Lesson 10: Prophetic authority and relevance

A. The Prophet Moses and his prophetic authority

1. Exodus 3:1-10 What lessons can we learn from the call of Moses to be a prophet of God?
2. Exodus 4:1-9 What supernatural signs did the LORD provide to assure Moses that he was sent with prophetic authority from God?
3. How did the LORD respond to Moses when he tried to make excuses about accepting the call to be a prophet of God? Exodus 4:10-17
4. How did the LORD fulfill His promise given to the prophet Moses? Hosea 12:13
5. What excuses do we make for not doing the things God asks us to do?
6. What lesson can we learn from the response of Mary when she was visited by the angel Gabriel? Luke 1:34-38

B. Jesus and His prophetic authority

1. Read the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount and the reaction of the crowd. Matthew 7:24-29
2. How was the authority of Jesus different from the authority of Scribes and Pharisees? John 17:1-2
3. Share some examples from the ministry of Jesus of times when He spoke with authority.
    a. Mark 1:21-27 - casting out a demon
    b. Luke 8:22-25 - calming the storm
    c. John 11:38-44 - raising Lazarus from the dead
    d. Other examples?
4. What bold claim did Jesus make after His resurrection from the dead? Matthew 28:18
5. What is possible when followers of Jesus take their stand under His authority? Matthew 10:1,7-8, John 14:12-14, Acts 3:1-8, etc.

C. The prophetic authority of the Bible as a whole

a. What lessons can we learn from the Apostle Paul's inspired testimony recorded in 2 Timothy 3:15-17?

b. There were times when the writings of the prophets of God were neglected. What happened in the days of King Josiah when the Sacred Scriptures were rediscovered? 2 Kings 22:1-13, 23:1-3,25

c. Share other times when the writings of the prophets of God were neglected. (Dark Ages, our day, etc.)

d. What commitment did the Psalmist make as he meditated on the Sacred Scriptures? Psalm 119:16

e. What blessings are promised for those who hear and accept the authority of the Word of God? Revelation 1:1-3, Psalm 119:105,32:8, etc.

f. What blessings have you received as you have accepted the authority of the writings of the prophets and applied the truths you are learning?