

# When God Says... (The True Meanings of Prophetic Terms)

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God gives us prophetic messages for the purpose of building our character, and to grow the fruit of the Holy Spirit in us. A process is needed for these goals to be achieved.

## **When God says, 'You are a person of great patience...'**

Patience – Rom 5:3 tribulations, problems, trials, time delays, to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us.

What to expect: Your life will be in a mess, through which you will grow the fruit of patience.

## **When God says, 'You are a person of great wisdom...' or 'God will give you great wisdom...'**

Wisdom – means God allows problems and situations to arise beyond your capacity to solve.

What to expect: You will face great problems which are way beyond your ability to solve. Through all these trials you will learn Godly wisdom.

## **When God says, 'You will demonstrate to My Church the Father's loving heart...'**

Love – You will deal with some unlovely people, normally someone close to you.

What to expect: You will face problems in your relationships. Some people close to you will do you great harm and you will learn and demonstrate God's love by offering them your other cheek, and also forgiving them. Like Stephen, while they are stoning you, you will learn to shout to God, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

## **When God says, 'You are a person of great faith...'**

Faith – is developed on the edge of disasters, when we need a miracle.

What to expect: You will face problems so enormous that you will be shouting to God in panic, 'Help, God, if You do not turn up today to help me with a significant miracle I will be totally stuffed....'

## **When God says, 'I will build/expand/increase your ministry/business/enterprise....'...'**

Build, Expand, Increase – renovations, digging, uprooting, new foundations, a soul stretching experience, a mess.

What to expect: Some upheavals are coming to whatever you are comfortable with. Something you enjoyed doing will disappear and will be replaced by new challenges. Big changes are coming.

### **When God says, 'I will give you a great harvest...'**

Great Harvest – involves a lot of planting, digging and fertilising. What season are we in?

What to expect: You will be very busy. There will be digging, planting, fertilizing, weeding, removing insect pests, spraying, watering, waiting, harvesting, processing, transporting, distributing to do.

### **When God says, 'You will be victorious...' or 'You will be an overcomer, a conqueror...'**

Victorious, Overcomer, Conqueror - Going into a battle.

What to expect: You will engage in a battle or a war with the true possibility of getting killed.

### **When God says, 'I will restore...'**

Restore – can be things or us, eg: a car is stripped, pulled apart, rust removed, parts replaced, debris removed, there is an absolute mess, THEN it is restored.

What to expect: The sandblaster will be out. All rust and faulty parts will be removed and polished down to bare metal. All accessories and parts will be taken apart and cleaned and repaired and replaced. You will be left in small heaps on the floor of the garage, until the whole thing is put together again. Meanwhile, it will appear to be a huge mess.

### **When God says, 'I will give you a Worldwide Ministry. You will be a Great Success..' or, 'I will give you a Millionaire Ministry...'**

Worldwide Ministry, Great Success, and Millionaire Ministry - the Greater the Ministry, the longer the process needed for its preparation, eg: David, Joseph, Abraham, Moses. A short process can lose your ministry, eg: Saul, Solomon.

What to expect: Like Joseph, prepare to be betrayed by brothers and sold into slavery and then sent to the prison, or as Moses to be sent into exile as a shepherd in the desert for forty years. We need to appreciate the process and understand what God is doing. (Notes from Mario Liu: The Lord likes to tell me in situations like this, 'please endure and co-operate.')

### **When God says, 'I will...' or 'You will....' or 'We will...'**

I Will, You Will, We Will - God will enable us and we need to cooperate with God. Exod 6:6-8, God's 7 "I wills" to Moses - but Moses had to face difficulties and danger and carry out God's plans

What to expect: Challenges are coming.

**When God says, 'I will give you a New Revelation..' or 'I will give you a New Vision..' or 'I will bring forth a New Ministry...'**

New Revelation, New Vision, Bring forth a Ministry - There will be a birthing process. The New Growth is taking place on the inside and is not obvious to outside observers.

What to expect: You need to be flexible - for a long period you seem to have nothing to show for your efforts. You may feel awkward and stretched and uncomfortable, and you may look ridiculous. Before delivery it is the always the hardest. In a natural birth great pain is involved. You most probably will be saying things like: "Why did I ask for this?", or "I don't want to go through this, it's not worth it, it's all too hard."

**When God says, 'I will give you a life of fullness...'**

GREAT FULLNESS - Involves great challenges

What to expect: Sometimes we think a life of GREAT FULLNESS should be a life of all good, smooth sailing.

A full life has all aspects:

great good,	great not so good,
great faith,	great fear,
great hope,	great hopelessness,
great success,	great perceived failure.

**When God says, 'I will Immediately...'**

Immediately - 1 day to 3 years

What to expect: God is never in a hurry, He is always on time. To God, one day means a thousand years. Be patient.

**When God says, 'I will very soon ...'**

Very soon - 3 years to 10 years

What to expect: Patience being developed.

**When God says, 'I will now...' or, 'I will this day...'**

Now or this day - 10 to 40 years

What to expect: Greater patience being developed.

**When God says, 'I will...'**

I will - some time during your life, **if** you are obedient

What to expect: Patience and obedience being developed.

**When God says, 'I will soon...'**

Soon - the term Jesus used 2000 years ago regarding His second coming

What to expect: Patience and faith being developed.

**When God says, 'I will shortly...'**

Shortly - Brother Phil confessed that he is still trying to figure this one out.

What to expect: That this term will be explained in this class...shortly.