

People of Vision

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God created us to be people of vision—yet I’ve found over many years of ministry that very few Christians understand this fact nor do they understand what it means. Throughout the Bible God has revealed Himself to His people through visions and He also reveals knowledge and wisdom through visions. That is why vision and prophetic revelation are so important and why the Lord said to us in Montana in the ‘90s that He “is building His Church by revelation.” It requires vision and prophetic revelation to know *what* God’s called you to do, *how* He’s called you to do it and *where* He’s called you to do it. The Bible tells us in the Wisdom Literature, “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18).

The Lord asked me to begin a study of the Office of Prophet back in the ‘80s and I began to receive revelation from Him in visions about not only the prophet’s anointing but also the importance of every single Christian receiving revelation and vision because if you don’t you will never accomplish God’s will for your life and then God’s overall plan for Planet Earth will be greatly diminished. You see, God not only is *active* in our planet but He also has made His creation active in helping Him bring His plans to fruition.

One of the ways God allows His people to “see” is through His genuine prophets but when His people fall into sin then God can restrict the ability of His prophets to see the future. We see this principle in the book of Micah: “Therefore it shall

be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them.” (ESV) This also occurred during the days of Samuel: “And the word of Jehovah was precious in those days; there was no frequent vision.” And it certainly occurred during the approximate 400 years between the prophet Malachi and the next prophet, John the Baptist—God withheld prophetic vision from His people; therefore, because we can establish this fact “in the mouth of two or three witnesses” it means that this is a principle of God.

One of the reasons there may be “no frequent vision” is because God’s people have not prepared their hearts to receive prophetic vision from Him—He told me so in 1988 when there was a great debate going on amongst Christianity via the secular media regarding whether or not God still reveals Himself to mankind today. The Lord said to me: “I have more revelation knowledge to release to mankind than I have vessels able to receive it.”

The Lord expects us to be people of vision and He’s done His part by giving us the Holy Spirit but we must do our part and prepare our hearts through repentance, holiness and seeking the Lord “while He may be found.” We must understand spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit in order to be prepared vessels and then we must *exercise* our prophetic anointing to receive vision and revelation from the Lord.

Lately I’ve been working on the second volume of *Revelations from God* which is scheduled for publication around the end of January. This book will include visions and revelations from my journals mostly from the late ‘90s through the year 2001. The first volume taught what the Lord has revealed to me about the different *kinds* of visions and this volume will teach on the different *types* of revelation.

The devil has certainly fought the principle of Five-fold ministry outlined in Ephesians 4 and he has especially fought the office of prophet because he does not want Christians to believe that God still speaks *to* and *through* prophets today. This is one reason why the Lord had me write *The Prophetic Voice*. Yet there are many in the Church today who do not believe God still calls prophets yet I noted in my journal on January 3, 2000, while reading Matthew 23:34: “This morning while reading in Matthew 23, I noticed the words of Jesus in v. 34, “Therefore I am sending you prophets ...” and I wrote, “You never hear those who say the prophet’s office has passed away quote this verse of scripture.”

We especially need the Office of Prophet in our individual churches today if we expect to be people of vision. This means, of course, that they should not only be developed, ordained and set in their office but they must also be allowed to fully function in their prophetic anointing.

In addition, pastors and other *elders* (Five-fold ministers) who are in leadership need to assist their congregations in developing their spiritual vision—what we at CCI call having “The Eye of the Eagle.” If they do not develop their people spiritually then their congregations will not be people of vision and their spiritual growth will continue to be stunted and the will of the Lord for that particular church will not come to pass.

But it is also your own individual responsibility to develop your spiritual vision—to be a person of vision—not only so the Lord can use you but also to protect you and your family from the attacks of the enemy. In this sense, if you do not, Proverbs 29:18 can become quite literal for you or a family member. And if you do not develop your spiritual vision then “the Church” cannot be built because the Lord is building His Church “by revelation.”

I want to encourage you today to meditate on this teaching and to press in to the Holy of Holies while there is still time. The Holy Spirit said to me on October, 15,

2000, “enter the Holy of Holies while there is still time” and then He reminded me of the Lord’s parable of the ten virgins that He spoke much to me about in 1999 and 2000; these revelations are shared in *Revelations from God, Vol. II* but I want to share one in particular here that He spoke about on 9/9/99 which I found interesting since 9 is the number of the Holy Spirit.

He spoke to me from the Book of Ester about the ten virgins and this is another example of why the Bible is so interesting and so full of revelation which we cannot hope to understand and be people of vision without the help of the Light from the precious Holy Spirit. I would encourage you to meditate on these thoughts and this teaching so that you are a person of vision and “ready” when the Bridegroom returns.

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The Lord spoke to me from the Book of Esther today. It was in the *third* year of his reign that King Xerxes gave a banquet and summoned the Queen, Vashti, but she refused to come.

Is this banquet prophetic for the third day of the Church and the remnant being brought forth as the Bride because the “old queen” would not “make herself ready” and come? It was the “foolish virgins” who were not prepared for the Bridegroom’s return and thus they were shut out of the Wedding Feast.

