Hello? I'm a Teacher—not a Prophet!

In 2003, I was invited to be a speaker at a church’s Prophetic Conference. I did not consider myself a Prophet, so I wasn’t sure I should accept. They were fairly persistent, so I went—wondering how it might “shake out” when I spoke. I wasn’t even sure what I would speak about, but here is my message (which I recently found in my old documents on my computer. I have hundreds and hundreds of them. I just hate to throw away a document that might have something in it I could want later. I guess you could call me a “document hoarder.” I wonder if therapists have a name for that one?) Anyway, I would like to share it (edited for space) with you.

2003 Prophetic Conference Teaching by Rev. Liberty Savard: I’m not a Prophet!

I’m very honored to be here with you. I’m so sorry that I have missed the conference up until tonight, but I have been out of town. Perhaps God planned it that way, though, so my teaching was fresh without anyone thinking I was responding to someone previously said. I told my staff that I felt a little off balance coming into the middle of a prophetic summit without any idea of where it had been going, and especially since I would bring an unusual message. Mind you, I knew I probably was going to stand out at this prophetic conference and not just because I’m a 6-foot tall white woman speaker at a black church; I thought I would stand out because I am not a prophet. I am a teacher.

As a teacher, I believe that the apostles and the prophets give you the inspired word of God for an overview, sort of like it is on a beautiful parchment and gold ink menu—I’m the teacher who comes in and breaks down the ingredients and the cooking times and the nutritional value of what’s on the menu. Then I see that it is explained as to how to cook what’s on the menu, serve it, and help you taste it.

Changing analogies midstream, the apostles and the prophets are the heavenly engineers and the visionaries who reveal and drive the purposes of God’s truck—I, as the teacher, am the mechanic who works to keep the truck on track.

I have been saved since 1971, and I confess that I don’t have a background with prophecy. I was raised as a Christian in a large A/G church with a Bible School. Do you know anyone who can mess up more with personal prophecy than young, untrained, overeager Bible school students? Bless their zealous little hearts! Bible school students are notorious for prophesying all kinds of things—things like they know that God has said someone is supposed to marry them—even if she can type, sing alto, and looks nice in a dress. Or especially if he has lofty goals, a full head of wavy hair, and cleans up real good.

I have had all kinds of things prophesied to me that truly frightened me, things that really had nothing of God in them. I did what one person told me God said I
should do and I almost lost my life because of it. I was burned by impure prophecy because I didn’t know how to discern if there was any truth in the words or if it was all false—whether it was well intended or not. I didn’t know that I could set the prophecy aside and keep on walking with God and not worry about it unless He brought it back to my sphere of understanding. But for a time, I would run from anyone who had that “look.” You know the “look” of: “I have a message from God for you whether you think you need it or not” look.

The Word of God says in Hebrews 5:12-14, in The Message, “By this time you ought to be teachers yourselves, yet here I find you need someone to sit down with you and go over the basics on God again, starting from square one — baby’s milk, when you should have been on solid food long ago! Milk is for beginners, inexperienced in God’s ways; solid food is for the mature, who have some practice in telling right from wrong.”

We need far more practice than most of us are actually working at in discerning right from wrong. Too often we are attempting to figure out this difference with our unsurrendered souls, or with some else’s help, which can be as unreliable as staking your future on an optical illusion. If Christians were more practiced in knowing the difference between right from wrong, less of them would be frantically running to and fro to prophetic conferences and chasing prophets for clarification of their situations. Not that any of you are here to do that!

One of the problems that Christians and nearly everyone else have today is that the world is echoing from sea to shining sea with “helpful” voices—on television, voices on public address systems, words on billboards, while newspapers and magazines and the internet flood our souls with claims, with demands to get some, to be more, to have it all or be a loser.

We are also being flooded on a daily basis with various dogma, doctrines, and “isms” from Charismatic to New Age to demonic litanies. Newspapers are everywhere, junk mail fills our mail boxes, and SPAM clogs our e-mail inboxes.

We are so used to it, we don’t realize how much this bombardment of the human mind makes it impossible for us to freely let inspired words from our spirit-to-Spirit connection with God get through to us.

We also have constant input from Christian radio stations, Christian books, Christian videos, Christian CD’s, Christian cassette tapes, and Christian television. All of this constant rumble and low roar of words can obliterate our understanding of the need for a simple, straight forward sermon from the Word of God. Add to this the many denominations all pushing their own interpretation of God’s Word, where is the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus, the pure Good News? In this mass of words, we become numb to, perhaps even scarred or seared against, that still small voice that would speak to us.

In the book of Daniel, chapter 12, the prophet Daniel was told in verse 1-4 (AMP, “AND AT that time [of the end] Michael shall arise, the great [angelic] prince who defends and has charge of your [Daniel’s] people. And there shall be a time of trouble, straitness, and distress such as never was since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the Book [of God’s plan for His own]. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake: some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt and abhorrence. [John 5:29.] And the teachers and those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness (to uprightness and right standing with God) shall give forth light like the stars forever and ever. [Matt 13:43.] But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God’s purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]”

Here we have a sure prophetic word that in the end times while many are running to and fro, searching anxiously, even searching God’s Book, knowledge of God’s purposes to be revealed by His prophets shall be increased and become great. That is a good prophetic word for those of us who are undergoing heavy times. I really was at that time (2003) headed into one of the heaviest times of my life.

Things were suddenly going downhill with my parents in their 80’s. My father was extremely ill, my mother was having serious bouts of great confusion, and their finances were in complete disarray. They were both in the hospital by the end of that month, and then they
were released to a skilled nursing home where my father died one week later. My mother was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, diabetes out of control, high blood pressure, and early dementia. After my father’s funeral, I took my mother back to her home at her wishes and I put together a care team to stay with her 24/7, with myself anchoring the care team by driving to Redding 3 days a week. I lived in Sacramento (180 miles away). There was no one else to help as I have no brothers or sisters.

I held this together for three months, but severe leg ulcers and foot infections put my mother back into the hospital and then she was released to a skilled nursing home. My finances were in shambles because of not being able to stay on the road speaking and teaching nor writing nor making things happen in my ministry. My ministry seemed to be diminishing, my bills were mounting, my mother was failing, and I was having a great of trouble sleeping. I was having more than a little trouble in the “rejoice evermore” department.

Sometimes when we are in great affliction, we become overwhelmed with what we are going through and we do not hear God or sense His purposes or presence. God often brings someone outside of the affliction and turmoil who can see beyond the natural circumstance and give God glory for what He is accomplishing through us. These outsiders who can do this are called prophets.

In the latter part of May of that year, I went to a conference for women in ministry that Dr. Iverna Tompkins put together. That year she had a Q&A time with us. I asked about the issue of giving up a well-established ministry to move back to the town of your mother and father. Several other women ministers there had things to say to me, out of their own experiences, and I appreciated their input. Dr. Iverna said, “I think you need to divide your time between your mother and your ministry equally, giving her priority, and then write about it. Call your writing, FIRST I BUILT A BRIDGE, AND THEN I HAD TO CROSS IT.

One simple sentence from Iverna, and I began to rest in that word because I felt she had spoken from the heart of God. So I continued on. Whenever I would find myself being overwhelmed back in Sacramento, I would back up, get a grip, and Linda (my office manager and friend) would say to me, BREATH, LIBERTY, BREATH. I would bind my will to the will of God, my mind to the mind of Christ, and my emotions to the healing balance of the Holy Spirit. I would loose from my soul wrong patterns of thinking I might have, guilt thoughts, and stronghold thinking. I would feel strengthened, stabilized, and ready to face what I needed to do again.

Many people who knew how heavy my schedule was tried to prophesy good words that they felt I needed to hear. Their motives were kind, but their prophetic words were not words of God. Too often we have people in the church who see that someone looks very sad and they go up to them and “prophesy,” “The Lord says that you are very sad and He wants to . . . .” Generally speaking, these well-intended messages are not prophetic, they are caring observances.

I was used in the prophetic gift some years ago, but I was not grounded in it nor did I really understand its purposes. I became disillusioned with prophesying to people when everyone was chasing prophecies with such fervor. Besides, the Lord always gave me very specific prophecies that were scary. He never allowed me to just say, “God is going to bless you and you will hear His voice.” He gave me words to give to total strangers that were like, “You have just lost a leader in your church, and you may lose another one if someone doesn’t get to the young man who is supposed to be sitting in that empty chair up on the platform. A leader must go and help him through the trial he is enduring now.” Now those are scary words when you are afraid of prophecy in the first place! I gave the prophecy finally and it was right on the nose. God often uses strangers who know nothing about what might be going on to give time-sensitive words that can’t be ignored.

You will have my undivided attention if you come up to me and tell me something that I’ve been asking the Lord about, without having told anyone else. You will have my undivided attention if I recognize that there is a purity in your prophetic gifting.

The office of the prophet came on the scene after the Israelites rejected the direct voice of God speaking to them from Mt. Sinai. The people asked Moses to be their mediator by going to God and bringing His words back to them. God accepted their rejection of personal communication with Him and from that day on, He spoke to His people through assorted people and in different ways. Those men and women are called prophets.
There is a difference between the ability to prophesy and the office of the prophet. Paul seemed to encourage people to believe that all could prophesy. First Corinthians 14:31, *For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets* NKJV. This is not the office of the prophet, rather an enabling of the Holy Spirit to prophetically declare the things of God at some point in time for the edifying of the whole congregation.

I think Paul’s most inspired words on prophecy are in I Corinthians 14:3, “*But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men*” (NKJV). There is no suggestion of condemnation, rebuke, or reprimanding in this verse. SELAH! God inspires people to exhort others, not to excommunicate them. He inspires people to comfort, not to condemn. When a prophet steps beyond *edification and exhortation and comfort*, the prophet can cause people to reject even that which was from God because of the mixture. This is not to blame the people, this is the fault of the prophet. I’ve heard far too many prophetic words given with the qualification that the prophet had done his or her job and it was then upon the heads of those who had heard as to whether or not they obeyed. That is only true to a degree, because the carnal condition of a prophet’s own soul can cause a prophetic word to be rejected. Or it can cause a person to feel great condemnation.

The Old Testament prophets only knew things in part, none of them knew a full revelation of God. Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, of the holiness of God, and of God’s judgments. Hosea prophesied of a compassionate, loving God. Amos prophesied of the need to turn back to God and show justice and fairness to all. Jeremiah prophesied of judgment. At times Jeremiah tried to hold back from his prophetic proclamation, but he found that the word of the Lord was “*like a burning fire shut up in my bones*” (Jeremiah 20:9). He had no choice but to proclaim the harsh message of God’s judgment at that time.

Ezekiel prophesied personal responsibility for sin, but also blessing and restoration. Each one of them had an almost specialized area of prophetic gifting. Not one of them had a full understanding of the revelation of God. Even in the New Testament, Paul says, “*We know in part and we prophesy in part*” (1 Corinthians 13:9).

It is a good thing that that God sends men and women to speak His Word to us. The Lord sent an angel to speak to Daniel, the angel Gabriel. Daniel literally fell apart and became speechless. I would prefer not to have that experience if God wants to deliver a message to me. But, God is always good, and the angel sent to Daniel also encouraged, comforted, and strengthened him to help him receive the prophetic words that were being delivered to him. The angel gave him strength so that he would not stagger and tremble. Then he assured Daniel that he had great favor with God.

While prophecy is a spiritual gift, learning to prophesy purely and learning to hear prophecy purely are acquired skills. The soul must learn both before anyone can acquire any depth of maturity in either one. You hear from God in your born-again spirit—you speak through and listen through your human soul. This can create quite a problem for those who are not learned in God’s ways nor surrendered to God’s ways. Also, we all need to realize that many humans (even us sometimes) do not want to hear a prophetic word that has nothing powerful or prosperous to offer us about ourselves.

We are now living in the time that Scripture foretold as follows: “*For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect*” (Mark 13:22). People who are needy and vulnerable can be easy prey for cult proselytizers, psychics in the world, and false prophets in the Church. Many are today trying to find something, anything, that will help them know what to do and where to go. I loved what I heard one preacher say one day that if Dionne Warwick and her Psychic Network didn’t even know the way to San Jose, then why are many calling her to get a word about their future? (NOTE: I must admit that many younger people today probably won’t get this last anecdote.)

Too many people in the church today view prophets as spiritual psychics. It is sad that a voice on a phone line, a stranger in an airport, or even an actual Christian prophet standing in front of you seems so much more accessible than the God who said, ‘*Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.*’ (NKJV).

A mature prophet with experience in this gift knows that he or she is not to come up with an answer to
every person’s questions. A true prophet only knows prophetically what God tells him or her. Prophets need to learn to be comfortable with accepting that and not to be apologetic for not knowing the hows or whys of a given prophecy or for not having a word for everyone who would seek one. A true prophet does not try to explain what a prophetic word means to the person it is given to, either,

So many people have ideas about the meaning of the story of Job, that it was about overcoming tribulation, about overcoming the trials of so-called “friends,” about restoration after disaster, etc. The Book of Job is not about a man turned over to Satan so that God could determine his breaking point. God knows where everyone one of our breaking points are and He does not desire to rub our noses in them. God does not try see at what point you will buckle and break, rather He is always ready to give you a way out and give you a place to land on your feet if you will just hear His voice—either through the written Word or from the prophets.

I think the story of Job has a lot to do with learning to hear a prophetic word from God. When God spoke to Job, Job didn’t hear Him at first. Job didn’t have any training or books or seminars or tapes on understanding the prophetic. Job couldn’t go to a prophetic conference. A lot of people have taught that Job’s friends were totally out of order because God rebuked them for judging Job in chapter 42:7-8. Iverna Tompkins wrote in her book, On The Ash Heap With No Answers, that God rebuked them for adding their personal judgment and condemnation to the prophetic words God gave them for Job.

There have been times when I have a few close friends who have just sat with me. If I spoke out or complained or bemoaned my situation, one friend would always just murmur, “I know, I know.” There was never a word of rebuke. Those two words were immensely comforting because pain is never quite as bad when someone is quietly doing what they can to help bear it. It is too bad that Job’s friends did not remain in that mode.

This is where Job’s friends went wrong. Their souls assumed the responsibility for showing Job the error of his ways, when God probably intended that they would instruct Job in ways of hearing from God himself. This is the role of the prophet: TO INSTRUCT SOMEONE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY CAN TRUST GOD TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK TO THEM. Prophets should never position themselves over another person to convince that person of any need to obey or to continue to hear the prophet’s words of prophecy.

First Corinthians 14:3 (AMP) says that prophetic words are meant to comfort and encourage, “The one who prophesies [who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching] speaks to men for their upbuilding and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation” (AMP).

I heard one prophecy that someone in my church with a terminal disease would not die; but they did. When this is prophesied to a family or to a church, out of a human desire to have it be so, and God does not stop the person from dying, serious confusion results. Speaking words of self-desire and good intentions as being from God can hurt a family and church deeply because the best intended words from a prophet’s soul have no power to make a thing come to pass. I have ministered to family members who were thrown into such confusion over this, they turned away from God when a family member died after a prophecy said their loved one would live. God would have to hit me in the back of the head with a bid beam to make me prophecy whether a person would live or die.

False and impure prophecy has been around for a long time and is still alive and well in the Church today. I’ve witnessed some very scary things in the prophetic movement—prophets with a prophetic gift who prophecy impurely. Some have even opened themselves up to dark side of the spirit world, having no idea what spirit is driving their words. Prophets in these days have dared to command people to sell properties and give the money to the prophets, they have prophesied pastors out of churches, they have even broken up existing marriages and then encouraged others to marry when there was nothing of God in their words at all.

How could this be? One reason is the enemy is not interested in investing much of his time in those who have no influence in the body of Christ. He is very interested in using those who have credibility in the church, if he can.

God’s spoken words of revelation must pass through pots of clay. If those pots are not purified regularly, the words can be mixed with impurities. That person can prophesy 95% correctly, with only 5% incorrect personal opinion and conclusions. But even 5% truth
and revelation applied incorrectly becomes effective error that can be just like yeast. It just keeps expanding and expanding. Just because someone has been pronounced as having the prophetic office, remember that it is not the office or the charisma and power of the person that makes the message come to pass. It is only the authority of God behind the message that empowers it to be as God has said.

When a prophet prejudges the person he or she is prophesying to, God’s pure prophetic words can be corrupted and made impure. A prophet’s personal concept of God can also cause a contamination of a loving word from the Lord, himself. Hear this: the human soul that is not yet completely surrendered to God will adjust the words to keep them in agreement with that prophet’s personal view of God or the individual. Prophets need to enlarge their knowledge of God on a continual basis so that their own limitations of understanding do not restrict and twist what God would communicate through them.

In introducing the three friends in Job, we read in Job 2:11 (NKJV), “Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place.” This may well be speaking of personal opinions and observances—as in the expression, “You can sure tell where he’s coming from, can’t you?” Pure, true prophecy comes only from God’s place—from His heart.

As kids, did any of you ever ignore good words, even warnings from other kids to stop doing something? Then one kid said the teacher says that you had better stop that right now . . . or Mother said that you had better come home right now . . . or Father says that if you don’t take out that trash within 60 seconds, you’re gonna get it? The words of the kids had no authority over you, but when those words carry the authority of the teacher, of Mother, or of Father behind them, then you do pay attention!

How many of you have heard a prophetic word in church and turned to look to see who is giving it? This is not a proper standard of judging a prophetic word. It is a judgment of the clay pot. I once had a very unpleasant, obnoxious person gives me a prophetic word and it took me weeks to finally consider that it might be from God and I had been judging it because I did not like the look, style, and demeanor of the person giving it. I made myself call that prophet and apologize, confessing my judgment.

God can use anybody to speak for Him, even Balaam’s donkey in Numbers 22. We think that is a funny story, but we should take a serious viewpoint of it to understand that God can use anybody, even a donkey, to speak for Him.

We, and I do speak from experience here, also have to be sure that we are not rejecting prophecy because it has not come to us as we expected or it was not said how we wanted to hear it. If you predetermine how God is going to answer you, you may be like the man in flood who rejected the horse, the boat, and the helicopter that came at separate times to save his life. He was determined that God was going to do it supernaturally. He drowned. When he got to heaven, he said to God, “Why didn’t You save my life? I was trusting completely in You to do something to get me out of that flood.”

God replied, “I sent you a horse, a boat, and a helicopter—what else did you want me to do?”

We need to learn how to respond to prophetic words. The first step is to listen to what is being said, not to keep looking for anticipated and hoped for words to be said. Listening is a developed discipline. Listen to what is being said, and don’t get distracted looking for what is not being said. Try to write the words down as soon as possible. Do not get distracted by any one surprising or shocking phrase that is used. God may not speak to your problem or your situation, rather He may give revelation understanding that will help you understand more of Him. A prophet may be given revelation understanding that will help get you outside of your problem. You can develop tunnel vision when you are in the middle of a hard circumstance. Wait until you have heard the word before you praise and thank God. Try to think of this as not wanting to interrupt God himself as He is communicating with you. Praise and thank Him for the word after you have heard it.

Then respond to God, not to the one who prophesied to you. Some prophets will question you as to whether or not the prophecy makes sense to you—I’m not sure this is a wise thing to do. You may be one who would immediately begin to question the prophet about whether he or she knows what this means or why God
said that. It is far better, and safer, to go to God himself later.

Even though a prophetic word can seem to be hard to understand, God can reveal its meaning to you. I personally think that you should be very careful about pressing a prophet for an interpretation of a word from God. Let God interpret it for you. That will be between you and Him, not between you and the prophet. Respect the person who has prophesied to you, respond to God, and expect the Holy Spirit to be the decoder of the message. Always remember that prophetic ministry should never leave you with a self-consciousness or a sense of guilt. Its highest use is to bring you into the presence of God.

Do not ever despise prophecy. Treat prophecy like a fish dinner, as Roxanne Brant used to say. Pick out the bones and eat the meat. If there are too many bones to bother with, throw the whole thing out. This is what Paul meant when he said to “test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Jesus told His disciples, “Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He” (John 13:19). Sometimes God gives us advance information through prophets. He does this so that when our circumstances radically change, our faith will be deepened rather than destroyed. Obedience is another important response to the prophetic word. When He speaks to us and a response is required, God expects to be obeyed. James said, “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourself.”

This does not mean that obeying a word from the Lord means that you ever try to fulfill the prophecy yourself. If there are any conditions or instructions in the word, obey them. Otherwise, if God says that He is going to do something, let Him do it. **Don’t try to help Him; you’ll only get in His way.** So if you have listened to the prophetic word, responded to God, appropriated the message by faith, and obeyed any commands in it, then the rest is probably the most difficult. You must wait patiently for God to do what He said He was going to do.

Job’s friends eventually accomplished the goal God had intended for them—getting Job to get ready to listen to Him. After hundreds of words, Job got what he had been asking for—a direct audience with God. He probably thought that now he could ask God his questions and find out what this had all been about. But God wasn’t in a mood to answer Job’s questions. Rather, Iverna Tompkins says that He asked Job 57 questions concerning more than 30 fields of science. He asked Job questions that some of our best scientists today could not answer. Read it for yourself! (I didn’t count them yet, because I trust that Iverna did.)

From chapters 38 through 42, God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind, but He never answered Job’s question of why. Instead God assured Job of His love, care, concern for Job, and of His righteousness. Job’s concept of God had been so small, that his faith in God’s righteousness and love and care and concern had collapsed when his blessings were blown away. But when God blew Job away with His questions, revealing the immenseness of His being as the Creator, Job’s concerns about his own situation began to collapse. His problems began to evaporate when Job began to focus on the greatness and bigness of God.

As we grow and mature in our Christian relationship with God, we should move from wanting answers from God to wanting to know Him. Knowing more of Him brings all things into perspective for us. After God had presented himself in His immensity to Job, Job was reduced to humility and repentance before Him. All of his friends’ accusation had not driven him to repentance, but 57 questions from God brought Job to a revelation of who God was. God never did tell Job WHY. But as Paul declared, the “goodness of God leads you to repentance,” (Romans 2:4). Perhaps there are prophets of doom who will scare some people into the Kingdom of God. But it is the goodness of God that will draw men to Him. He is creative and good. He is a redeemer and a restorer.

In John 16:13-14, we can read what Jesus said prophecy should be and is: “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

Jesus has declared six important things here about prophecy:

1. The author of prophecy is the Spirit of truth.
2. The Spirit speaks to guide us into all truth.
3. The Holy Spirit speaks on divine authority.
4. He is a speaking Spirit who communicates what Jesus says.
5. He will share with us things about the future.
6. He glorifies Jesus consistently.

Jesus is here speaking of the indwelling Spirit that He promised to send after He had arisen to the Father. This makes the ministry of prophecy available to every believer in whom the Spirit abides—whether or not that individual holds the office of the prophet.

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A few years ago I wrote to ask permission to share this wonderful message of Binding and Loosing. You did reply and graciously gave me permission to do so. I have since lost that email and am asking that you again grant me permission to share this wonderful message. I am a Mental Health nurse and the soul chart comes alive in my mind when I see individuals struggling in their lives and minds. I can't imagine where I would be now if I had never heard this teaching. It goes without speaking. My husband and I pastor a small work in Nova Scotia and our church has been taught these principles and we very much challenge each other around harsh words and negative agreements. The ladies in the district have had the opportunity to hear this message as well. Keltie D.

EF’S QUESTION: I have read your books Shattering Stronghold and Breaking the Power. I am trying to find which one has your teaching where you talk about the gluttony spirit you had, and the prayer?

LIBERTY’S REPLY: I don’t know what you are talking about. I don’t believe in deliverance from spirits for Christians. What kind of help are you looking for?

EF’S STATEMENT: I am really surprised! Are you a Christian? This was the ministry of Jesus—deliverance—and His wish for us today to set people free! Thanks for your time! Grace and Peace! EF

LIBERTY’S REPLY: Your reaction is consistent with most who believe in deliverance for Christians. Search the New Testament and see if you can find any instance where Jesus did a deliverance (casting out of evil spirits) on any believer. You will not. Believing evil spirits can be cast out of you, as a believer, and then you will be just fine, ignores the actions of your unsurrendered soul. It deceives you when it works to convince you that any wrong attitudes, wrong beliefs, or wrong behaviors you have are not your fault.

EF’S 2nd STATEMENT: I thought you were saying you didn’t believe in deliverance at all. Thanks for your time! I just finished typing up your laminated scripted prayer… it is superb!! My old seminary professors couldn’t compose such a fine collection of spiritual truths. I will use this with future clients who need counseling. It’s excellent! THF

Liberty, There are souls being completely restored through Beyond Shattering Your Strongholds ll. I started reading the first one several years ago and could not get finished...I thank God for His timing and direction. Liberty, these books have been life changing for me and it’s my heart to “get it” to help others.

I was sitting in Barnes and Nobles yesterday and when I came to the part about fruit bearing, it was like a light shining down on a mirror I was looking through. The Holy Spirit was saying this is what I need to do. Over the last 9 months I have been put in a living situation where I know God has been dealing with me concerning some of the “UN’S” I need to deal with, which are due to being abandoned as a child. I recently had an outburst of anger with my mother that confirmed what Holy Spirit had been speaking over several months. I thought I was ordering BSS 11 for the class, but it’s for me. The first chapter thrust my heart into another place in my walk with Christ. Liberty, thank you so much for all you do for the Kingdom God…the work that God has entrusted you to do is so “Real” and it really works (bears fruit) if received and applied daily. Our Bible Study is going well. Abundant Blessings to you. Shirley
Hi from Rina. Liberty, remember when I came to US to attend one of your Teacher’s Trainings in 2003? Still going strong and I’m not only continuing to benefit personally from the B & L principles, but I have recently had many opportunities to share with others who are finding freedom in these powerful prayers and your VERY valuable teaching material! Thank you so much for making it so easy to order from your user-friendly website! I now live in Wales (I was in Ireland when I came to Sacramento) but sharing a lot with people in South Africa (my home country)! I’ve actually just returned from a 3-week holiday there and have shared these truths with a few people who have been struggling for years and are now e-mailing me with the good news of breakthroughs for the first time in their lives Hallelujah!! God bless you richly! Rina

Dear Liberty: My husband passed away after a difficult battle with cancer a year and seven months ago. He was only 52. We were married for 32 years. I have made some headway in the grieving process and have been recently praying binding and loosing prayers which I feel are really helping me. Someone recently asked me if I had cut the soul ties with him and to be honest, the very thought of it brings me to tears. I miss him so much and I fear that by doing this it would cut off any connection that I had with him. I feel unready to take this step. I think I am still hanging on to him and by letting him go it would seem as if I was leaving that part of my life with him behind. I have moved forward in so many ways, but this one is the most difficult. Sometimes I just close my eyes and imagine his hand in mine, his arms around me, his smile, his laughter. Do I wait till I feel ready or should I force myself to take this step? Thank-you for your time. H.I.

ANSWER: H.I: I am sorry for your loss, but as long as you still cling to a soul tie in the memory your deceased husband, you will never move forward into God’s healing and future for you. Have you read the following passage out of my book Breaking the Power II? It might give you some insight:

It is within the soul that grief is experienced. There is no such thing as a spirit of grief (see Chapter 3 again). If someone had a soul tie with a person who dies, how strong that soul tie was and how unwilling the remaining person is to let go of it often determines the length of the grieving process.

The Bible does not support a belief that we need to go through long periods of grieving. The biblical Jewish custom of grieving the death of a loved one called for a period of several days of private grieving with family members and close friends present. Then those closest to the family would spend additional days with the grieving family members. After a designated period of time, everyone was supposed to get up and go on with their lives.

God is more than willing to extend His grace to empower us to acknowledge our loss, grieve for a period of time, and then surrender the loss to Him. That doesn’t mean we should never think of the person again with love and somewhat bittersweet memories, for it is natural to do so. However, the prior existence of soul ties will allow excessive grief to continue far too long. While these residual ties can be severed, those in extended grief may not want to do so. These ties are the last remaining link they have to the deceased one. These individuals become rooted in grief, seeing themselves as defined by their grief. These ties need to be loosed, detaching the remaining person’s soul from the grief. Then God’s Spirit can pour healing and peace into the soul of the bereaved one. This happened with David.

David had a son born to him of Bathsheba, and for certain reasons, God struck the child with illness. This is one of those scriptural passages (2 Samuel 12:14-23) that can bring forth some very interesting interpretations about what God will or won’t do. David had sinned and God struck his son with a severe illness. David pleaded with God for the child, fasting and spending his nights on his face on the ground. Even though the elders of his household tried to get him to get up and eat, he steadfastly refused. In spite of all of David’s fasting and protestations of faith, hope, and belief in a merciful God, the child died on the seventh day.

When David noticed his servants whispering among themselves on the seventh day, he asked, “Is the child dead?” They admitted this was so, fearful that he would do something desperate. But David got up, washed up, and dressed up and then went into the house of the Lord and worshipped Him. David acknowledged his loss, rose up, and looked up to God and released his grief. David said: Now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me (2 Samuel 12:23, NIV).

David desperately wanted God to spare his little son, but God does not always give the answer we want. God is usually doing something beyond our present level of spiritual comprehension that we don’t understand. David accepted his loss, knowing that no amount of grieving and pain of soul could bring his son back to him. He had to go on with his life until such time as he would go and be with his son in the Father’s house.
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PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN
The LSM International Intercessors, Phase 7, around the world are praying for children who are in situations of all forms of abuse, hunger, sickness, poverty, and child slavery. I pray that angels, authorities, and strong adults can give help to them at the time it is needed. Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us:

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land* (NKJV).

Some of our wicked ways surely are that we do not pray enough for those who need help so much, those who are not in a position to help themselves. This speaks of the power of our prayers for our nations and those in them if we will humble ourselves, stop following our own wills and our own agendas, and pray with all the focus and determination that we can for what is right.

Please join with me and others committed to praying for the children of the world who desperately need us to agree that God’s will shall be done in their lives and quickly.

*Lord, I come to you with pain in my heart asking that you forgive me for not daily remembering and praying for those who cannot help themselves. I bind every child in the world to your will. I bind their minds to your mind, Jesus, and I bind their wounded and ragged emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.*

Please speak words of strength, encouragement, and hope to them. Please send help to rescue them quickly. I loose the enemy’s influence from all adults who are using and abusing so many children in the world today. Please heal the abusers from whatever has driven them to such behaviors. People are not born knowing how to abuse; they learn from being abused themselves. Please break this evil cycle in their lives.

*You have said that if we would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then you would heal our land. Please show us what we need to do to work with You to see our lands and the children in them become safe and healed and filled with hope. Thank you, Father God. Amen*

*Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.*  
*James 4:17, NIV*
Who and What is
LIBERTY SAVARD MINISTRIES?

Reverend Liberty S. Savard, President of Liberty Savard Ministries, Inc. (a non-profit corporation), was born again in 1971. She is an ordained minister with credentials from the Evangelical Church Alliance (P.O. Box 9, Bradley, Illinois 60915). Rev. Savard has served as a singles director, associate pastor, speaker and Bible teacher around the world. She is the author of Shattering Your Strongholds II (original publishing 1993, by Bridge-Logos Pub., now by LSS Publishing), Shattering Your Strongholds Workbook II (LSS Publishing, 2011) Breaking the Power II (original publishing 1997 by Bridge-Logos Pub., now by LSS Publishing) and Breaking the Power II Workbook (LSS Publishing, 2012), Producing the Promise II (original publishing 1999 by Bridge-Logos Pub., now by LSS Publishing), and several mini-books. Her books also include The Unsurrendered Soul II (original publisher in 2002, Bridge-Logos Pub.; now LSS Publishing), Apples of Gold in Baskets of Silver (2003 Bridge-Logos Pub.), BEYOND Shattered Strongholds II (original publishing by Bridge-Logos Pub., now by LSS Publishing), GPS for the Soul (2010 Bridge-Logos Pub.), God’s GPS for Your Soul (LSS Publishing 2014) The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual (LSS Publishing, 2009), Binding and Loosing for Beginners (LSS Publishing, 2010), and The Old Brown Rocker, (LSS Publishing, 2011).

This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ’s shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

Liberty teaches Christians how to make their unsurrendered souls (old natures) surrender to the will and purposes of God. She also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage and toxic waste from their unsurrendered souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! The message of binding and loosing and the unsurrendered soul teaches God’s people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God’s already established will in heaven. Liberty teaches Christians how to pray purely without “want lists” and the soulish instruction manuals Christians are so prone to creating for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers always have pure motives, God’s will, never soulish purposes or motives. Binding and loosing Keys of the Kingdom can always expose hidden motives in a believer’s unsurrendered soul.
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