

Prophetic Insights

8. The Hebraic Restoration: *Reaffirming the Footing—Restoring the Foundations* Where in Your “Home” Are You Putting the Hebraic Foundations?

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Rationalized Preconditions

Many Christians respond to the truths we share about the Hebraic foundations through a mental precondition of rationalization. They misperceive these insights as just another form of “spiritual information” along with everything else they’ve been taught and have disregarded. **They may add to their knowledge, but their core life motivations and goals remain unchanged.** The Hebraic foundations have no more impact on them than shifting around a picture or piece of furniture in their “home.” The foundational structure below the home remains unaffected.

Rationalized preconditions in your mind sound like these: “I’d really like to live with Jesus as Lord of my life, **BUT I don’t want to lose closeness with my friends and family or be rejected by them**; or, **I don’t want to change my comfortable lifestyle if His plan for me means I have to make changes**; or, **I just plain don’t want to until I feel like it’s best for me.**” (See Matthew 8:19-22.)

The Footing Is Jesus; The Foundation Is His Anointing(s)

“[You are] members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the [Footing]. In Him the whole building is joined together...”

(Ephesians 2:19-21).



There are those whose hearts are focused on wholeheartedly loving and serving our Lord Jesus (1Thessalonians 2:12,13). They yearn to become increasingly more like Him in character and motive. Because of their devotion and obedient trust, they understand that the Hebraic foundations are like the substructure of a home—the footing and the foundation. The **footing** supports the entire structure above it, ensuring that the foundation doesn’t crack by settling further into the ground. Although it’s far below the surface, the footing is crucial to the stability of the entire structure. If the footing is weak the foundation will crack and the home above will become unstable. The **foundation** anchors the home to the footing below while supporting it above.

The loving depth of your commitment to our Lord Jesus has to be your **“footing.”** The anointing(s) His Spirit gives you must be your **“foundation”** because it’s only through His giftings and power that you can serve and bring glory to our Father (see Colossians 1:10-12). Your wholehearted commitment to our Lord Jesus and your willing obedience to walk in His Spirit’s anointing(s) undergird everything else in your spiritual “home.”

Our intent in this Prophetic Insight is for you to zero in on your own footing in our Lord Jesus, a footing which is evidenced by ongoing testimony that His Spirit is guiding and empowering your life. There are so many whom our Lord would use to serve Him, but their **rationalization** blocks their availability. They *don’t really trust* His indwelling Spirit, so they talk themselves out of hearing from Him. Don’t let rationalization override the Spirit’s rule of *your* soul and His power to use the anointing(s) He’s given you.

Through *prophecy* our Lord offers His perspective about a problem or circumstance to help someone overcome their own rationalization.

In essence, prophecy is our Lord’s wisdom overruling the limitations of your mind.

The prophetic voice was stilled for centuries throughout Christendom. As the Roman Catholic hierarchy grew ever more powerful in the 4th century, the religious/political merger it embraced

eradicated the biblical roles of the prophet along with the apostle, evangelist, and shepherd/teacher. These anointings posed a threat to the unbiblical establishment of the Roman clergy system and therefore had to be removed from public awareness. Rome became the graveyard of prophets who'd been sent by our Lord to confront the corruption and blasphemy surrounding its dominion. Any prophetic warnings incurred persecution similar to that which was faced at the hands of unbelieving Jews in Jerusalem (Luke 13:34).

About 40 years ago we began to see a return of prophecy within certain camps of Christendom. And as with any work of our Lord to bless His people, Satan sent forth counterfeits to stir up confusion, doubt, and unbelief. Many true prophetic followers of Jesus were driven out of the organized religious system, while false prophets made a name for themselves and reaped profits through orchestrated "prophetic stage performances."

We realize you may not have prophetic people among your friends and acquaintances. Many people choose to hold someone with a prophetic gift at arm's length because the gifting exposes things most prefer to keep hidden, or calls for steps of obedience which may not be well received. This reaction comes as no surprise, however. In all his trials the prophet Jeremiah had at most only two friends alongside him.

Have you ever wondered why our Lord Jesus would point out that *"anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward"* (Matthew 10:41)? Prophetic messages can be viewed as our Lord's first line of *revealing what He is doing*, as in Amos 3:7; 1Thessalonians 5:19,21; Revelation 19:10.

Prophetic words also provide you His perspective of *what He expects of you*. Please take this to heart:

Religious instruction today is, at best, informative in nature, teaching what people want to hear and/or won't discomfort them. Prophecy, on the other hand, presents our Lord Jesus's perspective, whether it discomforts or encourages those for whom it's intended.

In the years since we were given the Hebraic foundations to share in 1994 we've come to understand why a prophetic anointing needed to be restored in recent decades. Wherever these truths are being discussed around the world, it's the prophetic voice which is revealing our Lord's perspective—beginning with the *footing*, then the *foundation*, and then affecting the *entire home*.

We're giving you our understanding of a prophetic anointing so we can prophetically encourage you that our Lord Jesus is recruiting faceless, humble people in whom He can work through His various anointings.

- He intends that your "footing" rest firmly in Him rather than in a religious comfort zone.
- He purposes that you rely on His Spirit's anointing(s) within you and not on your own strength or in fear of your own weaknesses.

***"The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples"* (Deuteronomy 7:7).**

As you study God's Word it's evident that He never chooses people using the criteria the world employs (1Samuel 16:7). When you've been born again in your spirit and Jesus is Lord of your life, then He has anointed you for Kingdom service (Colossians 1:13,14). This is no

small matter! This should be of utmost importance to you as your heart's desire to demonstrate your love for Him and for other people. If you've spent years in the clergy-based system in which one individual exercised rule over everyone else, don't let Satan keep you imprisoned by self-centered fruitless complacency or by self-accusing unworthiness.

Make sure you know in your heart what *baptism in the Spirit* means to you:

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come One Who is more powerful than I, Whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Each of the gospel accounts points to our Lord baptizing you with His Spirit. This must be significant to Him for it to be repeated in each report! How important is the baptism of the Holy Spirit to you? Since our Lord Jesus is your baptizer, shouldn't you know what this means for you and your way of life?

Throughout the Bible are examples of various people who felt unworthy in some measure that God could use them: Moses, Gideon, Saul, David. Gideon was hiding out in a winepress when the angel appeared to him: *"The LORD is with you, mighty warrior"* (Judges 6:12). The startled man tried to excuse himself with this rationale: *"My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family"* (Judges 6:15; see also Exodus 4:10-14). Gideon did become God's anointed. But it was ONLY after a time of testing, a "baptism of fire" if you will, so that later God ALONE would receive the glory. From the world's vantage point, the 30,000 warriors Gideon started with would seem adequate. But God reduced the number to 300 to display His wondrous power to save.

A number of followers of Jesus whom He wants to use today are imprisoned by past sins they've already confessed and repented of. Yet their chains consist of distrust that our Father has not only *forgiven them* but has also *forgotten their sins*. (See His promise in Psalms 103:12.) If you are going to walk in the anointing(s) the Spirit gives you, it must be *from this day forward*. Don't allow yourself to keep reexamining and regretting events from your past. The reason we're writing our series, **Repentance Leads To Christ-like Character**, is to remind you of the transforming work our Lord does in you when you do confess and repent!

Your past forgiven sins can keep you humble and compassionate toward other people as you reveal Jesus to them. The humility you develop through appreciating the depth of sin you've been forgiven of and the cost Jesus paid on the cross for you smothers any critical judgmentalism on your part toward anyone else.

If you really do belong to Jesus as His redeemed child, then He has chosen you and He has empowered you to accomplish the will of His Father. You might say that the "valley of the shadow of doubt" is getting past seeing yourself according to your own unworthiness because of the sins of your past. Our Father loves you enough to put you through fires of testing that purify your faith as genuine (1Peter 1:6,7). That way you won't rely on your own strength or take credit for what He accomplishes through you.

The Older Testament testifies that when our Lord chose someone to fulfill His purpose, "the Spirit of the LORD came upon them in power." That's still happening, except now we have His Spirit within us to give us the desire and the power to fulfill Father's plans (Philippians 2:13).

Can You Trust That Our Lord Jesus Wants to Use You?

***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it
springs up; do you not perceive it?”***
(Isaiah 43:19)

During the almost 20 years of sharing the Hebraic foundations, many people have contacted us asking, ***“Is there a Hebraic faith community in my area?”*** Not one person, not one, has ever asked us, ***“Can you tell me how to start one?”*** So many Christians lack the vision and confidence to trust that our Lord could use them to initiate a process that’s only now being restored.

You need to know that *we* wouldn't have recruited us to share the Hebraic foundations. When we arrived in Jerusalem in 1993 we were considering divorce. Ministry had taken that deep a toll on our relationship. We sure didn't expect to return together to the States with a prophetic message. But that's the wonder of our Lord! He often chooses those least likely to accomplish His Kingdom purposes. All He needs is a repentant and willing heart. In Jerusalem He changed us through fires of trial so He could entrust us with the foundations He's restoring.

Take A Lesson From Nehemiah *The Burden of Anointing*

Nehemiah was a trusted cup-bearer for King Artaxerxes during the Babylonian captivity of the Israelites. But his heart became *burdened* when he heard of the plight of his fellow Jews who were living in ravaged Jerusalem. His *burden* gave him the courage to approach the king and ask to journey to the city to rebuild it.

You might say that Nehemiah's "burden" is similar to the anointing the Spirit gives

you. He burdens your heart on behalf of others so He can use you to serve them through the anointing(s) He's given you. He is faithful, and you need to trust Him far more than look to the rationalizations of your mind and your own perceived limitations.

When Nehemiah reached Jerusalem he surveyed its shambles but didn't give way to dismay. The "fire" of opposition from Sanballat and Tobiah as well as famine in the land could have discouraged him (Nehemiah 4:7, 5:3). Even a false prophet spoke against him (6:12).

But everyone who initiates something our Lord Jesus wants accomplished will face opposition, the "fire" of testing. Sadly, though, many shrink back (Hebrews 10:38,39). The Spirit then raises up someone else (Esther 4:14). Just know that He uses the difficult circumstances, the "fires," to keep us dependent on His Spirit. He intends that we recognize that whatever is accomplished comes only through His Spirit at work in and around and through us.

A warning to consider:

The number of people who cooperate with you in a specific endeavor isn't an indicator that you'll be successful in it. So instill this truth in your heart: *“Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few”* (1Samuel 14:6). Don't ever be surprised if He has you start out alone, or with just one or two others.

Belief is passive, and Christendom is filled with passive believers. In contrast, your obedient *trust* in our Lord and in the anointing(s) His Spirit has given you produces responsive action. You sure wouldn't want this verse to apply to your own life: ***“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead”*** (James 2:26).

Envision our Father's eyes on you at this point in your life.

- Are you actively and eagerly serving Him as His Spirit uses you (Galatians 5:25)? **Or**, do you drag your feet when the Spirit prompts you to follow through on something?
- Who do you know who is following Jesus as Lord because you made yourself available to represent His love and His saving work to them (Matthew 28:18-20)?
- Can you name any people who are praising your Father in grateful appreciation because His Spirit used your anointing to bless them (Matthew 5:16)?
- **Or**, have you lived a spiritually constipated life, clogged by your own rationalization and self-centered sloth (Proverbs 14:12)?
- Would you consider that your habitual refusal to allow the Holy Spirit to use your anointing to bless others to be grieving or even blaspheming Him by denying Him rule in your life (Mark 3:29)?

"We've written to you briefly, exhorting you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it"

(1Peter 5:12).

We've written this Prophetic Insight to strengthen your resolve to anchor yourself in the "footing" of our Lord and to make the "foundation" of your life your steadfast trust in His indwelling Spirit. Please, don't arrive at the Judgment Throne knowing you were unrepentant in throwing away countless opportunities to represent Jesus in word and deed to the glory of the Father. Lack of trust in His desire and will to direct your path is cowardly, and the consequences can be eternal (Revelation 21:8).