

## **What to do with Prophecies (II)**

***“This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare.” (1st Timothy 1 verse 18, New King James Version).***

This is the key Bible verse for our ***“Come and See”*** devotional today.

The first part of this series of devotionals taught us why we should pray fervently and make sure we take heed to all the good prophecies that have been made concerning us. The enemy in the form of the devil will always attempt to hinder the fulfilment of those prophecies because that is his ugly nature. Also, we ought to know that there is no demilitarized zone in the spiritual realm of life, because the devil and his desolate fallen angels persistently wage war against the destiny of God’s people.

The entire life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was based on fulfilling the great prophecies of the prophets who preceded Him. For example, when He came and dwelt in Capernaum, a city by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, it was another fulfilment of the prophecy spoken by Prophet Isaiah: *“the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.”* (Isaiah 9:2, New King James Version). Even though Jesus was anointed without measure, He was always fasting and praying to ensure the fulfilment of all the prophecies concerning Him. This is because His destiny was tied to the physical realisation of those words that had gone ahead of Him through the mouth of the prophets. The same applies to us.

As we act in accordance with the prophecies concerning our lives, it is crucial for us all to believe the source through which they were channelled. Here the words of Prophet Jehoshaphat are applicable: *“hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in the LORD your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”* (2nd Chronicles 20 verse 20b, New King James Version). This crucial need to believe and not doubt God’s prophets is the main factor which will determine the realisation of prophecies in our lives. The enemy will make persistent effort to discredit these words of hope. We should remember the temptation of Jesus Christ by the devil after fasting for forty days; here the devil tried to persuade Him that the words of the prophets, concerning Him, were untrue (read Matthew, 4 verse 1-11). The devil questioned the identity of Jesus about his son-ship.

During this temptation by the devil, Jesus Christ did not engage him with ordinary words but used the indisputable words of the Living God. For God says: *“heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”* (Matthew 24 verse 35, New International Version). We must always believe without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Isaiah 55 verse 11 states: *“so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”* Those good promises will come to fulfilment in your lives!

Let us pray: *“Father, by your unfailing power and mercy; let your words come to pass in my life, I come against every forces of delay working against my expectations”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

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