

PREACHING N°50: THE ORDER IN THE CHURCH

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I told you that Israel was the greatest place of the physical and spiritual prostitution on the face of the earth. More abominable than Hollywood and the Vatican. You see? That is what Jerusalem is today. If a country blesses Israel, it is very good but the Israel that must be blessed to get blessed is spiritual and it is the living Church around the Message of one's time. If not, I am not telling you not to feel any compassion for Israel but if you are against Palestinians or the Hezbollah it means that you are against God and that you will be against Elijah and Moses at the time of the ministry of Rev.11 because these two prophets will also express in word what Palestinians and the Hezbollah are doing today... and now I would like to read something to you: [Brother Philip reads on a sheet of paper... " *Thousands of homosexuals are preparing a parade on this Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 in Jerusalem ... The Attorney General of the State of Israel, Menahem Mazouz, authorized this procession on Sunday evening " so that the principle of the freedom of expression may be respected ". It is a victory for the Israeli democracy and tolerance "the representatives of the Jerusalem Open House — the Israeli organisation of lesbians and homosexuals— claimed immediately. "We are determined to take action for this parade to take place. It will not be provocative. There will be neither carnival tanks nor naked men in the parade. And it will not take place in the neighbourhood of churches, synagogues or mosques "the president of the lesbians, Elena Canetti told the AFP. " We are going to deploy more than twelve thousand policemen this Friday in Jerusalem to protect the participants of this parade of homosexuals ", declared the commander-in-chief of the Israeli police Moshe Karadi on the military radio. A few months ago, during the preparations of the parade, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Moshe Amar, sent a letter to Pope Benedict XVI to ask him for support against this parade.*

Later These months, flyers have been distributed throughout Jerusalem, with the promise of a 4,500-dollar reward to any person who kills a sodomite. In 2005, during the fourth procession of homosexuals in Jerusalem, an ultra-orthodox and fanatical Jew had stabbed three parade participants and was given a twelve-year jail sentence. Paradoxically, the "Gay Pride", [the parade of homosexuals and lesbians] takes place nevertheless every year in Tel Aviv without any incident, in an atmosphere of carnival. Israel legalised homosexuality in 1988 and the rights of the homosexual couples are recognized there by its courts "... [Brother Philip spoke about Israel in a preaching: Epistle to the Bride, N°51 in this book]. And I think that they are those things that the pastors of those churches go and look at in Jerusalem and some of them are secretly [homosexuals].

Now I would like to answer two questions... the first question is: "*Brother Philip, the Message says that there cannot be two prophets on earth at the same time while Act.13:1 says: " Now there were in Antioch, in the assembly which was there, prophets and teachers... ". And Act.15:32 says... "And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, exhorted the brethren with much discourse, and strengthened them".*

Well, brother! It's very simple! To the best of my knowledge there is the exceptional case of Elijah and Moses that the Bible announced since Genesis and through each book of the Bible up to Rev.11 and God announced that in advance so that it may not be a confusion if not, since time immemorial it was only one prophet to one people. You see? But in spite of that, Elijah and Moses will be together, in the same work, the same Spirit like you and me here. And even the fact that there are Elijah and Moses is a mystery that God willing I will explain one day... and there is a second mystery in the fact that they came in the vision of April 24, 1993. It is the same mystery in Dan.12:5, Zec.4:11, Mat.17:3 and other in fulfillment of Zec.12:10. You see? It is different! If not, there is only one prophet-messenger who is the father of the age or the generation. And this ministry is worked by only one person at a time on the earth! But apart from that, there can be hundreds of apostles, hundreds of prophets, hundreds of doctors, hundreds of evangelists on earth in relation with Eph.4:11. Notice that the verse says: "*Now there were in Antioch the assembly which was there, prophets and teachers ...*" You see? "*Prophets and teachers!*" It's Eph.4:11. They may have received some calls but if they are of God, their Message will be that of the prophet-messenger. In the Old Testament the Bible calls them: "*the sons of the prophets*". God can even tell them: "*You shall preach the pure Gospel*" or "*You shall light the earth*" referring to the Message of the prophet-messenger. And if he is not patient, he will dash into it and bring death like Moses... God can speak to them as to the sons of the prophets in 2 Kings 2 but if they are really of God and they have the Spirit of God, no matter their fame, their wealth or their height or their grade, they will come towards the prophet-messenger. In 2 Kings, we can see that they were already prophets before Elisha but when Elijah left the scene and Elisha took over, they came towards Elisha and said: "*Sends us here! Send us there! Come with us!*" And not in the days of Elijah but it was especially in the days of Elisha that they appeared much. You see? And God put on their heart to go and seek Elijah and they urged Elisha to as one urging a friend of his. God did that in order to get them to respect entirely the authority of Elisha's ministry when they would not find Elijah,. And they conformed to the Word because they were animated by the same Spirit as Elisha [*Ed: the congregation says, Amen!*].

And in the whole world, in every nation, in every city there were sons of the prophets! The Bible says: The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel went forth towards Elisha... The sons of the prophets who were at Gilgal went forth towards Elisha... The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha... and when Elijah was caught up, the Bible says that the sons of the prophets went towards Elisha and bowed themselves to the ground before him! And one day, it was one of them that Elisha sent to anoint Jehu. You say: "*Brother Philip, they are not prophets!*" Let's read 2 Kings 9:1 to 4: "*And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thy*

hand, and go to Ramoth-Gilead. And when thou art come thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him rise up from among his brethren, and bring him to an inner chamber; then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head and say, Thus saith Jehovah: I have anointed thee king over Israel; and open the door, and flee, and tarry not. And the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth-Gilead. And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting. And he said, I have an errand to thee, captain. And Jehu said, To which of all of us? And he said, To thee, captain. And he rose up and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel: I have anointed thee king over the people of Jehovah, over Israel." Amen! You see, no one can serve God unless he brings this Message! There can be hundreds of prophets, some having assemblies but if they are of Jehovah, the day when they come across this Message, they will not turn away from It! Even the two doves of God did not fail to come towards me! The same way those of the devil will gather in unions and federations of churches, those of God will also gather in the Word, for in the beginning was the Word and they will speak the same language because they have the same Spirit. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*].

The second question is: "*Brother Philip, what should a brother or sister who works on a computer connected to the Internet in his workplace do?*"

If I said that the Internet could serve us as post office box, and if such is and remains what it is for us, it is because we are in the world without being of the world as the Lord said. We are in the world and that is why we accept to work in a company and on a computer connected to the Internet. But let each one of us take heed as for the way he uses it when he's at work. You see? We are in the world but we are not of the world. Thus, if you can watch televised news at a friend's, without your conscience being affected as Paul says it for meats sacrificed to idols, it's not a sin but you can certainly not have any television in your house. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*].

Well, I wish to talk about the subject: *the order in the Church* but bear in mind that Eph.4:11 talks apparently about five ministries and I always thought of five ministries like you and when we were in Locodjro, I preached on: *the place of the five ministries* but at the time when I have got to preach on the order in the Church, the revelation came to me because they are the ministries that keep the gate of the Church and I have received that they were four ministries and not five. It's not to trouble you but they are in fact four ministries of the Word and not five. If you believe it, say, Amen! [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*]. Thank you! Thus I will go straight onto my subject and God permitting, I will come back on it to show that a little bit. I know that you do not believe because you do understand but you believe because the prophet that God has sent has said it. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*] Thus bear in mind that there are four ministries of the Word which are: apostle, prophet, evangelist and teacher [Ed: *also known as doctor*]. Thus pastor [Ed: *also known as shepherd*] is not a ministry of the Word. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*] It is neither today, nor on April 24, 1993, nor by a clear explanation but you believed in the mind of God before the founding of the world! And a son of the posterity of the serpent cannot imitate that! [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*] It is God-given, it is by grace! And God willing, I will come back on that at the end! But this evening my subject is: *the order within the Church and in the assembly*. And as I say, the pastor is the servant of the four ministries. It's a mere responsibility entrusted to one of the four ministries. Pastor is a mere responsibility in the Church like deacon and elder. Thus, when the four ministries are not present, he has all the power and acts in their name but as soon as one of them is present, he becomes the master of the pastor. It is like a man to whom you have entrusted the keeping of your treasure. You must also give him the necessary weapons to secure that treasure. Thus, when the four ministries are missing, the pastor in the assembly has the power the prophet-messenger has on earth. Thus did God establish things by his own authority. You see? A ministry of pastor is mentioned nowhere in the New Testament and when Jeremiah talks about pastor [Ed: *or shepherd*] he means the whole of the priesthood and not a particular ministry. You see? And one of the four ministries can be sent on mission to visit some local assemblies but a pastor cannot. They are the four ministries who are missionaries.

And if the four ministries of the Word are the four cherubim, the four living creatures, we think that this revelation will help those who think that women can be pastors or preach.

The question that is often put is: What is my ministry? You see? The most important thing, it is not to try to know if we are a fig tree but produce fruits. Prophecies can point out a ministry but nothing will be more credible and truer and in blessing to us as the ministry which appears clearly as, for example, that of our brother Bitty to whom I have acknowledged the ministries of apostle and evangelist and more. It's not good to indicate the ministry which is not in its maturity or which is not operational in order to avoid any imitation.

The pastor must thus be able to work out all human problems in the assembly and in all meekness. He must be able to visit and know each believer personally. He is the comforter and the one to whom all the assembly resorts.

Well, after the pastor, the elders! They deal with the matters the pastor entrusts to them. They are chosen by the pastor.

Now, how does somebody become a preacher, pastor or one of the four ministries? It is the pastor or one of the four ministries who chooses the preacher in the assembly but it is somebody who does already open-air preachings or who did open-air preachings or who was already a preacher in the assembly when the Message came over. And the blessing or will of God, it is not that somebody who is eloquent or who is presentable or honourable goes to preach everywhere in the other assemblies but that one of the four ministries does it and that is the point we have to reach one day.

I would like to specify that each pastor must be recognized in the assembly where he has been established. For any kind of problem, it is the pastor who must be spoken to. Not to another ministry or the prophet-messenger but to the pastor. Whatever be the problem. Those who go and see the prophet-messenger or one of the ministries are those who the prophet messenger or one of the ministries wishes to meet. Even when the pastor is not available he will entrust the responsibility to someone. One

can see one of the ministries for a case about the progression of the work and even there, the elders are first in good position for such a step. You see? One can pay a visit to the ministries or to the prophet-messenger and even spend hours in his company but for the problems, social ambitions, projects and others, see the pastor. Whatever the subject, apart from the understanding of the Word, it is the pastor you need to see. The pastor accompanied by another ministry if there is and if it is necessary. Otherwise, he that bypasses the pastor must first show that the pastor is an incompetent one or that the explanations of the pastor concerning the understanding of the Word did not convince him. Know that when God gives a directive, you are free to bypass it and you will have your heart satisfied but not God's answer. In your pride and your haughty spirit, you can go your own way but God will hearken to you only when you follow his voice. If you are not ready to humble yourself like Naaman, you'd better remain in Syria! You see?

And if the faithful of an assembly notice the incapacity or deviation of their pastor in regard to the Word, the elders of that assembly will inform, not the pastor of another assembly but one or the other ministries in the Message and, whether these ministers listen to pastor or not, they will take a decision on his case and he is obliged to accept it. But in one assembly, there is the pastor, the elders, the deacons to set order, the stewards for the treasury. And all these are chosen by the pastor alone but their revocation must be unanimously accepted by all the elders or come from one of the ministries. I specify that he from amongst the four ministries who has agreed to be a pastor no longer has his rights of evangelist, teacher, apostle or prophet until he leaves the responsibility of pastor. And all the preachers, singers, deacons and stewards and those that the pastor has appointed are elders. The elders need a spokesman. The number of the deacons and stewards is two or more according to the size of the assembly. There no such things like a choir, group of youngsters, ethnic groups and others ...

In addition, each assembly is entirely autonomous on all plans with respect to any other assembly. But an assembly can ask for assistance to another assembly.

As for the steps of the worship... At the beginning of the worship, the leader comes up [Ed: *leaders: those who are entrusted the responsibility for conducting prayers in the congregation*] ... Then the overall prayer then the public confession. Then, a psalm can be read out before or after the public confession or even before the praise songs. After the public confession and testimonies, worship prayers then the praise songs and you get to the preaching.

To know the will of God, the four ministries and the pastors and those who have the gifts of the Spirit and visions will meet at moments of retirement or fasting and prayers under the direction of the recognized ministries.

And if an assembly wants to organize a vigil of prayer with or without the holy Communion, she can have it and all those who can come from the other assemblies will come and from next year that's what I wish us to do.

May God bless you! Now, why did I say that there were only four ministries of the Word? I neither saw nor heard it somewhere but I received it just two days ago. Thus three days ago, I did not know it and as usual I never wondered about it. If man could simply recognize the place of God and let Him interpret his Word, there would be no discussion and no false doctrines on the earth. The truth can never come out of a debate or discussion on the Word. God alone is the interpreter of his Word through the prophet-messenger. You see? Well! It is not to be in disagreement with people or make new doctrines but actually, there are not five ministries of the Word. There are only four ministries who give authority to one of them to watch over and take care of souls and it is this fifth one who has also the capacity to take care of the souls that is called a pastor; if not, all of them are pastors, that is, shepherds. You see? The apostles have the capacity to evangelise, gather, feed... they are thus evangelists and sometimes pastors. As for the prophets, they are preachers whose messages will tend to reveal mysteries in the line of the Message. The teachers will show through the Bible or nature, the depth and the truthfulness of the Message. What the evangelist is concerned with is the propagation of the Message and that's what he does. You see? And what place will you give to the pastor in the Word? None! But he himself is absolutely and at least one of the four principal ministries of the Word and he holds the keeping of the souls that the four have acquired. And he that is in good position to be a pastor, it is a teacher; with the gift of exhortation as our brother Akobé does pretty well. You say: "*Brother Philip, there are five ministries of the Word!*". No brother! Pastor is a mere task in an assembly like deacons and elders. He visits the souls and settle problems beside his own ministry which is: apostle, teacher, evangelist or prophet. You see? The four cherubim keeping the way to the tree of Life are the four ministries of the Word. The four horns of the arch keeping the tables of the law are the four ministries of the Word keeping the law. The four Gospels are the four ministries of the Word. You see? The four living creatures in Ezekiel and the rest of the Old Testament are the four ministries keeping the Word as the four living creatures, the four cherubim of Rev.4:7 are also the four ministries of the Word. There are four ministries of the Word, not five. Even the four branches of the river in Gen.2:10 are the four ministries of the Word. One must not lead a church like a head of village but by one of the four ministries of the Word or by the gift of exhorting his brethren.

Thus there is no ministry of the Word which is called pastor. Pastor is a mere responsibility in the assembly as deacon and elder. An apostle can be a pastor as Peter was and you see that it was a mere responsibility that the Lord entrusted to him. You see? An evangelist can be a pastor. A teacher can be a pastor. A prophet can be a pastor...

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