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## *Foreword*

**I**n his book *Promised Land Without a People*, Bishop Harold Calvin Ray articulates a powerful and timely message for today's church.

One of the wonderful things occurring within the body of Jesus Christ—with so much calamity and turmoil about us—is the fact that great prophetic voices are being raised up to say, as the Bible declares, “This is the way, walk ye in it” (Isaiah 30:21) to a new generation. Bishop Ray is one of those unique voices.

As the day of our blessed Redeemer's return approaches, every Christian must respond to what God is saying and follow the scriptural mandate to do His will and fulfill His purpose in our

lives. This book offers practical, step-by-step instructions of what we must do during these historic times.

May God bless you as you read the pages of this book, and may your life be changed as you break through to a new dimension of power, wisdom, abundance, glory, and anointing!

—BENNY HINN



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## *Introduction*

*T*he onset of the “prophetic age,” including the restoration and acceptability of the function of the prophetic, is perhaps one of the most intriguing phenomena of our time.

As always, the importance and significance of this move of God has been unwarily signaled by Satan’s empowerment of the perversion of “prophetic anointing,” namely “psychic proliferation.”

While it is true that most people who have utilized such illegal prophetic mediums have no idea how much and with what demonic sources they have covenanted, it is also true that all “darkness” will ultimately be exposed by the true power of God demonstrated upon and through the lives of His anointed servants and His obedient children.

More troublesome for the believer, however, is the fact that most have no idea how much responsibility and maturity is required on their part to properly nurture a “prophetic word” to fruition.

To be clear, the issuance of a prophetic word simultaneously evokes the ushering of prophetic responsibility! Once that truth is understood, the believer will more thoroughly appreciate the importance of being spiritually and attitudinally prepared for the “burden” inevitably attached to the receipt of a prophetic word.

Far too many believers are running after “a word.” Meeting

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after meeting, conference after conference, they seek a word, failing to realize or appreciate what in reality a word is.

Beloved, it's not about getting a word. It's about fulfilling a purpose. Thus, if in getting a word you're not serious about aligning your life, whatever be the cost, to do God's will and fulfill His purpose, you have just added weight to the spiritual albatross already hanging around your neck.

The biggest issue in your life is not whether God is speaking to you. The biggest issue is whether or not you've done or are doing anything to fulfill the prior words God has spoken to you!

If you are seeking the blessing of the word without being committed to the burden of the word, your life is about to be a wasteland of disappointments and unfulfilled promises, which

will ultimately create an open door for bitterness and silent rebellion to creep in, affecting your ability to relate to God and the things dear to His heart.

Without exception, this is the hour of urgency for the believer to recognize and commit to the strategic purpose of our life upon the earth. There is likewise an apparent urgency of the Holy Spirit to quicken our comprehension of and response to the spiritual transition now underway. This transition is bringing restoration of the prophetic, both as a spirit resting upon the corporate body and as an office and authority, vested by His grace upon those whom He has called to walk in such authority, speaking His will within the earth, both to the lost and to the church.

We are about to experience the awesome reality of years of prophetic warning that the kingdoms of this world will be dethroned and the kingdom of our Lord shall reign! The problem is that for most of us we have heard such prophecy for so long, we are now miserably failing in recognizing that we are the generation that God has chosen to manifest that prophetic word on the earth.

Just as Hebrews 11:39–40 reminds us:

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Despite the tremendous achievements of those Bible-time heroes whose feats are recorded in the Faith Hall of Fame, the

Word reminds us that we have a job to do that brings their work to perfection. In fact, their work cannot be perfected until we write the final chapter. Let's read on and find out why and how!





# 1

## *Prophecy as Creative Will*

**B**iblically, our very first introduction to God finds Him involved in the process of creation. Genesis, the book of beginnings, records in chapter 1 the creation of all things. However, an extremely important observation often overlooked in this chapter is that the manifestation of God's creative will required nothing more than His spoken word.

“And God said . . .” and so it was! Our God requires nothing outside of Himself to create anything else He desires. His will intrinsically contains the creative power to bring it to pass.

Because God wills it, it is! Because God speaks it, it becomes! But since God cannot lie, He never speaks what is not willed. Thus He can never speak anything that is not already

existent. He only speaks so you might then become what already is!

God's will is intrinsically creative, but God's Word is intrinsically causative! Let's examine two powerful Scripture passages that provide further illumination on this truth.

First consider Romans 8:26–28:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

In context with the position that God's will is intrinsically creative, and God's Word is intrinsically causative, this passage reveals several key points:

First, it reveals and reaffirms the fact that our earthly and fleshly nature in and of itself is too weak, too inadequate to even perceive how to pray in accordance with what already is! Thus, since God needs nothing outside of Himself to create anything else He desires, He compensates our deficiency to perceive His creative greatness by supplying the prayer through part of Himself, the Holy Spirit!