

Prophetic Acts of Faith

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Introduction to Teaching

There is a principle in the spiritual realm regarding legalities. Before God can open up a door for you or mankind there has to be a legal procedure that needs to precede it. Things don't just happen by itself and because of the fall of mankind it has separated man from God. We will look at one biblical example.

Secondly, prophecy in the bible is not just about foretelling. For a Hebrew prophecy is about revealing divine purposes in consistent patterns with God's Word and Character. Read 1 Cor 14:3-5. The definition has never changed from Old to New Testament. We need to understand this definition correctly as well.

Principle of Legalities

This same principle of legalities is governing salvation and forgiveness of sins. Sin must be paid for by blood, either yours or a substitute. The only substitute is Christ according to the bible. In general people do not realize how final the separation is from God.

God is a God of order. He established rules and laws, so that we can relate to Him. If God would change his rules everyday we would not know what to expect from Him. Maybe nobody would have a chance to get saved then. God is totally consistent through the ages and He does not violate his own rules.

Before Father God sent Jesus to die on the cross this act had to be commissioned in heaven. This is why the bible states the following:

Eph 1:4, Heb 9:26, 1 Pet 1:20, John 17:24 The ultimate Lamb sacrifice had to happen in heaven first. As God is outside of time the sacrifice of Jesus is eternal. This is logical how it is possible for Him to wash your sins away at any time.

God called Abram in Gen 12. He responded affirmatively. Later God made a covenant with Abraham to consecrate his bloodline. In Gen 22:6-16 Abraham, the patriarch of the covenant was willing to offer his son. Because of this prophetic act of faith God could seal the Messiah's birth and sacrifice through his bloodline. What that means is that Satan could not do anything to prevent the birth of the Messiah through the Jewish bloodline. It also sealed the coming sacrifice of the Messiah for the intended purpose.

Other biblical examples of prophetic acts of faith are the Israelites walking around Jericho, Gideon and his army making a noise, Ezekiel speaking to the dry bones, Jesus using clay for the blind man's eyes etc.

Practical application for today

Jesus clearly gave the instruction that we need to continue with his work, so this principle is there for us to use. Satan wants us to be uninformed and oblivious, scared and unsure, but

God wants us to be skilful worriers.

Sometimes God requires you to respond, asking you to do something that might look weird for ourselves or someone else. Often our reaction is that maybe I misunderstood or it was my imagination. Praying out of season will not yield quick results, or maybe no result even. If Abraham would have gone up that hill ten years earlier he would have had no heir afterwards. We need to ask God to reveal how and when we can do these acts.

Lead by the Holy Spirit I am redoing my spare bedroom as a prophetic act of faith for someone else, but I won't say who.

Likewise, when you pray you need to be bold as a child of God. **When you speak blessings or a change into a situation you are actually creating a prophetic act of faith.**

Remember that God spoke the universe into existence. Humans have the ability to articulate words with consonants, whereas animals normally make vowel sounds after they opened the mouths. We have the ability to speak a difference into a situation. Our mouths are still our most powerful tool. Prayer is our most powerful weapon. When we pray we release and commission into the spiritual realm. When we are faced with a challenge or a difficult situation we can create reality with our mouths. Once you release something with faith in the spiritual realm it will set further actions in motion to establish the situation into the natural later.

So, when you pray you need to look for a legal reason to bring about a change. One example, is that you can claim Joshua 1, footstep principle. If you enter some unbeliever's house, who received and treated you well, you can use that as a reason to speak a blessing of salvation into their lives, when you pray later in your private time.

When someone has treated you poorly and you did not deserve it, you as a child of God would have a legal advantage over them if you do not retaliate. You can turn the situation around and claim their lives to be saved, in God's court.

When the two guys robbed me, I prayed for them, by claiming their souls for the kingdom. I know that this principle is so powerful that it must happen. My heart was never negative against them, which is why I had the legal advantage in God's court.

A more serious note, could also be that you can speak judgement. But it is better for you to take that legal right and turn the situation around so that they can get closer to God, so that Jesus be glorified. This will make God happy – if you can release his will and not yours. Ask God to give you the wisdom when to speak a blessing and when to release a radical situation.

Sometimes it takes an effort to learn to respond in a Godly way and if you do not know you can ask God how you should respond. Prophetic acts are those to release something, so that it will happen. Rom 4:16-17.

Other examples of legal reasons are just God's will for everybody to be saved, having soul ties with people (like family) etc. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what legal reasons you have to declare a difference into someone's life.

Examples from the congregation:

1. One lady put a cd on each eye in this meeting. She spoke that the spiritual blindness would fall off her son's eyes at the time she threw them down on the carpet.
2. One person said she threw her cigarettes away years ago, from which she was delivered immediately. She did this is the right time of her life.

3. Another person threw his pills away in faith and was healed from a chronic sickness. Again, this was done at the correct time, which God has pointed out to him.
4. Someone prepared a bedroom for his daughter and God opened up a door for restoration of relationships.
5. A lady from another church had a prayer bowl. She put a picture of her favourite car in and trusted the Lord to get a car. God did give her a car. It was different that she was praying for, but she is very happy with what she got. This shows that God was looking at her faith. So what if she had the wrong picture.

More examples were discussed, but it would not be appropriate to publish these publicly. Everyone in attendance agreed that the principle is valid.

Another biblical example for you is the story of King Joash visiting Elisha on his deathbed in 2 Kings 13.

Conclusion

Now you have been reminded how powerful prophetic acts of faith are. Remember this and ask God what you can do to change certain situations. It may just be a prophetic action you need to do in faith, so that He can open up a door for you.

Sometimes you can do these out of your own, sometimes God will lead you to do something.

Remember that a child asks, but a grownup acts. You can ask God to change your situation, but if you are a mature Christian then you should speak the outcome with boldness. You know what is God's will, speak it! Act on it. Do not be scared.

(Just one more note. God gave the title of this message in these explicit words. Think about it.)

We give King Jesus all the honour and glory for our abilities and having received the authority to pray and act in faith, as his child, his ambassadors.

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