

## Prophetic in Evangelism—Revealing the God who Sees Pt 2



Hagar

“El Roi”—The God of seeing

In the story of Hagar there is a revelation of God through the name Hagar gives Him that indicates the importance of the prophetic in evangelism. Hagar becomes pregnant because of Sarah’s plan, then is driven away because Sarah becomes jealous. At this point in Hagar’s life she is confused, cut off from God and His people, and with her soon to be born son coming has no way to survive. In that condition God communicates to her through an angel (a sent messenger of God) and lets her know He sees her situation and has a plan for her life.

*Genesis 16:7-16 Now the angel of the LORD found her...(10) Moreover, **the angel of the LORD said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count."** (11) **The angel of the LORD said to her further, "Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.** (12) **"He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand will be against everyone, And everyone's hand will be against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers."** (13) **Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees."***

Realizing that God is mindful of her and has a plan for her future gives her hope. The “God who sees” wants to relate with her and give her a future. This is the power of a God inspired word to people in distress. It reveals the God who sees.

### The condition of people outside of Christ

Many times we can forget the actual condition of the lost or backslidden. As we walk with God we can often lose touch with what it is like not to know Him. The following are elements of the condition people are in who are not walking with God.

#### 1. They are separated from God and therefore not very sure about Him

There is an element of an elusive mystery to God in those who don’t know Him. Even if people act like they are okay “with the man upstairs,” the real foundation of it is not very sure. They don’t communicate with Him and hear from Him daily like real Christians do. The Bible is also a mysterious book that they cannot understand. If they do attempt to read it, it is like a foreign language without the aid of the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians who are confident in their relationship with God make an impact.

#### 2. There is an inward sense that something is probably wrong in the way they are living

Even if they appear on the surface to be totally self justified, or they try to act like God doesn’t exist, there is a conviction that will be at work on the inside of them. Even if they act like they don’t believe He exist, there is something working on them even through creation that works against people’s self justifying excuses.

*Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, **so that they are without excuse.***

*Romans 2:1-2 **Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.** (2) **And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.***

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There is also the Holy Spirit at work in the world (in the hearts of people) convicting them.

*John 16:8-11 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; (9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; (11) and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*

**3. Because of their condition, and the work of the enemy, they can tend to think God isn't that interested in them**  
This is why the revelation of the God who sees coming through prophetic words (Spirit inspired utterance) can be so powerful.

### Three things that will help us be open to the prophetic in evangelism

**Through prophetic utterance God reveals the fact that He personally sees people and wants a relationship with them.**

#### 1. We must abide with Jesus through the Spirit

In order to be sensitive to the words of God we have to walk with Jesus and the Spirit.

*John 15:1-5 (4) "Abide in Me,...for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

*1 Corinthians 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, (13) which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.*

#### 2. Boldness is always an important key

It is boldness to enter God's presence at any moment to hear from Him in order to speak to others.

*Ephesians 3:11-12 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.*

We also pray for boldness and utterance because both are important to prophetic evangelism. *Eph 6:19 (19) and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. Acts 4:24-31 24 "O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,...29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence, 30 while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy servant Jesus. "*

**3. Even if we are not completely sure what to say, but feel inspired by the Spirit to say something, then don't forget what is already "sure"** *2 Peter 1:19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure.*

The Bible contains eternal prophetic truth. It is always true and always right. Sometimes when we are under inspiration of the Spirit to speak, simply speaking the word of God is like a can't miss prophecy. Speaking the truth that God knows everyone, even before they were born, lets people know that the "God who sees" knows and wants them. Consider the following "can't miss" prophetic truths about God knowing and seeing people.

*Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love*

*Psalms 139:13-14 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. (14) I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*

*Jer 1:5 "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."*

If we will seek to be used by God to speak prophetic utterances then we can participate in revealing "the God who sees."