrity is the shadow land of faith to them. In the original showdown between God and the prophets of Baal, Elijah was not just fighting with occult powers. He was challenging the space between dark and light. The grey areas; the shifting shadows of loyalty which people can inhabit when they do not reside in the light, close to the beacon of faithfulness.

Prophets live in the light, walk in the light and bask in the light of all that God is to His people. They live with upturned faces to a God who perpetually lifts up the light of His countenance over His people. God smiles, and we look to Him and our faces are radiant.

We have a cell in our DNA that loves to worship, we exist to magnify. If not God, it will be something or someone else, an idol of some sort.

Real prophets adore intimacy with God. They love His presence. It is their place of refuge, a fortress, a secret place of worship and communion. They access a place of blinding, coruscating light. From that place they embark on their mission to magnify the Lord in the world of men. The chief role of a prophet is to make God radiant to everyone they meet, be it friend or foe; Christian or pre-Christian; the good and the wicked.

Prophets live in the center of light, not on the edge of darkness. Their influence and anointing stretches out to touch the blackness and invade it, but they themselves have their heart safely locked away in the inviolate place of God’s affection. Everyone must come to the light and abide there. Too many Christians live in the shadows of intimacy and are therefore not overwhelmed by God. They are in control of their passion instead of being abandoned to it.

Intimacy provokes confidence, which releases faith to stand in God's presence and see Him as big as he is. Prophets declare the hugeness of God in all His attributes. God is looking for a people who will make Him bigger.

Our intimacy with God intimidates the enemy. It will also offend Christians living in a controlled, passionless relationship with the Lord. Fundamentalists are usually no fun and mainly mental in their approach to God. The Father smiles, He laughs, He has a huge sense of humor. He laughs at His enemies.

Boldness comes from the heart of God. A confidence so rich it makes anything else seem like a poverty spirit. Elijah had fun on Mount Carmel. Prophets relish the battle. Elijah ridiculed the enemy.

The church at large has too much respect for the devil and not enough admiration for the Lord. When we live in the radiance of God our hearts are captivated by His brilliance. Our focus is sharp, our perceptions in high definition. We are captured by the immensity of the Father. We live in shock and awe at what He can do, He really is far above all principalities and powers.

Shadow-land Christians seldom turn up for the fight. If they do, they look for a lead from someone else. Confidence takes the initiative. In shadow-land language, confidence is deemed to be triumphalism. If misery loves company then mediocrity fellowships with doubt. "I believe, help my unbelief" is the cry of a man stumbling toward the light not away from it.

Elijah was not just attacking the darkness he was challenging the grey areas in the people round about him. We must see God's people walking in fullness, not measure. The enemy has come to steal, to kill, and destroy. A church living in less than what the Father has decreed is being robbed, their initiative killed, and their capacity to overcome destroyed. Mediocrity is what we are left with, if we do not live in the full light of His presence.

Prophets give a wake up call to the Body of Christ. Any sportsman will tell us that it is not possible to win if we are afraid to lose. Ironically it is Christians who live in the shadows who are most afraid of the dark.

If the power of the Cross condemns us to victory then we must produce believers who have a passionate desire to win. The showdown on Mount Carmel declared to God's people, "This is who God is! Who is He for you?"

New Testament prophets do not stand between God and man, only Jesus can do that. Rather they stand before God in the presence of man. They are not idealists. They are realists because they live in the presence of God in such a way that their reality is shaped by their intimacy.

The showdown was over before it began. Elijah was not fighting to get victory. He was contending from the place of overcoming. The presence of God. What God's people were witnessing was the power of God being expressed through the heart of a man who knew that His anointing came from his intimate relationship with the Lord.

Elijah couldn't lose—that's the significance of Mount Carmel.

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THE WAY GOD SPEAKS TO YOU
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Claiming the Anointing for Strategic Warfare

By Mahesh Chavda

(Excerpted from ***Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Power***)

He has called us to fast and pray, and then to obey. At that point, He can release apostolic anointing into our lives, our churches, and our ministry in the world. With this anointing, our ministry will not be apologetic, half-hearted, or apathetic. It will not be laced with fear, doubt or unbelief. It will be prophetic and apostolic, fitted with a double-edged sharpness that comes only through the Holy Spirit. We will be gently confrontational without even thinking about it, much as the Lord led me to pray a simple prayer of command through which God literally destroyed the seat of Satan in a town in Zaire.

I was conducting a mass evangelism campaign in the city of Kananga, Zaire, an area gripped by sorcery. This crusade conducted by our ministry was the first ever held in that area by those filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and things were going well. This was despite the aggressive opposition of powerful witch doctors who had dominated the area for many years. Right from the start they came to publicly pronounce curses on us. Most of the people feared these servants of Satan. The people there told me, “These witch doctors have the power to tell someone, ‘You will die in seven days,’ and the person will drop dead on the seventh day.”

Our meetings made these witch doctors so angry that they called in every witch doctor in the whole region for a meeting to figure out how to stop us from proclaiming Christ. These witch doctors gathered together beneath the branches of a towering tree used by sorcerers for many generations. They believed that spiritual power for evil emanated from this “sorcerer’s tree” and it was here that the witch doctors conducted evil ceremonies and ate human flesh as they cast spells on our crusade being held some miles away.

On the final night of the crusade, the sorcerers again gathered beneath the "magic" sorcerer's tree to conduct demonic worship and rituals, cursing Christians, eating human flesh, and discussing plans on how to stop the crusade (since nothing they had already tried was working).

At the end of my message that night, the Lord told me to break the yoke of witchcraft over that region and loose the people from its power. While the sorcerers raged beneath their tree, I declared before thousands of people gathered there, "Satan, I bind you. I take authority over the spirit of witchcraft, and I break the curse of sorcery over this area!"

In that moment, according to the reports of several eye-witnesses from the area where the witchdoctors were gathered, flames of fire streaked across the sky, spanning the approximately 7-to-8 mile distance from the crusade to fall upon the sorcerer's tree. The fire instantly set the tree ablaze. The branches, which were spread 34 feet across, were consumed from the top down! It did not split the trunk or branches as would normally happen to a tree struck by lightning. The tree trunk burned for three days until it was consumed down to the height of a man's head. It still stands today like a burnt matchstick, a mute reminder of the power of the name of Jesus!

We learned the details of this miracle from some of the witchdoctors themselves. They said that when the fire came down and ignited the tree some of the witchdoctors were blinded, some were burned, and some of them repented when they saw the overwhelming power of God. They came to us with the story and asked us how to be saved.

When I visited the site of the tree and stood before the charred trunk marking all that remained of Satan's evil grip on that area, I was reminded of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal in First Kings 18. My spirit leapt within me, and I cried out as did Elijah of old when the mantle of anointing fell on him, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah" (2 Kings 2:14).

Elijah was thirsty. He was hungry to see the manifested power of the living God pass to his generation as Elijah was taken into Heaven. He confronted the

demonic powers of his day and the people stood on Mount Carmel watching in awe. Centuries later, Jesus confronted the powers of His generation once and forever. And the people stood on the mountains listening to Him in awe. Even today, the Church stands, as it were, gazing into Heaven, expecting Jesus to do from Heaven what He has empowered us to do through the Holy Spirit on earth. The magnitude of God's move in our generation demands that we step down from the mount of spiritual paralysis, take up the mantle of anointing and power Jesus gave us, and begin to obey His commands.

He has called us to fast and pray, and then to obey. He wants us to learn the lessons of prayer and fasting so well that He can send us out to our generation in the power of the Spirit. If prayer is the booster capsule containing our gifts and requests to God, then fasting is the booster rocket that propels us from Mach 1 to Mach 10, which lifts our prayers beyond the boundaries of earth and into the heavenlies.

I see the Church poised in virtually the same place the prophet Elijah was when he prayed for rain on Mount Carmel after he had prophesied to the evil King Ahab that rain was coming to end a three-year drought. At first there wasn't a cloud in the sky, but he kept praying. After a long drought in the Church, we have prophesied that that the rains are coming, and like Elijah, we are perched on a high place with our faces between our knees. And the Church is beginning to hear the sound of the abundance of rain! We have seen the first raindrops of God's glory descend in such places as Argentina; Brazil; Toronto, Ontario; and Pensacola, Florida. It is like Elijah's cloud, small as a man's hand, starting to rise out of the sea. But it is not enough. The abundance of rain is coming.

By praying and fasting together, we can overcome every hindrance, obstruction, and mountain that blocks the way between us and our corporate destiny and calling in Christ! Victory is only found in the realm of the Spirit, and that is why the devil takes every opportunity to divert us from the mode of prayer and fasting back into the natural mode…a mode of spiritual paralysis as we watch others move in the anointing. Many leaders have called the church to pray and fast in the past. But it is a calling that is now and forever…while the bridegroom is away. Fasting reveals to Heaven the love-hunger that resides in our hearts for the Lord. And it is this love-hunger that moves Heaven to respond.

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Claiming the Anointing for Miracles

By David Hogan

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I went to the Bible and I began to find out from Genesis through Revelation, all the prayers in the Bible. I took them all and studied every one of them. I took them apart and studied them from every angle using commentaries. I wanted to know why, when then men of the Bible prayed, their words did not fall to the ground. Then I studied fasting. Because the two things that move Heaven are prayer and fasting. If you can submit your soul in prayer, and your body in fasting, God hears you.

So I looked through the Bible, and this is my opinion that I am about to share with you. In my opinion the hardest thing I could come up with, the most difficult thing I could find in the Bible for God to do was once a human being is dead, to bring that person back to life again. So I decided that through the Old Covenant and the New, that there was a thread of God's power that was in both covenants. And so I decided that I was going to seek Heaven until the day came that I could walk up to a dead person and touch him and watch him get up from the dead. That is what I decided to do. I decided that it doesn't matter if I have to fast until I turn into a bone, I don't care. If I have to pray 24 hours every day, I have to have the great glory of God that it takes to change the world around me while I'm still alive. I'm going to have it. So that is what I did. I sought after that.

So I get inside the house and there are two or three candles burning. The first thing I see is a woman in the middle of the dirt floor, holding something, rocking back and forth, and screaming. Her 9-year-old son's body is stretched out. He has been dead for four hours. I looked over by her right side, and there were two black-magic warlocks standing there. Standing next to them were two spiritist healers. Two elders from the town were also there. They hate Jesus—they are

antichrists. There were many demons there.

So what should you do? Pray, believe, receive, what? Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments began to go through my mind about how different people were raised from the dead. I didn't know what to do because no one had written a book about this, except the Bible. I now know that the Bible is the only book I need for this kind of situation. I didn't know what to do. I didn't have a direct command from God. I did not have an angelic visitation; I did not have a finger write on the wall. I didn't even have a bird chirping. I had two black-magic warlocks, two spiritist healers, two antichrists, and all of them were chanting evil spells against me!

If I were a typical American, I would think the spiritual 'airwaves' are not clean, so I can't pray. Praise the Lord. If I were to wait for the "spiritual airwaves" to be clean, I would NEVER pray! I do "pioneer" work. No Christian has ever prayed there before. So all the "airwaves" are polluted by the demon powers. Why do you think we have the Holy Spirit? There is not a devil big enough to stop Jesus! That is the truth. Your emotions do not have any authority in the situation. Don't listen to your emotions or you will always be in trouble. What the devil says—whether it is in your mind, or spirit, or what you are seeing or feeling or tasting or touching—has no authority over what the Word of God says. What those warlocks were saying had no power over the word of God. They cannot—can NOT—stop Heaven.

I remembered what Jesus did. Scriptures began to run through my mind. I thought to myself, "Jesus probably did it right." The mother had gone back into a corner and was whimpering. I have my hand on the boy's head, and my big hands usually cover up their little heads. Then I decided to see if he was only half-dead. Maybe I could find a faint heartbeat that would be easier! I looked all over that boy for a faint heartbeat, a pulse, and there was nothing. So I said, "He must be all the way dead."

So I began praying for him. I prayed in English. That didn't work. I prayed in Spanish. Uh-oh, that didn't work. I prayed in Indian. Uh-oh, that didn't work. I prayed in "tongues." Uh-oh, that didn't work. That was all of the languages that I knew. What should I do? I told you already, I can't give the credit to anything

but the name of Jesus. I can feel God's spirit on me now and I feel like He is carrying me away. I think I was so nervous that I was praying a few words in one language and then in another. But in every language, the name of Jesus was there, and that is what is important. "How long?" I have no idea. I know that I began to sweat a lot, but it was a hot night, around 38 degrees Celsius [100.4 Fahrenheit] at 11 o'clock at night. I was praying and sweating and holding onto the little boy's arm. He was stiff and sticky, and had lost all of his color. He was whiter than I am and usually they are almost black.

Suddenly, while I was praying—the little boy was wearing a t-shirt—the father and I saw the t-shirt bounce. I looked at the father and his eyes were as big as mine, because he saw it also. But the devils are still standing there chanting. They are still angry and cursing God and me and everyone else. For some reason, that didn't bother the Holy Spirit. What do you think of that? The Holy Spirit came into the room, thumped the heart of that little boy and made it work again. In a few minutes, his little arm became limp. And then—listen—the color came back into him. He became warm again. WOW! Some of you may be thinking "David, you should calm down!" but you are wrong! Maybe tomorrow, because today is the day of salvation, just like when Jesus was raised from the dead. Today is the day of power and resurrection. Today is the day of glory! Today is the day of visitation.

I don't know why God came into the room and through me, or however He did it, to heal that boy. I don't feel qualified or adequate. I don't feel like I have enough Bible knowledge. But that doesn't seem to bother the Holy Spirit if I feel that way, as long as I call on the name of Jesus in faith. As long as I believe that "All things whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." That is what I believe. That is what the Bible says. Listen to me. I didn't know what to do next, because his eyes opened and he looked at me. Almost all of the children are afraid of me because I am so big to them. But this little boy was in perfect peace. I picked him up—this is wonderful—this little boy who is alive, who was dead for a little over four and a half hours.

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Claiming the Anointing to Reconcile Nations

An interview with Myles Weiss

(Excerpted from ***Supernatural Anointing***)

What is your definition of the anointing?

My definition of the anointing is to see what God is seeing, to be in concert with what He's doing in the moment. So is He healing physically, is He touching inner life, is He releasing His life? It's wherever He's bringing the kingdom in a person or in a circumstance. It's wherever the kingdom of heaven is coming to affect someone. I was just looking at some work I'm doing for writing and people asking, "If Messiah has come why is the world in such a mess?" And the answer is it's not a mess where His anointing is, where His kingdom has come in individuals, congregations or families. You can see something of heaven, something of the fruit of the anointing. So I would say its the release of His life, capital H, His life into a person or circumstance.

So there is an alignment with Him that needs to take place for breakthrough to happen?

Absolutely and that's why this seeming unsolvable mystery of the war between the Jews and the Arabs, the sons of Isaac and the sons of Ishmael, continues on. You see wherever a Jewish person or an Arab person comes into a real faith, leans into and believes into and surrenders to the anointing of the Messiah as King, there is peace between them. Yeshua is "Sar Shalom", the "Prince of Peace". It is a very satisfying part of our work. I'm actually working with a local Arab pastor doing services together and speaking to all the Bay Area leaders who are connected with the Bethel river movement. During one of the morning sessions, Pastor Ziad and I will have the chance to bring the message of reconciliation modeling a living testimony of an Arab and a Jew standing together in Christ.

Just that visual testimony is powerful in itself.

We had a practice run a few weeks ago at a local church and at the end there was weeping all around and the Jews ended up praying for the Arabs and the Arabs for the Jews. God just broke through and healed people of years, or decades or generations of anti-Semitism or in our modern world "anti-Arabism."

We have both anti-Semitism and anti-Arabism in our country. And some people would relate that to principalities and powers over a country. However, one person who comes in humbly and anointed with the presence of the Lord for reconciliation can do some incredible work in people's hearts and minds.

You think of Jesus Who came as one; then there were 12, then 11, then 12 again; this small group of people called disciples. I believe now that wherever my friend and I put the soles of our feet, wherever they tread, God will bring His kingdom of peace. We will experience righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!

Now you started to talk about reconciliation between Jew, Arab and Christian, why is that important?

Well, I think it is a sign of the times. Jesus said to His Jewish disciples, "You'll not see Me again until you say, 'Baruch ha bah B'Shem Adonai' (*blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*). And so the time clock of the restoration of Israel has something to do with the return of the Lord. There are different theories about what that means, what a generation is, etc. But it is significant. You can trace actual history, following the outbreak of the movements of the modern church from the late 1800's and early 1900's right up to our day. You can track increase in the church, which parallels the restoration of Israel and the Jewish people. Its a phenomenal study, its actually on my website if you want to look at it (www.visitbethshalom.org). There is something that God is doing in concert with this restoration of His natural brethren to the land, to their place, fulfilling their destiny in the land, which will lead to coming into the

spirit and looking for the Messiah. Our cousins, our brothers, who are intended to be our brothers in the Lord, the sons of Ishmael must also humbly enter the Kingdom of God through the finished work of Messiah. It becomes a mark of the power of God, the love of God, and the ability of God to bring heaven to earth when there is reconciliation between Jews and Arabs, to former Muslims and the body at large. Former Muslims who love Jesus, His Jewish family and the Jewish place in the land are modern heroes. They understand that they have been “grafted in” to the commonwealth of Israel, according to Ephesians Chapter 2.

Where there is unity and reconciliation, peace happens.

Psalm 133 says, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when the brethren dwell together in unity. It is like the oil on Aaron's beard that flows down through his garments all the way to his feet.” And its there it says at the end of the Psalm that He commands life forevermore. The blessing is commanded, life forever more. God takes it very seriously.

Do you believe that it’s not just speaking about unity among like-minded believers; it’s talking about Arab, Jew and Christian and all nations?

That's exactly right, that's a really, really good word and a very important insight. I work among several groups of pastors, especially in two counties of the US. Here, we think of unity as a goal because of our denominationalism and our various stripes of Christianity and we think *oh when we get unity won't it be great*. I came in low, I came in serving their congregations as a therapist and gaining their trust and being a part of the crowd but once I got them connected to Israel and they saw what its like to be connected to that living root of the Messianic world, they started to understand that unity is not a goal, its an entrance requirement, its a starting point.

Paul said in Ephesians *endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*; he didn't say attain to it, or strive after it because of your denominations. He said if you're walking in divisions, you're walking as

natural men and I can't even speak to you as spiritual. So it’s really a beginning. Unity is step one. There's a step program in the return of the Lord. Step one - we are in unity in the spirit now, lets reach across to the really difficult, difficult places. You know it’s a celebration whenever the church gets together, but how much cooler when ethnic barriers and long held divisions are broken down by the power of the Lord? It’s awesome.

How did God call you into the ministry of reconciling nations?

In our own journey, we started out serving in a large missions-minded work that held distinctive large gospel meetings wherever we went. We ministered in India, Africa, and Russia with a focus on salvation and healing on a massive scale. I was a setup guy and a video guy, a “carry the luggage” guy, who was just really serving and seeing God do incredible things. Occasionally, my traveling buddy was an Arab. So we would come into a city in India or a place in the backwaters of India, or Africa and we would say to the Catholics, the Charismatics, Baptists, Pentecostals, and the denominations that we are going to lift up the name of Jesus for a week. *There will be salvation and healing and deliverance, and pastors are going to move forward in their ministries. There will be breakthrough on every level and we are all going to get along together. You know how we know that? Because he's an Arab from Ramallah and I'm a New York Jew. If we can get along, you can get along!*

Its amazing how that opened the door for not only the local pastors to reach for the entrance requirement of unity, but also it worked on me because God gave me love for my Arab brother, and he for me. We had to work some things out along he way as you can imagine. We had to work out loving this person who the media, the cultures, the history, the current events were all telling us was impossible.

One day I'm on my way back from conducting marriage seminars in Russia with my wife when a young, prophetic man said, "You're cheating your kids out of their heritage." And so we said how? “Well you're a Jew, you need to teach them where they came from. Not just serving the nations and doing what you're doing, but you need to also tell them something

about the blessing of Abraham."

So that set us on a journey of holding Shabbat on a regular basis and celebrating the feasts in our home. Israelis were showing up, old folks were coming; all these people that would never set foot in a church were coming into our home. Eventually, about 80 people were showing up. One night a 96-year-old man got saved in my kitchen. He started weeping and wondering what's going on, "What's happening to me? I haven't felt this way since my wife died. I have felt so alone until tonight. What's different, what's going on?"

And I said to him, "Your soul is being saved, Max. God is saving you and drawing to the Mashiach, to the Messiah. You're in contact with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He's changing you." When I walked him out to his car and knelt down to say good-bye he strained to tell me that his neck was in severe pain. I prayed a simple prayer and God healed his neck. So the kingdom had come to him, to Max, in my kitchen. And the meetings grew. So when it became too big for our home we began to meet in churches and in other places and along the way this reconciliation with my Arab cousins and brothers became a central part of what we do. And I was connecting to the root in Israel, to the people that are laboring there on the front lines. We found Arab Christians, and Jewish believers living together in the peace of the Messiah. The body of Messianic believers in Israel is a heroic community and it's grown tremendously over the past few decades.

There is something about you returning to your Israeli roots or your Jewish roots and re-connecting with your heritage that released an even greater anointing and direction and calling to reconciliation.

Absolutely, it completely changed the direction of my life. I spent two weeks on Mount Carmel with David and Karen Davis and Peter Tsukahira's ministry there. I went up to Mt Carmel and wept for two weeks as God re-ordered my DNA around my Hebrew roots. It resulted in my thirst to see this message get out to the body in the Bay Area of California and beyond; and it's absolutely transformative. Since early 2000 I've received an endless revelation about the ministry of reconciliation. I

never get tired of it. I never lose energy about it. I get discouraged, but I've never looked back in terms of the direction of our ministry.

So you had your strong God encounter that set you off on this commissioning.

Yes, for sure. And along the way there's been great encouragement. Cindy Jacobs has spoken over us; Chuck Pierce ordained us; and Bill Johnson had a word for us. Ed Silvoso adopted me and there's been a lot of favor with established believers. This last November Ed Silvoso had me bring the message of the "One New Man" to almost 700 world leaders. They were marketplace, church and government leaders who gathered in Hawaii for a transformation conference and he had me bring the message of reconciliation to the whole group. The highlight was when I showed a DVD clip of an Arab Pastor from Carmel who tells a little bit of his story. At the end of the movie Ed Silvoso took off his shoes, got up on the platform and admonished everyone to take off their shoes as they were standing on holy ground. When you see what God is doing, calling the sons of Ishmael back to the God of Abraham, you experience the holiness of His purposes.

God's economy is humorous that He is using a Jew to do that. Our ministry is focused on raising up the church as Esther, to stand in the gap for God's people. This includes those that know Him and those who do not yet know Him. In a typically Jewish comical note…my given Hebrew name happens to be Mordecai!

Have you noticed in churches that those that have no grid for understanding our connection with Israel, the Christian connection with Ha Eretz, lack in the anointing? And those that bless Israel see an increase in anointing? Or nations for that matter?

That's a very good question because there are many that don't have any grid at all and yet there is an anointing and there is breakthrough. In fact, some of them are leaders in revival. So I had a controversy with the Lord about 5 years ago where I said, "What's the story here God? I'm doing my

best and preaching this everywhere I go. I'm taking about 250 pastors to Israel and they say things like "Myles why wasn't this taught 25 years ago in seminary? Why did I wait my whole life to learn this?" They get this incredible revelation of what the Bible says in Genesis 12:1,2,3 *I will bless those that bless you and curse those who curse you.* And that word curse means to esteem lightly, like if you don't get into this, there's a loss. The Lord said, “Myles, they are the beneficiaries of my restoration of Israel whether they know it or not.”

Implied in that was that this movement of restoration that God's doing in the body worldwide and has been doing for centuries, of restoring different aspects of His life and His anointing is increasing and will move on. You can do it without this connection but my contention is that God wants us to do it on purpose, in connection. He wants the Messianic to be connected to the revivalists, so we don't get dry and liturgical. And He wants the revivalists to honor the Jewish root because it is right to do so and God has a double blessing for all of us.

Do you think when some of the revival leaders get a hold of this they will see an exponential increase in power and anointing?

Yes, that is what I believe. We need the oil of the gentiles and the oil of the Jews to fill the candelabra. Its two becoming one. It’s the two olive trees in Zechariah and it’s this mystery of Ephesians 2 - God breaking down the wall. Even with the incredible things we are seeing in the earth today, how much more will we see when we are living out of Psalm 133, living unity on purpose, intentionally.

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Claiming the Anointing of Love to Change the World

An interview with Heidi Baker

(Excerpted from ***Supernatural Anointing***)

Do you say what happened with you in Toronto years ago was a time of incredible anointing and increase that just changed everything?

For me it had a lot to do with the Father's heart. I've always been really passionate for Jesus and I've spent hours with Him since I was saved. I've always been really intimate with Him, but this understanding that Father's there, that I can just lean back into His presence, in His arms and He'll come through, shifts the whole way you minister. It's out of a security in Him that you minister. You're dependent on Holy Spirit totally, but you are sure Daddy is going to show up for you.

Was that the shift that happened to you when God was ministering to you in Toronto?

That was the main thing that happened - the shift in His security and knowing that He is going to come through. I also shifted into more rest, feeling like I don't have to strive so much. I still fast obviously, but back then I fasted one third of my life. Until a few years ago I felt like I had to earn the favor somehow. And now its like Daddy loves me and its ok to eat sometimes, its ok to rest sometimes, its ok to take a day off once in a while. That's a whole new place for me.

The breakthrough happened in you first, but then how did it happen in the land?

Well, mostly by hearing God speak to me over and over that it's His job to

heal and it’s my job to love; and that I need to be secure in who I am in Him. I started really listening to the rhythm of His heart to run, to rest, to release. It was about learning how to release, instead of me trying to make it happen with Him. Then instead of me doing the work and pushing and striving and leading, I was able to hear Him say, “Release this one”. I started seeing an increase of miracles and growth as I released sons and daughters. I was so secure in who I was that I could release it to a generation.

As you released it God gave you more?

Yes, it was releasing it to little ones, telling them they could see the deaf hear and the blind see and the dead get raised. And I released them and had no desire to be seen and God began to multiply. You know 12 guys went out and started ministering in the Bible, but only three of them raised the dead. God started using little children and everything shifted.

So that's one way to increase the anointing, propagate it.

Yeah, give it away. Out of control, release control. That's my biggest word - release control.

Can you talk a little bit about that progression of encounter and release and following Him where He is taking you?

Yeah, that was a real sovereign, divine thing. When I was in my 20's I had some ambition and really wanted to speak to the nations and in the stadiums and in the big meetings, which I was doing. One day in my 20's, the Lord said, “Stop!” He said three times to stop. He told me to sit with the poor and learn about the kingdom. So I did that for probably 18 years or 20 years. I lived in the slums with the poor, learning about dependence, learning about living a life that is needy; needing and desperate every day, not just for myself, but for all my friends. My friends were the poor.

Then, after encountering God in Toronto it shifted. I never dreamed or wanted to speak to the Western church or the Eastern Church. I just wanted to hide myself as I had been doing for 20 some years among the poor and be hidden.

Then one-day, after a year of praying for the blind, (you know that story from one of my books) they started to see. God opened the first woman's eyes, and her name was Mama Aida (Heidi in Portuguese). I watched her eyes go white, grey, and then brown. Then the next day I prayed for a man and he didn't see, which was really interesting.

The next day, I prayed for a woman and she was miraculously healed and her eyes opened. She'd been blind since she was eight and she began to scream and she could see and I took her to the village and all the villagers came around and started yelling and dancing and saying, "*Mama Aida can see"*. Well that's my name in Mozambique as well, Mama Aida. Day three leads to such an extraordinary story. I called the blind to the meeting and there was only one blind lady in the meeting, so she came and I prayed for her. She fell on the ground and her eyes went white, grey, and brown. And everybody started dancing and screaming and praising and saying, *"Mama Aida can see, Mama Aida can see"*. That woman's name was also Mama Aida. Is that the wildest thing you ever heard? Three women with my name getting healed of blindness over three days?

So, I mean I'd never seen a blind person receive even a tiny sliver of light in 20 some years of ministry. I've been ministering 35 years now. So I asked God, I put my hands on my eyes and I said, "What is it? Do I have a Kathryn Kuhlman anointing? Am I Aimee Semple McPherson? Am I entering my healing, evangelistic ministry?"

And the Lord said, "You're blind."

And I said, "No I'm a missionary."

And He said to me a second time, “You're blind.”

I said, “But I work with the poor.”

And a third time He said, “You're blind.”

So I laid my hands on my eyes and I began to cry out, "I want to see, I want to see, Lord let me see, let me see." When I opened my eyes I saw all these faces, like hundreds of thousands of faces. I saw Asian faces, I saw American faces, Canadian faces, and I saw young ones, too. And in these faces I saw all these different nationalities. And He said, “They are poor, they are rich, they are blind, they are naked, won't you love them too?”

And from that day on, I said yes to going back to the Western and Asian church that wasn’t so poor as the ones I had been working with. I spend one third of my life calling people to a radical laid down life of love and to see a missions movement rise up with those who would love the poor, love the broken, and to call the church into greater intimacy unto fruitfulness.

So how do you survive the anointing? You have certainly seen and heard a lot of trauma and then walked in the midst of it. And what is the secret to surviving?

Stay low, stay low and go slow. I don't have to make myself poor in spirit because I just am, because the needs of this world and the needs of the people are so great that I stay desperate on God, desperate on Jesus. I literally come to Him, literally every moment, just poor in spirit wanting Him, dependent on Him. I stay low, I go slow and I slow down even more when I'm not getting it right, I slow down even more, you know?

When I preach and I minister, I wait in the presence. I wait for Him. If it takes an hour or two, I'll wait that long, if it takes five hours, I'll wait that long.

I've watched you at Bethel recently and at other places and it seems

like such a small percentage of the people there will come forward to answer the call to love the poor and to go out and to minister to the poor. I mean it really is about maybe one percent that responds to that altar call. What do you think about? Are we just blind and hard-hearted?

I think while everyone is called to care for children and to care for starving and the dying in this world, there is a small percentage who are called to live among them from the Western and Eastern Church. So I'm not concerned if it's a small percentage. If I give an altar call like that it is very specific. They are going to give their lives. I feel like every area of society needs to be influenced by the love and power and presence of God. So if someone wants to be a medical doctor or an engineer, or professor I see that not as a lesser value. I want the anointing to hit them as well. But the call to live and work among the poor and to rescue children out of starvation and the sex trade industry, that is a specific call, and the reason I can call them in is because I live that. And while I can call the whole church into intimacy unto fruitfulness, I can call this small, small group that God is literally calling to this.

When I see them come and respond and I see you pray its like there is transference of that grace that you have on your life. So maybe just one percent, but I see how broken they are instantly by the Holy Spirit. Instantly the grace comes and it's imparted at that time.

Yeah, and they are all over the world. They might be a tiny percentage in a meeting, but there are hundreds of them all over the world, living in the slums, bringing home the child slaves, caring for the most desperate people and that is beautiful to me.

I don't think it's everyone's call. I think everyone should adopt at least one child and feed one child, I mean in a sponsorship kind of program. I think every Christian should do that. I can't imagine a Christian not doing that, not caring for one child and some are called to give up their whole lives.

What do you sense about the anointing that is coming? In your travels around the world are you seeing hints to come of God's fresh outpouring.

I do. Everywhere we go I see people getting completely wrecked. But I feel like God wants to bring this radical love revolution where people start focusing on loving the one right in front of them and it's more about carrying love everywhere than its about a meeting.

This movement that I'm praying for is a love revolution where Christians are actually known by their love wherever they are in society, wherever they move, wherever they walk. It's all about breathing, smelling and walking like Jesus, not so much about a meeting in a certain place. It's like carrying His presence, the glory of His love out, into every single part of society. People don't have to ask who you believe in because of the way you treat people and care for people they can see who you believe in. Christians are known by their love. And I feel like God is ripping anger out of people, and depression, and fear and causing them to live a life of radical love. That's what I'm seeing. That's what I'm longing for.

How do people get there? Do they just have to be open to it and say *yes* to the Lord and just go for it?

Yes, and its also sovereign when God takes our little hearts and makes them bigger. I'd say it's actually a gift. I believe that you know, He did it for me in Toronto and He continues to do it for us. There's something that when God does that, when He comes crashing in on you in a sovereign way in a meeting, then He totally takes away hatred and anger, and allows you to forgive people who have hurt you and ridiculed you, once that happens - you change. But then you have to live that life out. So I believe that we need more of those kinds of meetings where the presence is so strong that God literally rips out the hardness of our hearts and puts His heart in us. That's what I'm longing for, more of those meetings. I saw it yesterday [the day before the interview]. I saw South Koreans come up

and instead of just writhing and shaking to receive the anointing and wanting the woman or man of power to touch them, they were on their faces sobbing their guts out and God was giving them such a huge taste of His heart of love for them and others.

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VIDEO:

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE
- Heidi Baker

Claiming the Anointing of Power for Missions

An interview with Leif Hetland

(Excerpted from ***Supernatural Anointing***)

When you go out into these deep dark places, like Pakistan you're facing men with guns, and so much resistance that you need to be secure in knowing that God had called you to that assignment and that you have the anointing to carry it out.

I think that there's connection with anointing and assignment. So my assignment of reaching the unreached, of taking the Gospel to the darkest places in the world – to the places where there's never been any good news is a special anointing. Walking into the room, changing the environment, and to be able to do signs, wonders and miracles just flows very naturally.

But, if I go in a different setting I am not anointed for, it would be like me trying to fix a car. Then I become very annoying. The difference between "anointed" and "annoying" is a very big difference. That has to do with assignment.

I have to make sure that there is a major grace involved that is connected to the assignment. The other thing I think we need is to be free from fear. Jesus says, "I have not given you a spirit of fear, but what I have given you is a spirit of power and love, and a sound mind." I think one of the first major freedoms connected to the anointing is that I had to become free from fear.

The other thing I think has to do with worldview – how you perceive or see things. Are you seeing it from heaven's perspective? When the anointing is there, when I look at Islam I don't see Islam as a problem. I see it as a promise. And you can only receive a promise. When I am

looking at somebody that is full of hatred, all I see is that they have never experienced His love. So I am seeing them through heaven's eyes.

The Saul who became the Apostle Paul, was the first terrorist named in the New Testament. He terrorized Stephen. So, when I'm looking at a solid terrorist, I see the Apostle Paul. That's what the anointing did. So, when you are there [in a Muslim country] and you're seeing somebody that wants to cut your throat, or you see "honor" killing – you see some of the most gruesome stuff – you have to be able to see with the eyes of Jesus.

I mean, they've got bad news. I've got good news. Who's going to win? "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and He has anointed me." Wherever there is darkness, I've got Light. Where there is sadness, I can have Oil of Gladness.

So when I say, "If Christ Jesus, that is the Anointed One, if He is here and if He is alive, and He is in me, you are going to see these things. And I declare you're going to see blind eyes opened, deaf and mute hearing, tumors are going to fall off people – you're going to see it." And they do.

What's the most amazing meeting or series of meetings that God has used you in?

I think the most amazing meeting I have ever seen was recently, when we were in Pakistan. In America I've seen the whole environment change, but I think what made this meeting very unique for me was that the place we were at. We literally saw the environment change and I had never seen such a transformation. It took three days, but by that Sunday service we saw so many creative miracles – in the thousands – that I've never seen anything like it. I've seen miracles, but the hunger level was intense. The people thought – because they'd never heard of Jesus or known anything about Jesus – that Jesus was me.

They were storming the police cars with guns and machine guns trying to get to us, and I have video clips of this. But they came up trying to touch you, carrying their half-dead children, hoping that if they could just touch you they were going to get well.

There was this girl who you could see there was nothing in her eyes, she had been born with no eyeballs, and I saw them bringing her up closer. And the closer she got to the Presence of God; you could see the creative miracle taking place. I have a picture of myself standing up there – they actually handed me this girl – who was seven or eight years old – and you could see she received eyeballs. She could see for the first time. She looks out at the thousands of people in the audience, she'd look into your face and then grin and just smile, and you know the anointing has broken her yoke.

Then her family told all their friends – so an explosiveness of power and faith occurred. But the biggest thing was just the environment change. Literally, when we left there you could feel the environment had changed. We went into a place where there has never been light, a totally unreached area. Probably, I don't know, thousands and thousands of people prayed and received Jesus, night after night.

What I've been after is not to have just a visitation, but to create an environment one day where we can change the atmosphere. Then we can be not just a thermometer, we can be a thermostat. I mean, that's what the anointing is doing. It's going in and changing the temperature that is in a room.

That's probably the meeting that I will never forget. I have hundreds of meetings where I've seen amazing things, but there was something there that – I really saw heaven come down and change everything.

What do you see coming in the future of missions?

I think that the major shift that is coming has to do with the unwise and the wise virgins. There are going to be ten virgins in the end time, according to Matthew 25. But five of them will end wise. All ten of them, had lamps. They all had ministries– maybe for some – ministries to nations. The biggest shift I see taking place in regard to the anointing, is that we are moving from the old system, where you can burn the wick, and run from conferences, to places, and seminars, and purchase anointing oil. The shift that's taking place in regard to the anointing is going to be the realization that you're going to have to burn brightly without burning out. The only way to do that is to obtain the oil of intimacy for yourself.

Also, when it comes to missions, what we have done is we tried to achieve something you only can receive. "Ask of me and I will give it to you," Psalms 2:8 says. So the whole thing is about asking and receiving; "Ask of me, and I will give you Pakistan, or ask of me, and I will give you like what Heidi is doing in Mozambique, or the different ethno-linguistic people groups. Everything in the kingdom can only be received, not achieved. One key to the anointing – is learning to be a good receiver.

There is a connection with the anointing and the Presence of God where there is rest. That's how we're going to wear the enemy out, because resting is receiving. And receiving is reigning – it's ruling and reigning. So, it's only when what comes from Him, goes through Him and goes back to Him will there be a flowing in the anointing. It comes from Him. It goes through Him. And it goes back to Him.

I think a major shift in the next missionary movement is going to be in identity where people realize, "I am the Beloved son and daughter whom the Papa loves, in whom He is well pleased."

Lucifer was the first orphan. So when he left heaven, he has had one major assignment – making sure people don't get home. And that's what Jesus came for. Jesus says in John 14:18, "I will not leave you as an

orphan. I will come to you.” Identity has to be the foundation of the next missionary movement. You teach what you know, but you reproduce what you are. So there's going to be impartation of identity in Him.

I think that the future's going to be full of people that obtain blueprints from heaven. That's pretty much what the apostolic or missionary is all about, is to be able to get it from the Father and then learning how to receive it, not to achieve it.

You say, “Papa, I don't know how to do this.”

And He says, “Good, then you're qualified. Then you need my anointing.”

Then you have hope. You have everything else that flows from that... when the anointing is upon you. You can stand up against the opposition because you're not conscious of the enemy trying to win, you're conscious that the Lord's already won.

What do you think the next outpouring of God will look like?

I think there's a major love revolution coming.

And it has to be there, because it eliminates fear. Perfect love takes away fear. And believe me, it is going to be about the Father's love. Even in America, you can go in and look at statistics on the “fatherlessness” and you will find the devastation in America on a global scale. Fatherlessness is the number one root issue in the world today – even in Islam.

Randy Clark prayed for me in 1995, and I received the power and signs and wonders and miracles, and stadiums filled up, and all those different things. My identity used to be power, until eventually in the year 2000,

when I had another encounter with the Lord, it became love and power.

Alignment with Jesus is love, and then the assignment is power. I think that there has to be major love revolution. Now, everywhere I go, I make sure there is a baptism of love – people are being affirmed by the Father, and then find healing of that orphan heart and the orphan spirit, they are getting the identity of being a Beloved Son or Daughter.

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Claiming the Anointing to Reach Your Sacred Destiny

Interviews with John Paul Jackson & Paul Keith Davis

(Excerpted from ***Supernatural Anointing***)

John Paul Jackson:

What do you see the coming anointing on leadership look like?

There is a shift coming from purpose-driven leaders to presence-driven leaders. Ask yourself how much in your church can only be attributed to God's power working in your midst and that will tell you how much you are presence focused. If you focus on prayer, not programs, you are presence-driven.

I also see a shift coming from motivational preachers to inspirational leaders. Motivational leaders produce short-term results and usually their teaching is based on fear issues. Inspirational leaders inspire people to change their lives to accomplish something. People change their life because of the leader's anointing of the Holy Spirit to empower eternal change.

The economy is changing and that will create a shift. The numbers of people attending church and the size of budgets will no longer be signs of the anointing. The hallmark of the anointing will be to change lives. Changed lives and making disciples will become the mark of a truly anointed gathering of people.

A shift is coming in the perspective of five-fold ministry. I think it will go from a financial focus to a spiritual fruit focus. We will see apostles raised up according to the Acts and Corinthians examples of 5-fold anointing -

not the Ephesians definition of 5-fold. We will see apostles who are more interested in building up the body of Christ rather than their own networks. True fathers who are more than administrators will arise. We have confused the ability to administrate for the apostolic anointing when apostles are fathers and mothers, men and women who promote their spiritual children more than themselves. They are thrilled by their son hitting more home runs than they did…not threatened by the success of their kids but thrilled. They want their children to have children. They are anxious for the spiritual fruit of their kids to come on the scene.

When crisis comes people are ready and longing for change. Historic models reveal prophets who repent when they make a mistake rather than spin doctoring their words. We are coming back to that model of honesty. And we are going beyond to where the prophets will speak things and they will come to pass. A Samuel Anointing will emerge – where what you say comes to pass because everything you say comes from God. Samuel focused on developing his character and because of his character; he was able to carry that level of anointing and authority.

I believe we will see evangelists who leave churches in better shape than when they came. Right now, we see many take the money and run. We don't see people come to the Lord through their ministries. Instead, we see evangelists who are in it to make a living rather than to bring souls into the kingdom. We will see evangelists who value planting, and watering, as well as the harvest. Right now, they seem to be focused on only harvest. Evangelists have devalued the planting and watering of the seed of the kingdom.

We'll see pastors who no longer see numbers of people as an indicator of their anointing. They will demand to take people where God is directing, not where the board thinks they should go. This is the end of the hurting pastors who are scared to death of board members.

Teachers who aren't afraid to tell people to throw away their old teaching because they were wrong will emerge as new insights come.

Tell me about mantles in relationship to the prophetic office. Is this an Old Testament/old wineskin concept or timeless truth?

Mantles are a timeless truth. They are real. But they have been misused and abused by people saying, *I will give you my mantle*. This is not the reality of a mantle's existence. Mantles are merely an indicator of the 5-fold ministry, a higher level of functioning. The overall goal of giving people a prophetic word is to get people to change what they are doing - if you do a course correction this will take place in your life. Having a prophetic mantle is that ability to speak the word of God without predetermining how it must be said and not for the benefit of yourself.

What are your top concerns that may inhibit the next generation from entering into the fullness of the anointing?

I always challenge my interns – don't say you are spiritual if I don't see the fruit. Does your pastor think this you are the most loving person or growing in love – or most selfish person who has no clue? I look for fruit in terms of kindness, patience, and longsuffering. That is what we should be seeing with bonafide manifestations of the Spirit.

But we're seeing so much out there that is not the focus of the kingdom. Nowhere in scripture has the focus of the Kingdom been on extraneous, ancillary things that happen. The focus is always on changed lives – those who have been healed, received a miracle, or raised from the dead, discover that their lives have been changed. Changed lives bear witness to the existence of the Father. One problem I see is that people are no different after their experience with God. Many are teaching people to walk on the edge of heaven versus showing them how to get close to the

throne. When you walk on the edge of heaven you wonder, “Am I going to get in or are gates closing?” It creates anxiety and performance. We need to be teaching them how to get close to the throne and develop righteousness.

We don’t depend on God like we used to. Instead, we depend on the extraneous things that happen, like the diamond that falls in a meeting rather than the power of God to change lives. It is easier to believe in something impersonal than personal. God wants to prove Himself to be a very personal God, in a very impersonal world.

Paul Keith Davis

What do you believe the next generation anointing will look like?

The truest form of prophetic ministry is not 1 Corinthians 12, but Hebrews 4:12. Hebrews 4:12 speaks of the living Word, which is not a pen and parchment. It is the person of the living Word, the logos being manifested in a tangible way that removes the veil. Paul says in verse 13, “All things are open and laid bare before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.” So that was what someone like William Branham ministered in. He did not minister in a 1 Corinthians 12 word of knowledge. When he was functioning under that anointing, the living word, or what he called the “pillar of fire”, would come, and literally it was like pulling a curtain back between the two realms. In that place, what you have is an entirely different dimension, a greater realm of authority. So in that place, there is complete accuracy. That’s the Samuel anointing. That is what I believe we are coming into.

The Bible says that none of Samuel’s words fell to the ground (1 Samuel 3:19). When Branham ministered under that anointing he was always correct. Even his worst critics said that. So that’s my standard, and anything short of that is a little bit disappointing. I’m convinced we can get

there. I believe the sons of the Kingdom will get there.

So what would it look like today?

I've seen it actually. There's a different dimension of anointing that's coming, when we have the Bride's revival. It's a different form of revival than we have never seen before. Brownsville wasn't it. Toronto wasn't it. Even what's going on at Bethel Church is not there yet. There is a different dimension of an anointing that is going to be coming with the Bride's revival, and the bride will be anointed according to Isaiah 11:2, with the seven spirits of God. That's what we need to understand about former ministers like William Branham, Maria Woodworth-Etter, and Kathryn Kuhlman - these people were prototypes of the Bride. They were forerunners. Every one of them even acknowledged that they lived out of season, or that they were born out of season. They reached over into a future day and pulled something back into their day. John G. Lake actually made that very statement. He knew that he reached over into another dimension, another day. Therefore, we can look at them and know that what they had will identify the coming revival that will be given to the Bride of Christ.

Instead of so many people laying hands on people to impart the power of God, you're going to have the power of the spoken Word doing the work. That's the big difference of what's coming as opposed to what we see now. There is a new realm of authority we will step into. Jesus talked about it with the Roman centurion where the Roman said, "I understand authority and all you have to do is speak the word and my servant will be healed." Jesus marvelled at that faith. That power of the spoken word will be a big part of what's coming in the days ahead.

Once I asked Paul Cain, "Paul, what was it like when you ministered back in the 1950's and that realm entered the room?" And he said one minute you're looking at the people and you see them in the natural, but the next minute it literally looks like a curtain has been opened up, and that whole realm is available to you and you just see everything that's there. That's an entirely different realm of prophetic anointing than what we have right

now.

The Lord spoke to me one time, when I was really asking for that level of anointing. He said, “Are you really ready to know what people really think about you and still love them anyway?” In other words, in that anointing, there’s nothing hidden. Some people said that William Branham, from external appearances, seemed as though he treated his enemies better than he treated his friends. Which means he saw what they really had in their hearts. Often, he was told a day in advance what was going to happen the next day. Paul Cain moved in that. They’re really the main two in that last generation that saw that dimension of revelatory power. That’s what’s coming. That has to be the standard we contend for.

The model for this coming movement is not them, however, it is Samuel. None of his words fell to the ground and he did not beg his bread from the people. Meaning, he had the integrity to never use his gifting for personal gain.

How do we get there? How do we contend for that?

A. W. Tozer wrote about the issue of character and he said you have to go to the Lord and insist upon the removal of the stumbling blocks and the issues So whatever it is, you go to the Lord in humility and say, “You’ve got to take out the tares in my life.” And He’ll do that. You know, that’s a very answerable prayer.

I think He’s refining people and He’s preparing them for that level of anointing. I think it’s just a matter of getting positioned with God and also, there has to be a *kairos*, fullness of time moment, which I personally believe we are approaching. In Isaiah 11:11 the Lord speaks of recovering for a second time, the remnant of His people. And I believe it this anointing will start with a remnant. From there, it will expand and explode.

Who is the remnant that you’re referring to?

I believe they're the overcomers. I think we have to overcome the spirit of the age, which is the Laodicean spirit. I also think we have to overcome our own issues and generational curses and personal agendas. Isaiah 11:13 - 15, says that if Ephraim will no longer be jealous of Judah, and if Judah will no longer harass Ephraim, then the two of them can come together and go down and plunder the Philistine camp. And so I think that the jealousy and harassing spirits are going to have to be removed from the remnant. And I believe they are. That'd be wonderful to see them removed from the church! But I'd be happy right now just to see it removed from the remnant, and that is comprised of the overcomers. There is a wheel within the wheel; we have to acknowledge that. We have to acknowledge that there is a remnant within the big company, victorious ones within the midst of that big company. I think the Bride is within the church but not all the church is the bride.

And so, it's not just a handful of people, or men that are going to be moving in this anointing, it's a much larger company.

Oh, it is a much larger company. I believe it's not going to be one or two as we saw in the last generation, or ten of twelve even. I do believe it will be hundreds or thousands. I also believe it will be a remnant of the major group of people called the Ecclesia – the church. People that have actually received the Lord's blood for the remission of their sins; people that have not camped out in Passover, and they have not even camped out in Pentecost, but they have moved on into Tabernacles.

I've been really intrigued with 1 John 2:27-28 where it talks about destiny and purpose and the anointing teaching us everything we need to know for our destiny. Whenever anyone asks me how to know their destiny, I say go and live the reality of 1 John 2:27 – the anointing which you receive will teach you everything you need to know about your destiny. The next verse says that there is a place to abide in Him so that when He appears we will not shrink away. And so that means there is the ability, at the manifestation of His presence, to withdraw and to be repelled by His coming. That seems kind of odd. But if we're not in the place where we need to be in our character development, when this manifestation comes in some are going to want to run away.

My advice for the next generation is to develop their character and contend for the greater anointing.

2 Timothy says that we have an anointing for our destiny. In other words we have a sacred destiny. It's one thing to be saved but it's something else altogether to have a divine calling or sacred destiny. And it says that that destiny was set apart for us before the foundation of the world. And so I think right now, the greatest thing we can do is somehow access the grace that was already set apart and pull it down. The Lord showed me that there's a grace hovering over us right now and He said, "The more people you can get to agree to pull it down, the quicker it will come." It is hovering over us right now but it's got to be pulled down into our generation.

You're not just talking about the revelatory prophetic anointing, you are talking about all the power of the anointing available, whether a person needs healing or anything else, as part of this grace package of anointing that's coming on the Bride.

Absolutely.

It's the seven spirits of God. If the Bride of Christ will do the works Jesus did, we will have to have the anointing He had. It's one thing to have a word of knowledge, but it's something else to have the spirit of knowledge. It's one thing to have a word of wisdom, but it's altogether something else to have the spirit of wisdom. When it says, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me," that's the government – the manifestation of His presence –coming in to reside. It produces wisdom and revelation, counsel and might, knowledge and reverential awe. It brings Jehovah Shema – the Lord who is there. If He's there, everything He is comes with Him. I had a very profound vision once where I saw a future meeting, and a person was ministering. Midway through, this ball of light or fire came through the roof, right down next to the minister, and all of a sudden everything started happening simultaneously. The minister was almost like a narrator speaking out what God was doing. He pointed his finger and said, "Over

here someone's being healed of cancer. Over here someone's being delivered of drugs. Deliverance, and salvation and healings were all taking place simultaneously. This is the anointing that is coming.

I think a new breed's coming in too. You know, I'd love to see those old anointings restored to anybody who's gotten away from for whatever reason. I think this is a season of restoration, no doubt. The new breed will be mingled with it.

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VIDEO:

PREPARING FOR THE SUPERNATURAL
- Paul Keith Davis

Discover your Spiritual Gifts

How do you discover your spiritual gifts? Begin by looking at what interests you. And then take a look at your personality – which is also a part of your gift mix. God would not ask an introvert to become a media evangelist. Neither would an extrovert be interested in creating a life in contemplative prayer. One of the easiest ways to make your gift mix a bit clearer is to take an assessment that takes into account your interests and your personality.

So many people have emailed me asking how they may discover their spiritual gifts, that I realized I needed to find a free and easy way to get started. One of the best free, online assessments I've found is on the buildingchurch.net website. That link is listed below.

After you take the assessment, what do you do with it? Find a place to serve and begin exercising your gifts. If you believe your gift is healing, find a place where you may be trained in your gift and practice praying for others. The late John Wimber prayed for hundreds of people before he saw one person healed. We grow in faith as we step out and take repeated risks. If you believe your gift is prophecy, find a place to be trained and to serve. The gifts need to be developed in the context of community. Plenty of churches host training workshops. Attach yourself to the more experienced and you will grow quickly. If your gift is justice-oriented, you may be working in a justice field. Why seek to step out of secular employment where your gifts are being used, and into ministry in the church?

As you understand your gift mix, I encourage you to begin seeking God for wisdom on where to use your gifts for maximum impact. The world is in desperate need. I encourage you find your place and take your stand. Shift the atmosphere of the kingdom of darkness and release the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Lord has need of you. Discover your gifts and launch out into kingdom adventures you never dreamed you would discover.

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