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A) Abstract Summary

Contemporary church is experiencing a great prophetic movement since the first century. Prophecy is the message of God, from God's mind or counsel, which comes forth through man. The message is delivered by a prophet or prophetess through the spoken or written word. A true prophet stands in the counsel of God and declares what they received from God, without wanting recognition or validation for the self. A true prophet is confident in that they heard from God and are content with sharing and leaving the matter there. The prophetic word is to "edify, exhort, and comfort" (pg.25).

The difference between the seer and the prophet is emphasized in the reading. It is critical that the distinction between the seer and the prophet is understood. "All true seers are prophets, but not all prophets are seers" (Goll, pg. 21). The seer and the prophet are depicted as a prophetic river that flows from God's throne and divides into two streams. Each stream is equally important for the sharing of God's word to the world today. In scripture the word "nabiy" describes the prophet that hears and speaks for God. The seer is referred to as the ra'ah and chozeh, according to Strong's Concordance. Meaning "to see," "to gaze," "to look upon," "to perceive" and "a beholder in vision." Goll points out that these two prophetic streams have fed the prophetic movements in church history and today. The book was written to shed light on visionary prophets due to their mysterious nature. Much is known on the nabiy prophet. Goll aims to educate on the seer to dissipate misunderstanding.

Seers do more single-person ministry rather than ministering on a team (Goll, pg. 34). The seer is anointed to see visions, they have revelatory gifts mixed with discerning of spirits. The anointing comes from being in God's presence, it is "the supernatural enablement or grace" (Goll, pg.41). The anointing gives "power to do good and bring healing" (Goll, pg. 41). Seers see in two dimensions either visual meaning they receive insights, revelations, warnings, dreams and prophecies or actual (Goll, pg. 34). Actual seeing is where the seer has a supernatural dream in which God's tangible presence is present (Goll, pg. 34). Dream and vision anointing open the eyes of God's people to the spirit realm (Goll, pg. 43).

To fully move in the prophetic the seer or prophet's heart must remain pure. They are to walk closely with God (Goll, pg. 188). An impure heart will lead to wrong motives and hinder revelation. To move in the prophetic, one must have a holy fear of God, being open and transparent (Goll, pg. 193). The prophet must seek God to know Him, not seek miracles, signs and wonders. Intimacy with God and being in His presence positions then transforms the believer or prophetic vessel, enabling them to carry His presence. God's presence in the vessel's life is what brings forth power for miracles, signs and wonders. Intimacy with God is what opens the gate of heaven to change the perspective of the human mind to awareness of spiritual realities. (Goll pg. 214) This spiritual awareness allows the believer or seer to look at their surroundings or circumstances through God's eyes instead of human eyes. The human lens sees in the natural, for example an unappealing, dry desert or a hard and rocky place. While looking through God's eyes or a spiritual lens we see fertile ground where with the right cultivation will allow for the bearing of much fruit. Intimacy with God brings the believer's or prophetic vessels heart in alignment with God's and produces a passion to win cities and nations for Christ. (Goll, pg. 224) The Seer's goal is to see Jesus and share the revelation of Jesus to others.

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B) Concrete Stories and Memories Evoked by Reading:

As I read Goll's take on how the contemporary church is experiencing a great prophetic movement since the first century, I could not help but think of breaking news stories and social media. Recently in the news there have been stories about God's presence showing up in a discernable way during services across the nations, for example Asbury. At Asbury University in Central Kentucky, people were falling to their knees at the altar. The service went non-stop for two weeks. People from around the nation were drawn to Asbury to experience God's presence. The conversation around this phenomenon was that revival is taking place in America. Around this time many prophetic and deliverance ministers started to become more visibly present, for example a documentary named "Come Out in Jesus Name," was released in mainstream movie theaters. This documentary covered the prophetic ministry stories of Greg Lock, Mike Signorelli, Isaiah Saldivar, Vladimir Savchuk, Taisha Lock, Daniel Adams, Leon Du Preez, Chaira Clark, Hudson Lock, and Alexander Pagani. I could not help but think of the importance of past prophetic leaders, paving the way and passing the torch to the new leaders of the day. The media coverage has reported testimonies of people experiencing God's presence and receiving healing and deliverance. Depicting that there is an open heaven in the nation currently. I have heard some of the teachings of those covered in the movie "Come Out in Jesus Name" and they too speak about, fearing God, living holy and having intimate time with God. It is the intimacy with God that enables them to carry the presence of God and move in His power to bring healing and deliverance.

C) Reflection Questions:

1. What is the most effective way to get this teaching out to the masses? There are many churches operating with the wrong spirit believing that they have an accurate revelation of Jesus when it is a religious spirit or another spirit such as the spirit of divination leading the church.
2. What is the best practice in teaching the testing of revelations and experiences while removing fear of making a mistake?
3. If the Holy Spirit initiates an out of body experience, can another spirit enter the unoccupied body?