

The Heavenly Vision

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The Apostle Paul said he was “not disobedient to the heavenly vision.” What did he mean by that? What is the “heavenly vision?” Do you have a “heavenly vision?” If you don’t then you should because God has a vision of you!

Visions are important to God; that’s why He uses them to communicate with us. In my book *Revelations from God* published a year ago I wrote about the different types of visions and the book is a compilation of many years of visions and revelations from the Lord. I am currently working on volume II which teaches about the different levels of revelation from the Lord.

Whenever we minister in churches there is always (every time) miracles, signs and wonders just like there should be and there is great revelation given by the Lord to His people. One of the reasons this happens is because we teach the *revelation* we received from the Lord in Montana on how He is building His Church. It’s in the Scriptures! He’s building His Church by **revelation**. We should easily understand how true this is because if you don’t have prophetic revelation how can you do anything for the Lord? It requires revelation to know where to go and what to do.

Many people report angelic visitations, visions and people who say they don’t dream experience prophetic dreams or night visions. God visits His people to impart gifts and revelation.

The Bible says, “without a vision the people perish” yet we’ve found that most churches don’t have a vision at all. They are just existing and they are finding it more difficult to exist today because of the spiritual warfare against them from the Dark Kingdom.

This morning shortly before 5 A.M. I awoke and the Lord began to speak into my spirit about the “Heavenly Vision.” Every Christian should have a “heavenly vision” just like Paul did and I do. What is yours?

Let me give you an example from when we ministered at a church in Oklahoma (if you’d like to obtain these messages ministered then phone or email us). One night the Lord gave gifts to people during a 7 hour service! Now we’ve had many services that last 7 hours; the longest was 7 ½ hours but they’ve all been in Africa or Asia. Frankly, the leadership of most churches in the USA today would not allow a 7 hour service. And it was on a school night! In probably 99 % of the churches in America the pastor would have stopped Ev and I after a couple of hours or certainly 3-4 hours and said, “Now brother Timmons, you need to close. After all the people are tired and the children have to be in school tomorrow.”

I didn’t know it at the time but this was also a “test” for this particular church that they passed. The Lord told me so at the end of the service and I relayed it to the leadership. The “test” my brother and sister is whether or not you’re going to allow the Holy Spirit to be in charge of the service or you are! One of the reasons the Holy Spirit has left most charismatic churches in America is because they wanted to be in charge so He lets them.

In this particular service we ministered to each and every family and individual in that church; that is one of the reasons it took so long. People in America need to understand that God cares about people. He wants to help them – to bless them – to give them revelation and spiritual gifts. This takes time. That’s why you need to develop the fruit of patience and not be impatient or selfish and only think about yourself. We must discern the Body and rejoice when other members of the Body are ministered to by the Lord (*cf.* I Cor. 12).

We get a lot of calls and emails every day from people who need deliverance or know someone who does and people all over the world who’ve read *Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom* seem to think that all we do is deliverance ministry.

But one of the main facets of our ministry and gifting is the activation of God’s people into their gifts and callings. This, of course, requires both prophetic revelation and an anointing to activate and impart like Paul did to Timothy.

The head usher at this church received a gift that night – the gift of working of miracles. He shared with me how, like me, he’d been raised a Methodist but had been in that church for a few years.

About a half hour or so after we ministered this gift to him a family came forward with a young man of about age 12-14 in a wheel chair. Ev and I spoke to the family and asked them if there was anything they wanted from the Lord. They didn't mention the boy's obvious need to be out of the wheel chair. He had cerebral palsy and had not walked. I didn't pray for him. Instead, I called the usher over who God had earlier given the gift that this boy needed – the gift of working of miracles. I simply said, "Pray for him."

The usher kneeled down beside the wheel chair and prayed a simple prayer. I'm not sure exactly what he prayed because I wasn't listening but was rather listening to the Spirit. When he finished praying and stood up I reached down and unbuckled the seat belt that held the boy in the wheel chair and I lifted him to his feet. He immediately took 4 steps and then stopped, looked back at the wheelchair in amazement and started to return to it. I spoke to the father, "Get rid of that thing." I then asked the usher and some others to walk the boy around the sanctuary which they did and I saw him the next night sitting in a chair with his family and not back in the wheel chair. After this two more people in the congregation in wheel chairs hurriedly came down to the front. They were smart to do so because when the Spirit of God is moving if you'll demonstrate faith you'll receive as Jesus said, "Whatsoever he believeth."

One of these other two was a woman who'd had a stroke and not only could not walk but could not speak! I called the usher back over and had him pray for these two people in wheelchairs and the gift manifested again as both of them got up and walked away from their wheel chairs. In addition, the woman who could not speak turned to her husband and said, "I love you." At this point the church went wild and there was not a dry eye in the entire congregation – the Spirit of the Lord was heavy upon the congregation and people were weeping and praising God.

I went into some detail with this testimony to encourage you – to inspire you to seek the Lord and His Spirit about your particular spiritual gifts. The Bible teaches that *all* Christians are given gifts – that means you need to find out what yours are and be faithful to operate in the gifts and to "stir them up" as Paul reminded Timothy. It is the purpose of Five-fold ministry to activate and train you in your gifts and then let you minister your gifts to a sin-sick, crying, dying world and to the Church. Yet, even today, this is not the ministry model we see. We see the same old, tired, model of one person being exalted as "the great healing evangelist" or some such nonsense.

I've found that most Christians are naive about ministry and how much corruption there is today. The reason this model is being perpetuated, quite frankly, is because of money and control but it's not God's model – it's not Jesus' model – if it had been He never would have taught and trained the 12 and the 70 disciples would He? He just would have continued to hold large meetings and kept the \$100 per person registration fees for Himself wouldn't He? And the Apostle Paul never would have trained Timothy, Titus, Epaphras and many others. He would only have billed himself as “the great healing apostle” at his famous Mars Hill Meeting (registration fee of 50 drachmas p.p.).

The next night we had a shorter service and my wife gave a testimony before I taught the Word about a gift she'd received that night as well. It deals with the Heavenly Vision. The Lord showed her a powerful revelation that I didn't realize at the time was another successive revelation to a series of dreams and visions He's given me over the years about how He creates us as spirits and places within our spirits these gifts as well as the spiritual calling to use these gifts for advancing the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

The Lord showed Evelyn that He is a dreamer like we are. But all His hopes and dreams are created into human beings with the capacity to bring to fruition His hopes and dreams. You exist because the Lord had a dream of something He wanted to bring to pass. That is His “Heavenly Vision” for you, my brother and sister! That is why He created you.

If you've listened to many of my teaching messages you'll know I've said for many years, “When God wants to change history He births a baby – a Moses, a Deborah or an Esther.” Evie's revelation was a confirmation of this. Sometimes we don't think young children are listening to these sermons but they do go into their spirits. One of our beloved church members from the church in Montana had a birthday party. While she was opening her birthday cards and reading them she read the card from her young daughter, age 7, who wrote, “When God wants to change history He births a baby.”

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me this morning as I write this teaching letter to you. Be encouraged and seek Him for your gifts, callings and your “Heavenly Vision.” If you don't you will disappoint the Lord. If you never fulfill your purpose that the Lord dreamed for you then His total dream for this generation on planet earth will not be fulfilled and it will have an impact on the future. Pray today and seek the Lord for your “Heavenly Vision.”