

The Marriage of the Prophetic and the Apostolic

- * Melchizedek (Hebrews 7: 1-2)
 - > Who was he? King of Salem and Priest for God Most High
 - > What did he do? He blessed Abraham
 - > What happened then?
 - He got a tenth of everything from the battle
 - A chapter in the Bible
 - A comparison
- * Hebrews 8:1-2 We find a king, a priest, and a worshipper
- * What happens when the kingly and priestly positions blur?
 - > Religion gets nervous (Matthew 12: 1-4)
- * Other examples
 - > David
 - > Moses
- * Barnabas Roles
 - > Acts 13:1 Prophet
 - > Acts 14:14 Apostle
 - An apostle is a pioneer who is set apart and sent out with a special message or commission , preaching and demonstration the gospel of the Kingdom
 - > Acts 4:36 Levite
- * Barnabas was willing...
 - > ... to pay a price Acts 4:36-37
 - > ... to bring others into the kingdom Acts 9:26-30, 12:25 (Mark)
 - > ... to think “outside the box” Acts 11:22-26
 - > ... to expand borders Acts 13:2-3
 - > ... to restore Acts 15:36-41
- * Functional application (using worship as an example)
 - > Barnabas functioned as a prophet, apostle, and as a Levite, a worshipper. We need each element for effective New Testament ministry. We need prophetic worship that personifies the bride-bridegroom relationship and we need apostolic worship that pushes us beyond our corporate comfort zones into the king’s chambers
- * Prophecy is a love gift! 1 Cor 14:3
 - > As God establishes His priesthood in his Church...then the church will become more and more...a place of strength, encouragement, and comfort.

- * Apostolic concerns proper Kingdom government, order, and protocol
Historically the apostolic was responsible for...
 - ...taking the Gospel to the unreached areas (world and church)
 - ...laying a firm foundation (Christ himself) for the church
 - ...training and establishing leadership in the church
 - ...dealing with specific problems, false doctrines, and/or sins in the church
 - ...promoting unity around and through the manifestation of the kingdom
 - ...demonstrating and imparting the miraculous

- * A New Worship Protocol John 4:20
 - > As God establishes His protocol of worship in His Church...then we will live by the spirit, live in truth, because we were actively pursued and captured by the Father.

- * Prophetic worship is the expression of love, reverence, honor and passion only described as the love of a bride and a bridegroom experienced in this age. Prophetic worship is a glimpse of what worship will look like after the marriage of the lamb. Prophetic worship is worshiping beyond our personal position and relationship. Prophetic worship is worshiping as if a wedding has already taken place.

- * Apostolic worship is much like prophetic worship, however, it has a more focused surge. It is the advancement of worship into uncharted waters. Apostolic kisses the Prophetic. Apostolic takes the prophetic unctioning given to us personally and applies them corporately.

- * As with the life of Barnabas, apostolic worship looks beyond fleshly limitations to divine potential. However, apostolic worship does not ignore humanity. There is a longing to push and/or pull others into God's inner chambers. Apostolic worship pushes the perimeters of worship's musical, lyrical, and heart condition.

- * The Church is emerging! With this new church comes the return of the apostle and the prophet. Ephesians lists the offices. They are mandatory not optional for a maturing church. When you try to imagine the emerging church, It is important to "forget" everything you "think" to be the church. I believe that the structure both internal and even external are changing. Ask God for dreams, visions, and prophetic insight as to what the emerging church will be like. Then ask God for the "apostolic unction" to see it made so.