



VISION TO SEE!

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To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3:21

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Revelation 21:7

Inheriting the glory described in the last two chapters of the Book of Revelation, and being a son of God, depends on our overcoming all that comes against us during our discipleship – from child to son.

Why We Are Called to Be a Son:

- A corporate son brings liberation and freedom to humanity through the power of God.
- A corporate son that will disarm the powers of wickedness, and bring humanity out of the clutches of corruption into the glory, light and freedom of God.
- A corporate son whose conduct will be as God himself on the earth, because of their knowledge of their godly nature.
- Sonship is the releasing of the life (zoë) of God in people.

Holistic meaning; that if we are not careful we become people who divide our lives, segment our faith and compartmentalise what God is doing in our lives.

A holistic approach has to do with the understanding of the wholeness of God – nothing missing and nothing broken! God is not fragmented or segmented – God is whole, God is complete, God is perfect. He not only does some things well, He does ALL things well.

I will take my position and be on watch, placing myself on my tower, looking out to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my protest.

And the Lord gave me an answer, and said, Put the vision in writing and make it clear on stones, so that the reader may go quickly.

For the vision is still for the fixed time, and it is moving quickly to the end, and it will not be false: even if it is slow in coming, go on waiting for it; because it will certainly come, it will not be kept back.

Habakkuk 2:1-3

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 29:18

Vision is conceptualising a reality that is not yet. It is a mental picture of a future state.

There will come a day that you will have to **see** (in vision, in your heart and mind) what God is **saying** (before you see it in reality).

Today! You have to **see** what God has **said** about you!

Obstacles To Vision Are:

- 1. Present circumstances.**
- 2. Present resources.**
- 3. Present self.**

God releases a vision to a person, but by the time they get to where they are going, they are somebody else.

And the Lord had said to Abram, after Lot was parted from him, From this place where you are take a look to the north and to the south, to the east and to the west: Don't look where you are. Look from where you are.

For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your seed for ever.

And I will make your children like the dust of the earth, so that if the dust of the earth may be numbered, then will your children be numbered.

Come; go through all the land from one end to the other for I will give it to you.

Genesis 13:14-17

Numbers 13:1...

¹And the Lord said to Moses, send men to get knowledge about the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from every tribe of their fathers you are to send a man, everyone a chief among them.

¹⁷So Moses sent them to have a look at the land of Canaan, and said to them, go up into the South and into the hill-country;

¹⁸And see what the land is like; and if the people living in it are strong or feeble, small or great in number;

¹⁹And what sort of land they are living in, if it is good or bad; and what their living-places are, tent-circles or walled towns;

²⁰And if the land is fertile or poor and if there is wood in it or not, be of good heart, and come back with some of the produce of the land. Now it was the time when the first grapes were ready.

²¹So they went up and got a view of the land.

²³And they came to the valley of Eshcol, and cutting down a vine-branch with its grapes, two of them took it on a rod between them; and they took some pomegranates and figs.

²⁴That place was named the valley of Eshcol because of the grapes which the children of Israel took from there.

²⁵At the end of forty days they came back from viewing the land.

²⁶And they came back to Moses and Aaron and all the children of Israel, to Kadesh in the waste land of Paran; and gave an account to them and to all the people and let them see the produce of the land.

²⁷And they said, we came to the land where you sent us, and truly it is flowing with milk and honey: and here is some of the produce of it.

²⁸But the people living in the land are strong, and the towns are walled and very great; further, we saw the children of Anak there.

²⁹**And the Amalekites are in the South; and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill-country; and the Canaanites by the sea and by the side of Jordan.**

³⁰**Then Caleb made signs to the people to keep quiet, and said to Moses, Let us go up straight away and take this land; for we are well able to overcome it.**

³¹**But the men who had gone up with him said, we are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.**

³²**And they gave the children of Israel a bad account of the land they had been to see, saying, This land through which we went is a land causing destruction to those living in it; and all the people we saw there are men of more than common size.**

³³**There we saw those great men, the sons of Anak, offspring of the Nephilim: and we seemed to ourselves no more than insects, and so we seemed to them.**

Numbers 13:1; 17-21; 23-33

The enemy was ready to give up if only they would show up!

What Are You Seeing Today?

And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him, and said to him, Jehovah is with you, mighty warrior.

Judges 6:12

He watched how they drank!

God decided to make the army of Gideon smaller.

There's no greater or safer place to be than right in the centre of God's will, even if that place seems to be a place of disadvantage.

Why Scooping?

Because the men who used their hands to scoop up the water had to have empty hands!

God wants to use people who have empty, clean hands! Clean hands represent a level of consecration and holiness. He wants to use people who will obey without hesitation.

Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, this is the Word of Jehovah saying, not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of Hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

...bring it to a flourishing finish (Message).

You Are Unique - Distinctive, uncommon, exclusive, unusual!!

If God didn't want to complete it, He would not have started it. It's important then to understand that God is whole, complete and perfect – God doesn't change.