BANNERS FOR THE 2014 MEMORIAL DAY CONFERENCE

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the vision of the Triune God working Himself
into His chosen and redeemed people in order to saturate
their entire being with the Divine Trinity for the producing and building up
of the Body of Christ consummating in the New Jerusalem.

We need to see that the all-inclusive Christ
is the reality of all the positive things in the universe,
and as the Spirit of reality, He makes the untraceable riches of all that He is
real to us, guiding us into Himself as the divine reality.

We need to see the vision of the Body of Christ—
the corporate Christ, the intrinsic significance of the church,
a constitution of the Triune God with the believers in Christ,
the means for God to carry out His administration,
and the universal church expressed in many localities as local churches.

We need to see that God desires all His people to be Nazarites, those who separate themselves
unto God to be absolutely, utterly, and ultimately for God, that is,
to be for nothing other than God—loving God, seeking God, living God,
and being constituted with God to bless others with God for the expression of God.

Outline of the Messages for the Memorial Day Conference

May 23-26, 2014

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE HEAVENLY VISION

Message One

The Governing and Controlling Vision—the Vision of God's Economy

RK *Hymns* 972, God's Eternal Economy

Scripture Reading: Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19; Eph. 1:17-18; Rev. 21:2, 9-10

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Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

I. In the Bible *vision* denotes an extraordinary scene; it refers to a special kind of seeing—a glorious, inward seeing—and to the spiritual scenery we see from God—Acts 26:19; Matt. 16:17; Ezek. 1:1; 8:3:

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Matt 16:17 And Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in the heavens.

Ezek 1:1 Now in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth of the month, while I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Ezek 8:3 And He stretched out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and heaven and brought me to Jerusalem in the visions of God, to the entrance of the gate of the inner court that faces north, where the seat of the idol of jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy.

A. God's visions are His revelations, which enable us to see divine, spiritual, heavenly things—Acts 22:14-15; 26:16.

Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers has previously appointed you to know His will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice from His mouth;

Acts 22:15 For you will be a witness to Him unto all men of the things which you have seen and heard.

Acts 26:16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;

B. In order to have a vision, we need revelation (unveiling), light, and sight—Eph. 1:17-18:

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

1. Without light we cannot see the vision, even if the veil is taken away—2 Cor. 4:6; 1 John 1:5, 7.

2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

2. When the divine light shines over the divine revelation in the Word, the divine revelation becomes the divine vision; when we also have sight, we can see the heavenly vision—Eph. 1:17-18; 3:9.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

C. We need to pray that the Lord will bring us all up to a high mountain and release every one of us from ourselves, bringing us out of our own experiences, learning, and past attainments and lifting us up to a new realm, an elevated sphere, that we have never reached before so that we may have a transcendent view of the glorious vision of God—Rev. 21:9-10; Acts 10:9-16.

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Acts 10:9 And on the next day as they were journeying and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray around the sixth hour.

Acts 10:10 And he became very hungry and wanted to eat. And while they were preparing, a trance came upon him;

Acts 10:11 And he beheld heaven opened, and a certain vessel like a great sheet descending, being let down by four corners onto the earth,

Acts 10:12 In which were all the four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth and birds of heaven.

Acts 10:13 And a voice came to him: Rise up, Peter; slay and eat!

Acts 10:14 But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything common and unclean.

Acts 10:15 And a voice came to him again a second time: The things that God has cleansed, do not make common.

Acts 10:16 And this occurred three times; and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven.

D. All the churches and all the saints need to see the heavenly vision—Eph. 1:17-18; Rev. 1:11a; 22:16a:

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Rev 1:11a Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: …

Rev 22:16a I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. …

1. What we present to the children of God should not be mere teaching or doctrine or knowledge gained from reading but a vision that we have seen in spirit under the shining of the divine light—1 Tim. 4:6; 1 John 1:1-3.

1 Tim 4:6 If you lay these things before the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, being nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have closely followed.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

1 John 1:2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

2. Every minister of God's word should convey spiritual, heavenly visions to others—2 Tim. 2:2, 15, 25; 1 John 1:1-3; Rev. 1:11a.

2 Tim 2:2 And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

2 Tim 2:25 In meekness correcting those who oppose, if perhaps God may give them repentance unto the full knowledge of the truth,

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1 John 1:2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

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II. The governing vision in the Bible is the vision of God's economy—the vision of the Triune God working Himself into His chosen and redeemed people in order to saturate their entire being with the Divine Trinity for the producing and building up of the Body of Christ consummating in the New Jerusalem—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:9, 16-17; 4:4-6; Rev. 21:2, 9-10:

1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

A. The economy of God is that God in Christ became flesh, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and became the life-giving Spirit to enter into us as life and to dispense Himself into us so that we may be transformed for the producing of the church, which is the Body of Christ, the house of God, the kingdom of God, and the counterpart of Christ, the ultimate consummation and aggregate of which is the New Jerusalem—John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Eph. 1:22-23; Rev. 21:2.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

1 Cor 15:45b … the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

B. The entire Bible was written according to the principle of the vision of the Triune God

wrought into His redeemed people—Psa. 36:8-9; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17; 4:4-6.

Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism;
Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

III. If we see the heavenly vision and it is wrought into our being, this vision will have a powerful and lasting effect on us—Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19:

Prov 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint;…
Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

A. When we see this glorious, heavenly vision, we are revolutionized, our entire being is changed in its concept, attitude, conversation, and thought, and we become thoroughly different; the vision will cause us to be beside ourselves, and our lifestyle will be changed—9:3-9, 11-12, 20, 22; Phil. 3:4-8.

Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
Acts 9:5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.
Acts 9:6 But rise up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what you must do.
Acts 9:7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
Acts 9:8 And Saul rose from the ground; and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing. And they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
Acts 9:9 And he was three days without seeing, and he neither ate nor drank.
Acts 9:11 And the Lord said to him, Rise up and go to the lane called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas a man from Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying;
Acts 9:12 And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him so that he may receive his sight.
Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, that this One is the Son of God.
Acts 9:22 But Saul was all the more empowered, and he confounded the Jews dwelling in Damascus by proving that this One is the Christ.
Phil 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:
Phil 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day; of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
Phil 3:6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.
Phil 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
Phil 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

B. The heavenly vision captures us, reconstitutes us, governs us, directs us, restricts us, controls us, and preserves us—Prov. 29:18a:

Prov 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; …

1. In order for the heavenly vision to govern and direct us, it must be wrought into our being—Acts 9:3-5; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6.

Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
Acts 9:5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.
2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2. The heavenly vision restricts us to the central line of the divine revelation with its focus on God's New Testament economy—1 Tim. 1:4.

1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

C. The heavenly vision causes our life to be full of meaning and purpose, and it motivates us, energizes us, and gives us endurance—2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 12:1-2.

2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages
Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,
Heb 12:2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

D. Under the heavenly vision we are directed toward God's goal, and our life is controlled according to God's economy—Phil. 3:3-14; 1 Tim. 1:4.

Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Phil 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:
Phil 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day; of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
Phil 3:6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.
Phil 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
Phil 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
Phil 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,
Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
Phil 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Phil 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,
Phil 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.
1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

E. The vision we receive from the Lord will cause us to move, and we will move according to the vision we have seen; in the book of Acts the divine vision mainly concerns God's move—10:1-33; 13:2.

Acts 10:1 Now there was in Caesarea a certain man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort,

Acts 10:2 Devout and one who feared God with all his household, giving many alms to the people and beseeching God continually.
Acts 10:3 He saw clearly in a vision around the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him and saying to him, Cornelius.
Acts 10:4 And he looked intently at him and became terrified and said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.
Acts 10:5 And now send men to Joppa and send for a certain Simon, who is surnamed Peter;
Acts 10:6 This man is lodging with a certain Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.
Acts 10:7 And when the angel who was speaking to him went away, he called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him;
Acts 10:8 And relating all things to them, he sent them to Joppa.
Acts 10:9 And on the next day as they were journeying and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray around the sixth hour.
Acts 10:10 And he became very hungry and wanted to eat. And while they were preparing, a trance came upon him;
Acts 10:11 And he beheld heaven opened, and a certain vessel like a great sheet descending, being let down by four corners onto the earth,
Acts 10:12 In which were all the four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth and birds of heaven.
Acts 10:13 And a voice came to him: Rise up, Peter; slay and eat!
Acts 10:14 But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything common and unclean.
Acts 10:15 And a voice came to him again a second time: The things that God has cleansed, do not make common.
Acts 10:16 And this occurred three times; and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven.
Acts 10:17 Now as Peter was utterly perplexed in himself as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made diligent inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate.
Acts 10:18 And they called out and inquired whether Simon, who is surnamed Peter, was lodging there.
Acts 10:19 And while Peter was pondering over the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, there are three men seeking you.
Acts 10:20 But rise up, go down and go with them, doubting nothing, because I have sent them.
Acts 10:21 And Peter went down to the men and said, Behold, I am he whom you seek; what is the cause for which you have come?
Acts 10:22 And they said, Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man and one who fears God and is well attested to by the whole nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear words from you.
Acts 10:23 So he called them in and lodged them. And on the next day he rose up and went away with them; and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.
Acts 10:24 And on the next day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was awaiting them, having called together his relatives and intimate friends.
Acts 10:25 And when Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him.
Acts 10:26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Rise up; I myself am also a man.
Acts 10:27 And as he talked with him, he entered and found many who had come together.
Acts 10:28 And he said to them, You understand that it is unlawful for a man who is a Jew to join himself to or come near one of another race; yet God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.
Acts 10:29 Hence, even without objection I came when I had been sent for. I ask therefore, For what reason have you sent for me?
Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago to this hour I was praying at the ninth hour in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,
Acts 10:31 And he said, Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.
Acts 10:32 Send therefore to Joppa and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter; this man is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.
Acts 10:33 Therefore I sent men at once to you, and you have done nobly in coming. Now therefore we all are present before God to hear all the things that have been commanded to you by the Lord.
Acts 13:2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

F. Where there is a vision, there is a way; the glorious vision always leads us onto the way and gives us the boldness to go on—26:18-19.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

G. The heavenly vision preserves us in the genuine oneness and brings us into one accord—Eph. 1:17-18; 4:3; Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph 4:3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:

Acts 1:14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they partook of their food with exultation and simplicity of heart,

Acts 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted up their voice with one accord to God and said, Sovereign Master, You are the One who has made heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them,

Acts 5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders took place among the people; and they were all with one accord in the portico of Solomon.

H. If we are reconstituted with this vision, we will automatically carry out God's economy and do one work, the work of the Body—Eph. 3:9; 4:16; Acts 13:2.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Acts 13:2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

I. The heavenly vision directs us toward God's goal—the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem—Eph. 4:16; Rev. 21:9-10.

Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

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Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

IV. We need to become persons with a vision—Acts 26:19; Gal. 1:15-16:

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

Gal 1:16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

A. Everyone who serves the Lord must be a person with a vision; the most important matter for one who serves the Lord is that he has a vision and serves Him with a vision—Acts 26:19; 9:3-5, 10, 12, 15-16, 20, 22.

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

Acts 9:5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.
Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
Acts 9:12 And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him so that he may receive his sight.
Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before both the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
Acts 9:16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer on behalf of My name.
Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, that this One is the Son of God.
Acts 9:22 But Saul was all the more empowered, and he confounded the Jews dwelling in Damascus by proving that this One is the Christ.

B. Visions come from God; they do not depend on anything of our self—Matt. 16:17; Gal. 1:15-16; cf. Isa. 50:10-11.

Matt 16:17 And Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in the heavens.
Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,
Gal 1:16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,
Isa 50:10 Who among you fears Jehovah; / Who hears the voice of His servant; / Who walks in darkness / And has no light? / Let him trust in the name of Jehovah, / And rely on his God.
Isa 50:11 Indeed, all of you who kindle a fire, / Who surround yourselves with firebrands, / Walk into the light of your fire / And into the firebrands which you have lit. / You will have this from My hand: / You will lie down in torment.

C. Not every believer receives a direct vision; Paul received a direct vision, but Timothy received a vision through Paul—Acts 22:14; 2 Tim. 3:14-15.

Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers has previously appointed you to know His will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice from His mouth;
2 Tim 3:14 But you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from which ones you have learned them
2 Tim 3:15 And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

D. In seeing a vision, we bear responsibility related to our heart, to our willingness to let go of worthless things, to wait on the Lord, and to be open to the Lord—Matt. 5:8; 2 Tim. 2:21; Jer. 15:19; Dan. 10:2-3; 2 Cor. 3:18.

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
2 Tim 2:21 If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.
Jer 15:19 Therefore thus says Jehovah, / If you return, I will restore you; / You will stand before Me; / And if you bring out the precious from the worthless, / You will be as My mouth; / They will turn to you, / But you will not turn to them.
Dan 10:2 In those days I, Daniel, had been mourning for three full weeks.
Dan 10:3 I ate no desirable food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until the three full weeks were completed.
2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

E. We need to be centered on Christ and bear witness of the things in which we have seen Christ—Acts 26:16.

Acts 26:16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;

F. Like Paul, we should not be disobedient to the heavenly vision—v. 19:

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

1. In order to see more vision, we must obey the visions that we have already seen—

22:14-15; John 7:17.

Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers has previously appointed you to know His will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice from His mouth;

Acts 22:15 For you will be a witness to Him unto all men of the things which you have seen and heard.

John 7:17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

2. We obey the vision by taking Christ as our life, not allowing ourselves to be distracted but maintaining contact with the Lord—Col. 3:4; 1 Thes. 5:17.

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

1 Thes 5:17 Unceasingly pray,