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THIS IS HOW I SEE IT...

Vashti

We have all been blessed to have our own opinion, perspective, or point-of-view....

It's not necessary that we all agree.

It is my hope that you see the truth within my words for this is how I see it....

bycherylvashti

OPEN DOORS:

"GOD'S INVITATION TO STEP FORWARD IN FAITH"

"I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut." – Revelation 3:8

In a Dream...

I found myself standing at the door of my home, trying to lock it. No matter how many times I turned the key, the door wouldn't stay shut. Again and again, I pulled it, only to find it swinging open. Strangers walked by, some curious, some stepping in as if they belonged. My son tried to help, but even he couldn't get the lock to hold. Then, someone else came along—a man I didn't know—who turned the key, and suddenly, the door locked. But as soon as he left, we tried again, and once more, the door opened.

I woke up reflecting on this **unshuttable door** and the meaning behind it.

The Doors God Opens Cannot Be Shut

Many of us find ourselves standing before doors in life—doors of opportunity, doors of calling, doors of transformation. Some we recognize immediately; others we don't notice because we are too distracted by the noise around us. There are also doors we try to force shut, thinking we aren't ready or don't deserve what's waiting on the other side. But when God opens a door, no one—not even we ourselves—can shut it.

Maybe you've sensed an open door before you, but fear, hesitation, or uncertainty has held you back. Maybe, like me in the dream, you've been trying to close something that God wants to remain open.

The Call to Step Through the Open Door

God's love is always calling us forward, drawing us closer, and inviting us into greater purpose. But do we recognize His invitation?

- Some of us see the open door but hesitate, uncertain of what's beyond it.
- Some of us are trying to force open a door we were never meant to walk through, striving for

things that were never part of God's plan for us.

- Some of us stay parked in a place that was never meant to be permanent, unwilling to move forward because it's comfortable—even if it's not fulfilling.

Wherever we are, God is still calling. His open door is not about pressure, not about proving ourselves, but about His love making a way for us to walk in the fullness of who we were created to be.

The Distractions That Keep Us From Seeing the Door

In my dream, strangers came in because they saw the open door but didn't see me at first. They assumed they had access because I wasn't fully present to guard what was mine. Distractions work the same way in our spiritual lives. If we are not fully aware of what God is doing, distractions will try to take our attention, our energy, and our focus.

These distractions may look like:

- Doubt and fear whispering, "You're not ready."
- Comfort zones convincing us to stay when God is calling us to go.
- Other people influencing our direction, rather than God's voice leading us.

When distractions take over, we risk missing the beautiful, purposeful, and divinely timed door that God has already set before us.

Doors That Are Not Meant to Be Forced

Then there are the doors we try to open ourselves. Sometimes we push our way into spaces we were never meant to be in. We strive, we force, we try to prove something—when all along, God's best for us has been in another direction.

Have you ever pursued something out of ego instead of obedience?

Have you ever fought to be seen in a place that was never meant for you?

God doesn't need us to break down doors to bless us. He just needs us to trust Him enough to walk through the ones He has already opened.

The Invitation of an Open Door

The most beautiful truth about God's open doors is that they are a reflection of His love.

- He opens doors because He desires to take us deeper.
- He leaves doors open because His timing is perfect.
- He calls us through doors because He knows what awaits on the other side.

If you feel a stirring in your spirit, a sense that something is shifting, an awareness that God is calling you forward—pay attention. This is not by accident. It is an invitation.

You don't have to force anything.

You don't have to fear what's ahead.

You just have to trust that God, in His love, is leading you somewhere beautiful.

Will You Walk Through?

If you knew that God Himself was holding the door open for you, waiting on the other side, would you hesitate?

His invitation is still here. The door is open.

Will you walk through?

This Is How I See It!



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AN OPEN DOOR,
AND NO MAN
CAN SHUT IT."

— REVELATION 3:8



PRAYER TO EMBRACE THE OPEN DOOR AND DIVINE TRANSFORMATION

Heavenly Father,
You are the God of new beginnings, the
One who opens doors that no man can
shut. Today, I come before You with a
heart surrendered, ready to walk through
the door You have placed before me.

Lord, I ask for clarity and courage to
recognize the divine opportunities You
have set in my path. Let me not hesitate
in fear, nor linger in places I was only
meant to pass through. Break the chains of
complacency that keep me stuck where I
no longer belong, and lead me boldly into
the purpose You have prepared for me.

Father, I invite Your Extreme Makeover—a
transformation that only You can bring.
Renovate my heart, renew my mind, and
restore my spirit. Tear down the walls of
doubt, fear, and unworthiness that have
kept me from fully embracing Your calling.

Strip away everything that is not of You, and
rebuild me in Your image, filled with faith,
wisdom, and an unwavering trust in Your
plan.

If I have tried to force open doors that were
never meant for me, forgive me. Redirect
my steps, align my desires with Your will,
and let me trust that Your timing is perfect.
Teach me to walk in obedience, knowing
that Your open door is not about my striving
but about Your grace.

Lord, I surrender my life, my plans, my past,
and my future into Your hands. Transform
me. Lead me. Open the door, and I will walk
through.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



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The Primacy of Prophecy:

A Call to Listen and Discern

by michaelgordon

*“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
(Revelation 19:10)*

Prophecy is not merely a foretelling of future events; it is the divine insight of God into our present reality, illuminating both the consequences of our choices and the pathway to redemption. When we read about the prophets of old, we may imagine them as mysterious individuals predicting distant events, but biblical prophecy is far more profound. It is not about crystal balls or mystical visions—it is about seeing with God’s eyes, discerning the state of the world, and responding to His call.

A true prophet is an analyst of the present and a herald of the future. He does not speak from his own understanding but seeks God’s wisdom to diagnose the moral, social, and spiritual condition of the people. He examines the culture, observes the direction in which it is headed, and then proclaims God’s response. Prophets do not simply declare judgment; they offer a divine invitation to change. Their words are both a warning and a promise—a call to repentance and a reminder that God always provides a way of escape.

Consider Jonah’s mission to Nineveh. God, in His mercy, saw the corruption of the city and sent Jonah with a message of warning. Jonah resisted at first, reluctant to extend grace to a people he deemed unworthy. Yet, after a harrowing experience in the belly of a great fish, he submitted to God’s will. He entered the city, observed its condition, and delivered

the prophetic word: Repent, or destruction will come. In response, the people humbled themselves, turned from their wickedness, and experienced the redemptive power of God’s forgiveness. This is the essence of prophecy—not condemnation, but an invitation to life.

Prophecy in Our Lives Today

Prophecy is not a relic of the past. It is alive, active, and woven into the fabric of our faith. Every time we read Scripture, listen to a sermon, or receive a personal word from another believer, we are encountering prophecy. The Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts, urging us toward transformation. It is easy to feel defensive or resistant when confronted with the need for change, but prophecy is not about shame—it is about restoration.

God does not expose our faults to destroy us but to heal us. He sees the consequences of our rebellion, the self-inflicted wounds of our sin, and in His love, He sends His word to redirect us. He is not a harsh judge waiting to punish; He is a compassionate Father, longing to rescue. The question is, will we listen?

Prophecy is a gift, a divine intervention designed to keep us from destruction. To reject prophecy is to reject the love of God that desires our restoration. To embrace it is to step into the fullness of His plans, knowing that He has ordained a future filled with hope and victory.

Do not resist His word. Do not dismiss His warning. For every word of prophecy is an act of love, guiding us back to the arms of our Redeemer.

A Warning: Beware of False Prophets

As important as it is to embrace true prophecy, it is equally important to guard against false prophets. Jesus Himself warned us, saying:

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”

(Matthew 7:15)

False prophets do not speak from the Spirit of God but from their own desires—seeking power, influence, or personal gain. They tell people what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear. They dilute the message of righteousness, promoting prosperity without obedience, grace without repentance, and blessing without transformation.

So how can we discern true prophecy from the counterfeit?

1. It aligns with Scripture. God will never contradict His Word. Any prophecy that goes against biblical truth is false. *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

2. It exalts Jesus, not man. True prophecy points to Christ and His work of salvation, not to the prophet or their personal agenda. *(Revelation 19:10)*

3. It convicts, not just comforts. God’s words bring encouragement, but they also call us to repentance and growth. Beware of those who only speak what is pleasing to the ears. *(2 Timothy 4:3-4)*

4. It bears good fruit. Jesus said, “You will know them by their fruits.” A true prophet’s life and ministry will reflect godliness, humility, and integrity. *(Matthew 7:16-20)*

5. It comes to pass. If someone continually prophesies things that never happen, they are not speaking for God. *(Deuteronomy 18:21-22)*

We must be vigilant, testing every spirit to see whether it is from God *(1 John 4:1)*. Let us not be deceived by voices that manipulate, but instead seek the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us in truth.

A PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT AND OBEDIENCE

Heavenly Father,

You are the God who speaks, the One who sees beyond what we can perceive. Thank You for loving us so much that You refuse to leave us in our brokenness. Open our ears to hear Your voice, and soften our hearts to receive Your guidance. When You send a word of prophecy, help us to embrace it with humility rather than resist it in pride. Teach us to discern Your truth from deception, to recognize the warnings You give, and to walk in obedience to Your call. May we not see prophecy as punishment, but as proof of Your relentless love—a love that corrects, restores, and leads us into the fullness of Your promises.

Protect us from the influence of false prophets. Grant us wisdom to test every word against Your truth and the courage to reject deception. Let our hearts be tuned only to Your voice, that we may walk in the path of righteousness and live in the abundance of Your grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Call to Action:

Embrace the Prophetic Word, Reject the Counterfeit

Prophecy is not about fear—it is about love. It is God reaching out, calling you back to Himself, and guiding you into the life He designed for you. If you sense God speaking to you—through His Word, through a sermon, or through a personal message—do not harden your heart.

But also, be discerning. Not every voice that claims to speak for God is truly from Him. Test what you hear. Ask: Does this align with Scripture? Does it point me to Jesus? Does it challenge me to grow?

Do not resist. Do not delay. God’s words are never empty, and His promises are never void. Choose to listen, choose to respond, and choose to walk into the future He has already prepared for you.



Nature's Antibiotics:

FOODS AND HERBS THAT FIGHT INFECTION WITHOUT SIDE EFFECTS

by michaelaarongordon

Ever feel like your immune system could use a little backup—but you'd rather not sign up for another prescription with a long list of side effects? You're not alone. Thankfully, nature has its own pharmacy—and it's open 24/7.

Let's talk about some of the most powerful natural "antibiotics" that you can find in your kitchen or pick up at the store—no white coat or insurance card required.

1. Garlic – The Stinky Superhero

Don't let the smell fool you—garlic is one of the most powerful natural antibiotics out there. It contains a compound called allicin, which helps fight off bacteria, viruses, and even fungi. Chop it up raw and let it sit for 10 minutes before adding to food to activate its healing powers. Feeling bold? Swallow a raw chopped clove like a pill. (Chaser recommended.)

2. Oregano Oil – Small Bottle, Big Punch

Oregano oil is like nature's version of a knockout punch to bacteria. It's especially helpful for respiratory infections and sinus congestion. Just a drop or two in a carrier oil (like olive oil) under the tongue, or a couple drops in steaming water for a DIY inhale session. Warning: it's strong. Like, "wake up your ancestors" strong.

3. Raw Honey – Sweet and Strategic

Raw honey doesn't just soothe your throat—it fights infection while it's doing it. It's naturally antibacterial and antiviral, and great on its own or mixed with lemon and warm water. Preferably use local raw honey

to help with seasonal allergies too. And if you really want to step it up, Manuka honey is incredibly powerful—some say even more medicinal than regular raw honey. Just make sure it's the real deal.

4. Clove – Tiny but Mighty

Cloves aren't just for holiday hams. They're loaded with eugenol, which has anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties. You can chew on a clove for a sore throat or use clove oil (diluted) for oral infections. Your breath may not thank you, but your body will.

5. Ginger – The Gut's Best Friend

Ginger helps reduce inflammation and also fights bacteria and viruses. You can slice it into tea, juice it, or chew it raw (if you're brave). It's also great for nausea, so it's a win-win.

SIMPLE AT-HOME TONIC:

Mix warm water with:

- 1 tbsp raw honey
 - Juice of half a lemon
 - A pinch of grated garlic or ginger
 - Optional: a drop of oregano oil (diluted)
- Sip slowly and thank God for plants.

Final Thought:

Next time you feel something coming on, give nature a chance to step in. These remedies have been around long before pharmacies and commercials told us otherwise.

**And as always,
If God didn't make it, I don't take it.**

Hippocrates —
'Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.'

♥ PRAYER REQUEST ♥

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

PLAN OF SALVATION

Jesus loved you enough to die for YOU so that you could have eternal life. (John 3:16) If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, He will come into your life now. (Acts 16:33; Luke 13:3) Just do these four things to begin your new life in Christ.

1. Realize that God loves you and has a good plan for your life. (John 3:16; Romans 10:10)
2. Realize that Man is sinful and separated from God and, therefore, cannot know or experience God's love and plan. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)
3. Realize that Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Only through Him can you know and experience God's love and plan. (Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
4. Realize that we must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:1-8)

If you are ready, I invite you to pray this prayer and God will come into your life right now: *Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be.*



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