

VISIONS:

First Do First

THE WORD "VISIONS" IS DEFINED AS AN EXPERIENCE SIMILAR TO A DREAM THROUGH WHICH SUPERNATURAL INSIGHT AND AWARENESS IS GIVEN BY REVELATION... IN THE BIBLE, PEOPLE WHO HAD VISIONS WERE FILLED WITH A SPECIAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD. THE PURPOSE OF ANY VISION IS TO GIVE DIRECTION TO GOD'S SERVANTS...

BELoved, I BELIEVE IN VISIONS,
ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THEIR BEING
WAYS GOD SPEAKS TO HIS SERVANTS.....

Do We Still Have A Vision?

1/15/95 AM

Let Me Ask How ~~many~~ important Are
Visions? According to the
Bible Visions are a matter
of Life And Death

Would You Open Your Bible
to Proverbs Chapter 29, Verse
18 - / Proverbs 29:18 // Don't read
it

10 Years Ago We Made A Sign
That Said A Lot About The
Work God Had Begun Out
Here / And About His Future //

And Believed The Message
Still Holds True // (It's out
In The Entrance Hall)

Here's That Message / It's Also
Our Devt for Today: Proverbs 29:18 //
"Where There is No Vision
The People Perish"

I Believe That With All
My Heart Believed //

If you will read the Bible
you will find that it speaks
often of "Visions" //

Time & time again, God spoke
to His servants ~~THRU~~ Visions //

- ① He told them things they
needed to know - //
- ② He let them see things they
needed to see - //
- ③ He let them see the way
things should be - // & could
be with His help //

(I believe God still speaks thru
visions:)

Now Webster defines a vision as:
something perceived in a dream or
a trance // something supernaturally
revealed // the ability to perceive
something not actually seen //

And my Hebrew dictionary says this:
a vision is often a revelation
from God // God's way of showing
a prophecy //

2) My Greek Dictionary Says:
"A Vision is often used of
God to help man discern
God's desires & Intentions" //

Now the Verse of Scripture we
just read has this message
for me, "when someone has no
desire to know God's Intentions,
he or she loses understanding
of God's purpose for them."
And "someone says proudly" //

"I believe Proverbs 29:18 is ^{also} a
reminder of some of the darkest
days in the history of the
children of Israel" // It was a
time when there was "No word
from God // No open union" //
Now later, it was
not because God had no word
for them // but because the
people did not want to hear
from God // And refused
to hear from God //

Let me tell you a few things
That happen when there is no
vision / when people do not want
to hear from God & won't

(1st) "People Perish" // People die not
knowing God's will for their
lives" / And 2 Peter 3:9 tells us
what God's will is // It's that
people be saved, not die lost

You see beloved, "when there is no
vision" there is a DENIAL of
God's word // oh we may not
say it out loud, but in our
hearts we deny the message of
the word of God // we don't feel
that it applies to us

(#2) when there is no vision, there
is no concern // no caring //
no weeping // no going and
no harvest = // And when there
is no harvest, people perish //
people die lost = / which by the
way, is NOT the will of
God for anyone //

3/18/81 Sunday Morning there were close
to 80 people in the service
Sunday Night there were close
to 20 - Why? (God knows why)

Oh Listeners, "You needed to hear
Sunday Night's message also/ It said:
"Your Testimony is Important"
Bless tho you may not think so
You needed to be reminded as we were
of Psalm 107:2 where the word
of God says: "let the redeemed
of the Lord say so." And beloved,
this message you need to hear
from v. 29:18 Over & Over
"And you will if you listen"

I remind you that
North Creek Baptist Church began
with a vision - ~~and~~ ^{and} each is the
beginning there were more in
the Wednesday Night Service than
we have done Sunday Nights
and just about every Wednesday
Night" Why? Could some
have lost the vision?

Let Me Ask "Have We Lost
Our Vision As a Church?"

Could It Be That "As a Church"
We have lost our Desire to
Know God's Intentions? To
Hear God's Word?

If We know "Someone is Coming to
Perish" / Someone is Coming to die
Lost / Someone will pay dearly

Oh how we Beloved, We will not
Keep the Commitments we make
to the Church by joining it,
If we have lost our Vision

We will not be Faithful to the
Church we say "God drew us to"
Without a Vision // And we
will most certainly not keep
the commitment we make Lost
Sunday morning without a
Vision, // And Beloved, without
a Vision, someone will die
without Jesus / And pay a terrible
price for doing so

4/ Listen / I Believe in Visions

I have a Vision for North Creek Baptist Church // You see, I know in my heart what God has in mind for North Creek Church = // I know in my heart what God's will is for North Creek Church // I believe God has shown me

Oh but listen, before God can do it / or rather will do it / we MUST first be willing to hear from God and to act on what we hear" // We must ALL have a Vision of ALL Act on it. //

When men of old Instructed Camp had Visions, Great things were shown them // But when they had no Vision - people perished //

You see beloved, "A Vision lets us see how Great God is & what God wants to do / and will do" //

Do you remember the prophet Elijah / And how he prayed for his servant //

The servant needed to know how
great God was and God showed
him // Before the vision the servant
only saw Elijah & himself
surrounded by the enemy // but
when God let his eyes be opened,
he saw the enemy surrounded
by the Army of God (Visions
from God will do that beloved)

Not only will God open our
eyes to His will // but He
will show us how to do it //
and He uses the Holy Spirit
to do it beloved =

This past week ^{Barbara & I} we heard a sermon
after a sermon telling us what we
could accomplish is "The Power of
the Spirit" & scripture to back it up //
And the vision of how our
this church can only be
accomplished "For the power of
the Spirit" / As the church
submits itself to the leadership
of the Holy Spirit = Account to Acts 1:8

5/ Oh listen, "The Church must have
a vision of follow it, or someone
will die lost // We must share
Jesus Now / someone life depends
on it = // someone Eternal
destination "Heaven or hell," depends
on the vision we have //

Beloved, If we ever hear God say
"Well done" it will be because we
have a vision of do something about
it = //

I said earlier that I had a vision
for this church, and I do // As
you know the building sits on a
hill // And it's well lighted
at night = // My vision for this
church is that it will always
be the light from spoke of in
Matt. 5:14-16 // That people
everywhere will know that we
love the Lord, because we are
doing "Good Works" that glorify
our Father in Heaven" //

My vision is that, Once Again
People will be drawn to the
Church (To Jesus) because the
Church has a vision = "Oh
Latter Peoples Lives Depend
on it" ^{Hearing God day well done}
Depends on it

Recently God gave me another vision
He let me see that there were many
people being ignored that there
were people being overlooked
And God let me see how precious
they were to Him and should
be to me

God let me see that some would
die last if people didn't love
them as God did and that many
could care less about them

God let me see that "He was no
 respecter of persons" that His
Love was without limits God
let me see how all inclusive His
Grace was I call it a
vision = you call it what
you please =

6/ God called my attention to
Matthew 25 Verses 31 thru 36

(Would you know there)

And would you read silently or
at Read Aloud - *(do so)*

Beloved, my vision includes these
people // you see many are being
ignored // many are being overlooked //
some are dying lost //

Yet Jesus said: "They are important
to me" // And as you minister to
any one of them, it's as tho
you are ministering to me" //

And next week I'm gonna find out how I cope //

Oh listen, unless we have a vision //

unless you and I allow God to
help us discern His will // His
interests // His intents // someone

will pay dearly // someone may
die lost // And God doesn't want it
to happen //

Let me ask, have you been
listening? // Have you wanted to
hear from God // Have you heard
from God? //

I believe God has been speaking
because I heard what He said

He said: "When there is no vision,
the people perish" but those
who do the will of God
will be happy" because they
will be busy about the Father's
business / they will tell people
how to escape hell & all His
doctrines = And God's business
is our business beloved

Could it be that some in the church
are not happy simply because
they have no vision or because
they are not following God's will
for their lives = (It'll make a
person miserable)

Could it be that God has spoken,
but some have not chosen to listen

Could it be that some simply
do not want to hear God speak?

2:17 Luke
In Acts ~~2:17~~ Peter, "Ye men
shall see visions and all these
things shall come to pass" As I pour out ^{my} spirit

7/ I believe "Old men see visions
also" if they will let God work. ~~like~~
God does not stop speaking to
a person just because there is
"Laziness on the part of" or just
because a person is "Up in Years!"

"I believe God just keeps showing
things to those who want to see. ~~like~~
And He lets those hear, who
really want to hear" ~~like~~

Do you have a vision? ~~like~~ Does it
include the Father's business? ~~like~~
Does it say, "whenever He leads
I will go" ~~like~~ Does it include
"I surrender all"? ~~like~~ Does it compel
you to say: "Here am I, use me?" ~~like~~

Oh listen, "If we have no vision"
it will not include any of these ~~like~~
"If we have no vision" we will
have no concern, and someone
will die lost = ~~like~~

Could we born about it? Every eye
closed its own head is bowed -

"When there is no vision, people
will be lost // And people without
a vision will be held accountable
by God // So says the word of God //

Dear saved persons, do you have a
vision? Are you wanting to hear
from God? Are you willing to
hear from Him today? Will you
tell God just now = And then
will you publicly commit to
do what God has told you to
do // It's God's will that you do //

Dear lost persons, "God wants you to
be saved right now" // "He gave His
son to save it" // "He made salvation
a gift because He knew you could
never earn it or buy it" //

He said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus" /
"Acknowledge the Lord Jesus" /
Admit your lostness & your need
for a Savior = Ask Jesus right
now to save you = And accept
salvation as a gift - //

8/ let me help you if you need
help = you need to be saved now
Will you come to Jesus. //

If you are here, believing God wants
you to be a part of His work,
you need to come // And if God
leads you, He knows what His
Church requires for membership =
you need to come. // Listen / if
God tells you to come = you
need to do so regardless. //

Do you have a vision? / Unless
we do someone will die lost =
And the price they pay will be
cast by // If will go on for all
Eternity //

Let's Go