

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

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LESSON 1

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MONDAY EVENING

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**Jeremiah 1:1-12 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,  
<sup>2</sup> to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.  
<sup>3</sup> It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.  
<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."  
<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."  
<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak.  
<sup>8</sup> "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup> "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."  
<sup>11</sup> The word of the Lord came to me saying, "**What do you see**, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree."  
<sup>12</sup> Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."

## RECEIVING PROPHETIC REALITIES

### 1. What Do You See?

Monday Evening July 30, 2008

When we were born again, we were transferred into the kingdom of God's dear Son. God caused us to be born again, therefore we are now from above, and no longer just from below. To be born again has to do with the following fact: What we are in Christ we owe to the working of God on our behalf. We are now from above. We are no longer only the product of things that are separate from God. We, who are in Christ, are now born from above—born again.

Now that we have been delivered from the domain of darkness, our minds must be retrained to recognize reality. What we are results from the fulfillment of prophecy—the fulfillment of the word that proceeded from God's mouth, to His servants, and then to us, to save us.

Jesus commanded us to make disciples, because no one will learn to walk in truth—in reality by chance. As we long for the word and find ourselves growing, we begin to realize that God wants us to know Him. He wants us to walk beyond the effect of His presence: He wants us to journey deeper into fellowship with Him.

#### **Psalms 65:4**

<sup>4</sup> How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near *to You* To dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

## FROM HIS PRESENCE TO HIS PRESENCE

God's word is a healing word, a word that is at work in those who receive it as the word of God—a word that was sent to bring us to Him. We must not allow God's word to remain as mere information to us. Receiving His word is a sign of the fact that we are being called to take a journey into His Presence.

We begin our journey having been touched by the Presence of the Lord, that we might continue on from His Presence to His Presence.

#### **Acts 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;  
<sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,  
<sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.  
<sup>22</sup> "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.  
<sup>23</sup> 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'  
<sup>24</sup> "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.  
<sup>25</sup> "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'  
<sup>26</sup> "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."