

# The Fathers Vision

## Scripture:

Numbers 24:4-7 *“The utterance of him who hears the words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open: <sup>5</sup>“How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel! <sup>6</sup>Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens by the riverside, Like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters. <sup>7</sup>He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters.”*

## Introduction:

Vision. If we're ever to really be successful in life and come to the place we really enjoy living, we're going to have to have it. The Bible says that those who have no vision will perish or cast off restraint. (Proverbs 29:18). The most important thing about vision for the Christian is that he get the same vision that the Lord has. When that happens, I believe we will find the joy that the kingdom promises in our lives.

### I. Make the vision plain and understandable.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 *“<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup>For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*

### II. Father God has always had a vision for a family of sons and daughters.

Genesis 1:26-28 *“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup>Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

- A. Father God was the first visionary.
- B. His vision has always been to have a planet populated with billions of sons and daughters.
- C. Jesus came into the world to buy back God's sons and daughters through His death on the cross.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

- D. We're not just saved to go to heaven but to experience the glory of being God's sons and daughters here on the earth.

Hebrews 2:10-13 *“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, <sup>12</sup>saying: “I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.” <sup>13</sup>And again: “I will put My trust in Him.” And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”*

### III. The day of Pentecost ushered in a whole new era of bringing many sons to glory.

Acts 2:41-42 *“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup>And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”*

- A. One message delivered with authority and power brought 3,000 sons and daughters into God's kingdom.
- B. These were people who were discipled.
  - 1. They continued in the doctrine.
  - 2. They weren't AWOL three days later.
  - 3. A group of sons and daughters had arisen in obedience to the Master's commission.

Matthew 28:18-20 *“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go  therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

**IV. God is looking for workers in His quest to see His vision come to pass.**

Matthew 9:35-38 *“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup>But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

- A. He said it would involve work. There's no free ride.
- B. The great need then and now was for a shepherding ministry.
- C. Christ has a plan that will bring fulfillment to the vision if His people will only say yes to a little effort.
- D. This is a very simple plan for bringing Fathers sons and daughters home.
  - 1. Just minister in any way the Lord leads you.
  - 2. Get a compassion for the lost. (You may need to pray for this. How can you be a Christian without compassion for the multitudes?)
  - 3. Get involved in a shepherding ministry. This is not just the job of the paid preacher who preaches from the pulpit on Sunday morning.
  - 4. Begin to pray for the harvest.
- E. Will you be included in a group like this?