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Prophecy and spiritual Gifts

It's amazing, the world's respect comes from possessions- the more possessions you have the higher job you have. In the community we give up our possessions so that He can become our possession. I Corinthians 14:24 - everyone who is inspired by the Holy Spirit can speak words to do what it says there, give testimony to what the Holy Spirit has done in their lives to prove that there is a real God. It's a testimony to outsiders.

It's for a purpose that you'd talk about that. Prophecy is an inspired testimony that inspires someone else who needs that prophecy to survive. Prophecy is food for our soul. If you hold back you are in sin; you are not able to be used by the Holy Spirit. People speak as prophets. We can already see people speaking as prophets. They are not fully developed yet. The whole community survives by them. The whole community survives by what everybody says. When a prophet speaks the others take it and assimilate it and it gets digested.

Just a few people get what the prophets say. The body profits by people taking what the prophets say and speaking about it. Not just outsiders profit, but we profit by what's prophesied.

But if we are separated from God we are in sin, and there is nothing that we can speak. Whatever is whispered into our ear is what we survive by. We are responsible for it. People who cannot hear the word cannot live by the word.

Faith comes by hearing. Romans 10:17. The Holy Spirit gives utterance to a person to pass on Yahshua's utterance. If a person isn't able to give, it means he hasn't received. If you haven't received, it means you are dead. If you have received, you are responsible to pass on what you have.

The roof top was the place where they met together, were together, ate together. The next neighbor had a roof top, and then the next neighbor. They lived in close quarters. They could shout to each other.

If a person can't hear he is dead while he is alive. If you don't pass on what you have you are a murderer. You hate your brother. What is hate? Hate is an expression. The love that God has put into our hearts isn't a verb. We are to love (verb) with the love that God has put into our heart. Love is not just a feeling, but it's to carry out that feeling to serve others. To serve others is true worship.

I John 3:14 - verb - action, being, condition

He who does not love (verb) abides in death (spiritual death). Verse 15 - if you hate a person, you don't love him. If you love a person, you don't hate him. You don't love people you hate. If we are not motivated by love, we hate our brothers. Hate means not loving. It's an

expression of not loving. You love something else more. Therefore, it shows hate towards your brother. You have to hate father, mother ...if you want to follow me.

Let two or three prophets speak - those who have the gift of being a prophet. The rest pay attention and weigh what's being said so that all may be instructed. I Corinthians 14:31.

What is that instruction? It's a supply for the building. It's an ongoing building. You get the supply from the supplier, the Holy Spirit. If you never get anything, you are dead, you are not a builder. You are a destroyer. Destroyers will be removed. You just stand around on the roof or in the house.

Verse 24 and 29 - The words *prophecy* here are different words.

I Peter 4:11 - If anyone speaks it has to be prophecy. It should be God speaking. Or should it be their own flesh? It should be what our Father wants us to say to benefit others. His Spirit inspires us to speak the words that build up the body. If it's only our word it'll destroy. To build a building is to edify. A building is an edifice.

I Corinthians 14:3 - A prophet edifies.

I Corinthians 14:3 - there are not many prophets, not many to prophesy, because it says in verse 1, "Earnestly desire spiritual gifts." If you don't desire spiritual gifts you won't get any. Quest - pursue this love. Prophecy is a general term here, meaning interpreting God's will. When you hear a word, a teaching, you are to interpret it and pass it on. We have to really desire this. Those who prophesy know God's will. Their minds are renewed. They are separated from the world. You can't be a prophet and love the world.

I Corinthians 14:3 - For the up-building of the edah.

Constructive - construction, putting things together so we can make progress. This is everyone's responsibility.

When we have sinned or come against the authority of God, it can be a sin unto death; it is like stuffing cotton into our ear. More and more gets stuffed in there. You are dead. You may as well be removed from the community. You are not building. Whoever is with me is building; whoever is not with me is destroying. Malachi 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:15 - we speak because we love one another. We believe - we have faith, therefore we speak.

You never pray for anything that you don't desire first. If you don't want His kingdom to come, you don't pray for it. If you want His kingdom to come and His name to be hallowed, you pray for it. Praying means begging, pleading. What does *pray* mean? Just speaking words? Asking for it with all your heart because you want it. Prayer is heard in heaven. If it's not heard there, it's not prayer.

Luke 21:36 - Praying is to express the very desire of your heart to your Father. We want to be able to stand before Him someday without our knees buckling under us. I don't know if we ever come past the point of ever needing anything.

Revelation 3:14-18 - The Laodicean church came past that point. We need to pray for spiritual gifts. Do we need leaders here in Reuben? Are there any elders in Reuben? What is the main thing an elder does? He is a teacher, to teach the word of God. He is inspired, able to understand the word of God and pass it on. Elders have a greater degree of glory. They are able to be respected.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders. We need leaders. Reuben needs leaders of the tribe of Reuben. Are you of the tribe of Reuben? Go back 2000 years and you find your roots in Israel. Most of you are Reubenites. There need to be leaders coming forth from you. Then there are people of Levi here and Shimon.

Romans 11:1 - Certainly, He is still saving Israel. "I am from the tribe of Benjamin."

Romans 10:19-21 - Look at that foolish nation. But we'll make them angry, jealous. Then thousands will be saved. He is still saving Israelites. Paul was from Benjamin. Look at Levi how staunch they are. You are Reubenites. Look at your nose. You are the brother of Judah. Our Father is gathering His children. Is Israel jealous of us now? No, they don't even know about us. They are not envious. Not until we prophesy, not until we desire spiritual gifts enough to pray for them. He scattered Israel so that in the re-gathering it'll be salvation for the whole world. It's like a big sweeping-net, bringing in everything. Ham and Yapheth will come in and be a part of Israel also.