

Chapter 3

The Prophecy **Begins**

You may wonder why God did not deal with me personally concerning my need for a new heart until this late date in my ministry. God did begin dealing with me long before I really grabbed hold of His Word to me about my need for a new heart.

I remember earlier times when the Lord spoke deep inside of me, sometimes in the middle of the night or during my prayer time, saying, “Juanita, you need a new heart.” But I did not understand. I felt that I had it all together. I knew that there were some things I had to deal with because of situations that had been caused by past offenses. But I felt that I had been “working with it.”

We all have areas that have become our “strongholds.” We consider these areas to be our “weaknesses,” a term we have been taught by the preaching in this era and season of life.

The mass majority of teachings that I have heard say, “Be encouraged,” “It’s OK,” “That’s your weakness” and “God understands.” By all means, the Lord does understand. Yet I believe that when you have been called to the office of a prophet and begin to seek the Lord with intensity, you strive not simply to

receive a Word from Him to deliver to people, but to receive a Word from the Lord for *you*.

When you hear a Word from Him, you begin to change “inside.” You asked for a Word *for yourself*—one by which you can *live*.

Transforming Prayer



Several years ago, my life began to take a turn when God called me to pray at 5:00 A.M. each morning. I would go into prayer for others, but I found that I began to yearn for another level in God for myself. I began to seek the Lord for a new depth in Him, for the God of Abraham and the God of Jacob. I wanted the God of the Old Testament. During this time, I remember seeing manifestations of the Spirit and character of God in Africa. “God,” I prayed, “I want a relationship with You so that I can believe You for anything. I want to know who You are beyond a shadow of a doubt.”

As I sought the Lord with intensity, I began to change. One of the first scriptures I heard Him speak to me was Matthew 5:8:

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see
God.

—KJV

I had read this verse from the Beatitudes many times. As a “Sunday school baby,” I was raised on the Beatitudes. As far back as I can remember, even when I was three or four years old, my mother took us to Sunday school. The Beatitudes were some of

the first Bible truths that I learned.

As I began to seek the Lord, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” came alive in my spirit. How could this happen? Why would God take me back to when I first learned about Him? After years of walking with Him, I had come to understand that there are different levels of revelation. There is the “milk” level of the Word, which leads to learning the “bread” of the Word, and, finally, you are able to move up to the “meat” of the Word.

Though I had heard this scripture many times before, I believe that God was trying to reveal the “meat” of this Word to me, which was the revelation of it from the third realm. From this realm behind the veil, we encounter the divine presence of God. It is where we learn the fullness of His heart and instruction. This is how, I believe, the Lord allows us to know “of” Him. Our spiritual level of understanding is based on the position of our heart “with” Him.

As this Word of the Lord, “Blessed are the pure in heart...,” settled in my spirit, I remembered that I had always interpreted it to say, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for one day, when we die and go to heaven, we shall see God.” The Lord began to say to me, “I desire that your spiritual eyes see Me now, but the only way that I can reveal My mysteries to you is according to My Word...the mysteries not yet revealed to man.”

In Jeremiah 33:3, God said, “Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things.”

The Lord further said to me, “I will show you secrets that have not yet been revealed to man. I will not reveal My secrets to those whose hearts and

motives are not pure.” Then He added, “If you want to see Me in a way that you have never seen Me before, then I am compelling you to get a new heart.”

I tried to respond by saying, “Well...I am struggling, and I see some things...I know that everything in my heart is not right. God, I just want You to fix it.” During this season of early morning prayers, God revealed to me that He had no desire to reconstruct and “fix” my old heart. His desire and purpose was to give me *a new heart*. Deep down, I knew that He was right. How did I know this? The Lord took me to Luke 6:45:

The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

When I listened to the language that came out of my mouth and observed some of my actions, I began to face what I call “the truth of all truth.” Some of those actions repeated themselves over and over again, even after much time in prayer about them. The truth I faced was that, like the apostle Paul said, after I had preached to others, I had become a castaway (1 Cor. 9:27). I sought the Lord even more intently and said, “God above everything...” I put my ministry, fame and television personality on the back burner. I said to God, “I do not care what comes and what goes. Most of all, I want to make sure that I am saved *for real*.”

A Revelation for the World



As the Lord continued to deal with me about the new heart, I knew that by the time for me to minister that Word, I would already have learned to “walk it out.” At that time, I did not understand why I had a problem forgiving people who had offended me. I did not understand why I was praying, “God, You know that I am trying to forgive them, but it just seems like I can’t.”

He began to reveal to me that the “old heart” does not come with forgiveness in it. The old heart does not come with mercy. The old heart does not come with compassion. This heart is born to be unfaithful to God. It is born without submissiveness. The nature of this heart is to operate from a spirit of rebellion—everything is conditional. You may hear that the unconverted heart has “eternal” qualities, but this contradicts the Word of God.

“You must begin to reveal this Word to the world,” He told me. “I am not giving you this truth so that you hide your hands and say to people, ‘Everything is going good. Everything is OK.’”

It made me stand back and take a long look at what I thought I had known and understood for so long. On the exterior, you can look at the church and see megachurches springing up everywhere. Christian programs have high ratings on television. Overall, Christendom is beginning to gain a newfound respect in the world.

Even still, I had to stand back and ask, Are we gaining respect because we are preaching an

uncompromising gospel? Are we “crying loud” and “sparing not”? Or is the respect we are starting to enjoy coming to us because the church is becoming very cosmetic? Have we taken on the “cloak” or appearance of the world to such a degree that the world feels comfortable coming to the God we preach about? Are they coming to Him because the God we preach, after all, does not require us to sell out?

This “relaxed” gospel does not require that we lament, grab hold of the horns of the altar and travail for the birthing of souls—the “true” birthing process that happens when a soul comes through the birth canal the proper way. Today’s “religion” says, “Come as you are and stay as you are. It is just between you and God, because God understands.” Watch out! The Bible says that in the last days, the hearts of men will “wax cold,” and they will not “endure sound doctrine” (Matt. 24:12, KJV; 2 Tim. 4:3, KJV).

What do I mean by sound doctrine? Sound doctrine is the kind of doctrine that converts men’s hearts.

A Sober Realization for Ministers of God



When you understand this Word, then you know that at some point you are not going to be the most popular person. You know that you are going to take a stand that is going to bring you much persecution—as it has me.

I know who I am called to be for God. I know the kind of prophet He has called me to be. Some prophets are called to prophesy “good.” Some prophets are

called to prophesy prosperity. But I am called to stand on the wall. I am called to cry loud and spare not. I am called to make God's people aware that while they are getting a new house, a new car and a new job, they need to be trying to get a new heart. The new heart causes us to see the things of God.

The new heart brings the understanding that when everything looks chaotic, because your heart is pure you can see above the chaos and the attacks that Satan blows in your direction. Although you are glancing at the debris surrounding the place where you stand, you can still see God. When you have a pure heart, God is not hidden.

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The Lord began to speak to me from Matthew 23:23-24:

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you give a tenth of your mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected and omitted the weightier (more important) matters of the Law—right and justice and mercy and fidelity. These you ought [particularly] to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, filtering out a gnat and gulping down a camel!

God began to show me that we, my fellow ministers and prophets of this hour, have begun to concentrate on the houses, the cars, the new jobs and the money that is coming. Yet we have failed to focus on what is

most important. Due to lack of prayer, our hearts have become insensitive and, thus, impure. We cannot hear the heartbeat of God. We do not understand that God's heart has picked up the pace. In times past, God "tolerated" certain things. Now, the pace has picked up, and things are different.

Why? God said to me, "After I have come to you and forewarned you over and over again..." God help us. His tolerance level is being weighed down, worn thin, because now people are not walking in iniquity because they are ignorant. They are walking in iniquity because they are rebellious. The Bible says that "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft" (1 Sam. 15:23).

The Lord says that now the "weightier" thing is our need to get a new heart. If we neglect doing this, the Lord would say from Matthew 23:25-28:

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but within they are full of extortion (prey, spoil, plunder) and grasping self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may be clean also.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and everything impure. Just so, you also outwardly seem to people to be just and upright but inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness and iniquity.

A Divine Paradigm Shift



God began to say to me, “In this hour I am calling forth my prophets to purify themselves so that they will not prophesy through eyes of deception. Looking at this ‘glorious’ church and prophesying of her beauty, they have not been able to see on the inside of the church. She is full of lawlessness and iniquity and everything that is impure and unclean.”

He told me, “I want you to begin to ‘major’ in what I am majoring in right now. It is a fact that I am taking My people along a certain route, and I am blessing them. I am allowing them to get the things that their hearts desire, because this will be the catalyst that I will use to prove to them that it was never Me they wanted. They wanted Me for *things*—they wanted Me for a car, they wanted Me for a house, they wanted Me for a job and for a new husband.

“When I give them everything that their heart desires, and when a newfound walk in Me does not come out of that, or a new heart, then I am showing them that they were never after a walk of righteousness when they came to Me.” Then He took me to the prayer of Jeremiah:

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You. O Hope of Israel, her Savior in time of trouble, why should You be like a sojourner in the land and like a wayfaring man who turns aside and spreads his tent to tarry [only] for a night? Why

should you be [hesitant and inactive] like a man stunned and confused, like a mighty man who cannot save? Yet You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by Your name; do not leave us!

—JEREMIAH 14:7-9

Hear God's reply beginning in verse 10:

[And the Lord replied to Jeremiah] Thus says the Lord to His people [Judah]: In the manner and to the degree already pointed out have they loved to wander..."

As I read this, He told me, "Though prophets are crying out to Me on behalf of the people, I have to allow you, Juanita, to begin to see the nature of the people." We must be careful that we are not crying out for a people, or for individuals, who do not even *want* God! He said to Jeremiah, "These people are wanderers..."

God said to Jeremiah, "'To the degree already pointed out' to you, My people have loved to wander. They have loved to stray away from Me."

They have not restrained their feet. Therefore the Lord does not accept them; He will now [seriously] remember their iniquity and punish them for their sins. The Lord said to me, Do not pray for this people for their good. Though they fast, I will not hear their cry; and though they offer burnt offering and cereal offering [without heartfelt surrender to Me...]

—JEREMIAH 14:11-12

There goes that phrase again, "...without heartfelt surrender..." Even though we are doing many

wonderful things in the body of Christ, God said to me, “Though, Juanita, you are going forth and doing this, and doing that, and fasting... it is not a heartfelt surrender to Me. I still do not see in you that your will has been yielded to Me to the point that you want a new heart.”

Then God continued speaking to me from Jeremiah 14:12–13:

...or by offering it too late], I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. Then said I, Alas, Lord God! Behold, the [false] prophets say to them, You will not see the sword, nor will you have famine, but I [the Lord] will give you an assured peace (peace that lasts, the peace of truth) in this place.

God is sending us a warning. We must be careful that while we are prophesying prosperity and peace, God is not moving in a whole different vein!

Then the Lord said to me, The [false] prophets prophesy lies in My name. I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, nor have I spoken to them. They prophesy to you a false or pretended vision, a worthless divination [conjuring or practicing magic, trying to call forth the responses supposed to be given by idols], and the deceit of their own minds. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the [false] prophets who prophesy in My name—although I did not send them—and who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

—JEREMIAH 14:14–15

The Lord began to deal with me and say, “If you are going to walk in this office in this last hour, I am compelling you to cry out to My people. Provoke them to desire a new heart. Though you hear one prophet over here...” (I am not saying that God told me these would be false prophets) “...though you hear one prophet over there saying, ‘Blessings,’ and another saying, ‘Peace,’ you had better cry out what I am calling YOU to cry out.

“At this time, as I am calling you to cry out concerning the new heart, there is already a remnant of people that I have prepared, and I have already begun to turn their minds. I have set them in the birth canal to receive this conversion. If you dare not speak what I call you to speak, you will cause a host of men and women to be lost in trespasses and sin because you went with the popular prophecy.”

I have been asked on many occasions, “Why do you think God is saying this right now? When you look at it, our churches are bigger now than ever before.” Yes, but are the people really being delivered? Are they coming into an understanding of the true plan of salvation? Are they coming into an understanding of “counsel,” or are they coming into a true understanding of conversion?

I picked up Jeremiah’s burden from what he saw, according to his words in chapter 9:

Oh, that my head were waters and my eyes a reservoir of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of My people! Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place (a mere shelter) for wayfaring men, that I might leave my people and go away from

them! For they are all adulterers [rendering worship to idols instead of the Lord...]

—JEREMIAH 9:1-2

People are rendering more worship to their pastors, to the beauty of their churches, to the worship songs than to God, “Who has espoused the people to Himself” (v. 2). Idols have espoused the people to themselves!

They are a gang of treacherous men [faithless even to each other]. And they bend their tongue, [which is] their bow for the lies [they shoot]. And not according to faithfulness do they rule and become strong in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know and understand and acknowledge Me, says the Lord. Let everyone beware of his neighbor and put no trust in any brother. For every brother is an utter and complete supplanter (one who takes by the heel and trips up, a deceiver, a Jacob), and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.

—JEREMIAH 9:2-4

Do you still want to know why we need a new heart? Verses 5 and 6 say:

And they deceive and mock everyone his neighbor and do not speak the truth. They have taught their tongues to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity. Your habitation is in the midst of deceit [oppression upon oppression and deceit upon deceit]; through deceit they refuse to know and understand Me, says the Lord.

What did God say about the heart in Jeremiah 17? He said that above all things, the heart is desperately wicked and deceitful. When you see that wickedness and deceit are prevalent in our churches and in our society, then you know that *the church must seek God for the new heart.*

Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will melt them [by the process of affliction to remove the dross] and test them, for how else should I deal with the daughter of My people? Their tongue is a murderous arrow; it speaks deceitfully; one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lays snares and waits in ambush for him.

—JEREMIAH 9:7–8

I want to repeat this: “Their tongue is a murderous arrow; it speaks deceitfully; one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lays snares and waits in ambush for him.” God help us.

This verse indicates that there is a match, a parallel, between Israel in Jeremiah’s day and the church in this final hour. For many people, what we say and what we do are two different things. Yet we try to hide who we are and what we do by covering it up with what we say. Eventually that will turn. Why? Because when this wicked heart becomes full and active, having been fed by iniquity, and allows the mind to assume full control, we will see the depths of this old heart operating to its fullest potential.

We will still try to cover it up over and over again saying, “I am not like that.” Eventually, though, we will have to face the fact that we have become like

the Pharisees in Matthew 12:34, whom Jesus confronted by saying:

You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the super-abundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.

We Cannot Hide From the Truth



You cannot hide who you really are. Eventually, that “old heart” within you will go into full operation. You cannot suppress it. You cannot keep that evil heart from operating. Its nature is to pump. Its nature is to function (operate), and when it begins to operate to its fullest potential, then the words of your mouth are going to speak from the abundance of what is in your heart.

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ten to your conversation.**

Lies, deception and trickery will come out of your mouth. Snares for your brother will escape your lips. Out of your mouth will come greed and lust for the flesh and for things—rather than words reflecting a righteous desire to seek and obey God. If you want to know what you are full of, and what your heart is full of, listen to your conversation.

Everything is naked before Him to whom we must

give an account. (See Hebrews 4:13.) God is calling us today—as leaders—to get *real* and set the pace for others. We must pursue the new heart, or we will not be able to understand and obey what He is telling us to do.