THE DYNAMICS OF FAITH

- consists of transcribed teachings dealing with the fundamentals of the faith-walk.

Thanks be:

To my beloved Heavenly Father for His Tender Love and His constant and enduring Patience and Mercy.

To my beloved Jesus: my Master, my Champion and my Lord.

To my beloved Friend and Teacher, the Holy Spirit - Who empowers me in all things and leads me in the paths of righteousness.

To all those who love the Lord. May you be blessed in the reading of this book.

This book is dedicated to the Glory of God the Father and to the exaltation of the Name of Jesus in the earth and to the edification of the Body of Christ and each one of Her members.

...."And God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues..."

1 Corinthians 12:28 KJV

...."And His gifts were varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us, some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, travelling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock), and teachers, His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints, His consecrated people, that they should do the work of the ministering toward building up Christ's body the Church. That it might develop until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God; that we might arrive at really mature manhood - the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection - the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and the completeness found in Him"....

Ephesians 4:11-13 Amplified Translation

In this last hour there is a great need for every child of God to have a full and true revelation of the five-fold ministry. There has been much confusion in the Body of Christ as to the true definition of the apostle, the prophet, the teacher, the evangelist and the pastor and, because of this, the ministry of God's Word has been greatly hindered in the earth. The Lord has instructed me to define the office of the prophet and, in doing so, to provide those who will read this book with a deeper understanding and a greater knowledge of the Father's purpose and will concerning the ministry. It is my earnest prayer that the writings contained within this book will help clear away any of the lies of Satan which have served only to hinder the building up of the Body of Christ through the five-fold ministry.

THE WORK OF A PROPHET

The work of a prophet is to act as God's messenger and make known the will of God to His people. They are called to teach men and women of God's character (the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart), showing a continually fuller revelation of God's dealings in the past through the Scriptures - as well as to deliver the present-day message from the throne of God to His people. It is also the call of the prophet to denounce sin and foretell its punishment under the divine unction of the Holy Spirit. They are to be - above all - a vessel of righteousness. When the children of God fall away from the true and absolute faith to which they are called, the prophet is brought on the scene to restore that faith by pointing the people of God back to His holy Word and, by that Word, remove the false views about the Father's character - false views that are caused by mental (carnal, fleshly) ascent to His Word - and the true nature of the "Divine Requirement" (Luke 10:27) for His children. Up until this time, there has been a great degree of darkness in the church in the area of the offices of the ministry. Many "denominations" refuse to acknowledge the fact that the office of the prophet is still in existence, and that is necessary for the Church today. There are also certain groups in the church who - though they acknowledge prophets and apostles - have been deceived concerning the absoluteness of the Father's plan for the establishment of a Glorious Church and, thus, their actions are not in accordance with the Word of God. Because they have "allowed" themselves to be held by

darkness in some form and they tend to exalt the self-exaltive (arrogant) nature of Satan, rather than the mind and character of Jesus - and the tender and loving mercies of the Heavenly Father. Then there are those who accept the prophets of God to the degree that their words are able to be received "comfortably" by them, but when the message of judgement and repentance comes they will most certainly forsake the prophet of God and reject "with a vengeance" what they say.

WE ARE ENTERING INTO THE GREATEST AGE OF THE CHURCH THIS EARTH HAS EVER SEEN!

These "categories" are not new to the people of God - for throughout history we are able to see the mistreatment of the "messengers" of God! In the Body of Christ today these things ought not be! For we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us to teach us and lead us into all truth. As the children of God draw near to their loving Father in this last of the last hour the urgency in His heart for the true and proper establishment of the offices of the five-fold ministry within the Body of Christ will be revealed to their heart. We are entering into the greatest age of the Church this earth has ever seen! There will be many raised up in this hour as apostles and prophets for the edification of the Body of Christ. Let us receive them for what they are: "gifts" sent from the heart of God, and receive (hear and act upon) the revelations that He has given them. For the hour is late and there is a great deal of work to be done before our Lord returns, but by His Strength and Might we will accomplish the task, and Satan and all his forces shall indeed be ashes under the soles of our feet!

THE CONTINUED EMPOWERMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION

Keeping in mind all of the things which have just been written here are seven definite characteristics of the true prophet of God. As the children of God study and meditate on these points, and as they open their hearts to the Word of God by giving Him His rightful place on the throne of their heart, they will not be deceived by Satan in any way in this last hour. Through the continued empowerment of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation they will be able – in any given moment - to distinguish between those who do and those who do not serve God, between the righteous and the unrighteous, and between the prophets of God and the false prophets of Satan.

SEVEN DEFINITE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRUE PROPHET OF GOD

- 1. They reverence God in all that they do.
- 2. They proclaim a revelation of the Truth in all that they do thus exalting the Name of Jesus at every turn.
- 3. They keep themselves separated from all sin and all manner of iniquity.
- 4. They walk with God and in His counsel at all times.
- 5. They teach and expound on the Word of God, speaking the Truth in love at all times.
- 6. They turn many away from iniquity and lead the children of God into the "fulness" of the inheritance they have in Jesus Christ.
- 7. They are the messenger of the Lord at all times and are a "sign" to the people of God; a good sign to those who love the Lord their God, and a constant thorn to those who forsake their God to follow after the desires of their own flesh.

All scripture quotations are taken from the New American Standard Translation of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

> "DYNAMICS" : the inner workings of something, the treating or study of the effects of forces that produce action or motion.

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