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## The Gagging of the Prophets

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When I hear from the Lord, I seem to hear Him speak to me with words. At the same time, I also "see" what the Lord is speaking to me about. This is just the way I seem to personally hear from the Lord. We all hear from the Lord in a way that is unique to us and to our natures and personalities. With this as way of explanation, I submit the following to the judgment and discernment of all of you. I seemed to see a large group of people gathered before the Lord. They appeared excited. The Lord was speaking to them. As He spoke to them, it was as if I could actually see His words entering into these people. The Lord's words were being put into their hearts, and then would come out of their mouths. When the Lord's words proceeded out of their mouths, the people would turn around (with their backs towards the Lord), then they would speak God's words to other people spread out before them. When they were finished speaking God's words, they would turn back towards the Lord.

This continued for a time. I then saw the Lord reach out, and put His hands over the mouths of the people gathered before Him. This stunned and surprised the people, and they became very still. Their eyes were totally focused upon the Lord. There was no movement, nothing to distract anyone. There was an absolute stillness and calmness.

Another, smaller, group of people came from behind the people who had the Lord's hands over their mouths. This smaller group of people stood before the "gagged" group of people and began to speak to them. As I listened to their words, and observed their actions, I gradually became aware that this small group of people were "teachers," and that they were "teaching" the gagged group of people.

When the "teaching session" was over, some of the teachers departed. A few remained with the gagged group of people. The Lord removed His hands from the mouths of the large group of people. Even when the Lord had removed His hands, the large group of people remained very still and calm. They remained silent and quiet.

"Why aren't they saying anything?" I asked the Lord.

"Because I have not put My words into their mouths yet," the Lord replied.

He seemed pleased with the silence of the large group of people. "For a season, I allowed My prophets to speak freely whatever I spoke to them. That time has ended. They will speak only what I tell them to speak, only when I tell them to speak it. I have brought a season of training and teaching into My church. For a season, the prophets will speak very little. This is their time to learn to wait fully and totally upon Me. They will continue

to hear from Me, yet very little of what I speak to them during this time, will I release them to speak to the church."

As I pondered and prayed about this vision and conversation with the Lord, I felt that a time of intense training has come upon the church. I feel that for a time, we will hear fewer prophecies, visions and words from the Lord. This will be supplemented and replaced for a season by those with a great deal of wisdom, understanding and knowledge of spiritual matters. These are the people I feel the church will be hearing from in the coming days. Their voices of reason will serve as a foundation for the coming move of God, when He releases into His church once again the voice of the prophets. When the great company of prophets begins to speak forth God's words into His church once again, they will do so with greater understanding and wisdom and maturity.

It is a wounded generation we will be reaching. Our words must be seasoned with honey and with salt. Those who are more mature and wise, and less rash and impulsive, will be teaching and training the prophets and those in ministerial positions (as well as all members of God's body) how to effectively reach out to and minister to these wounded ones. Until then, for a short period of time, this could very well be the season of "the gagging of the prophets."