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(Acts 26:19)



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The Apostle Paul said he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. What vision does the church presently have? What vision do you presently have? There is a worldly vision, man's vision, cultural vision, society's vision and there is a heavenly vision. The only vision a church, minister or Christian should desire is the heavenly vision. That is the vision that comes to us directly from the Spirit God, as we are led by His Spirit. All other visions or plans are a waste of your time and do not please God, because you are trying to accomplish your own vision instead of following God's plan.

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

(Psalms 127:1)

Dad Hagin based his personal life and ministry on the above verse. I have done my best to follow his example. Unless you base your life and ministry upon His leading you are laboring in vain. In others words, it is a waste of your time. Stop now.

I am amazed at those who build their personal life, church and ministry on what society or the present day culture demands. It is a bunch of bunk, junk and hogwash to do so, to quote

Dad Hagin. I personally have done my best not to stray from the heavenly vision the Lord gave me for my life and ministry. In that regard, I have been like concrete, thoroughly mixed and well set, to the disappointment of some. New fads swept through the church world, including the faith camp. The Lord told me not to embrace cultural fads, but to stay with the heavenly vision He had given. I haven't been perfect at it, but I continue to press toward the mark. There are others who have done the same thing, thank God.

Our nation has much demonic activity in it today because of the failure of God's people in not following the heavenly vision. It is exactly why we have the political, social, spiritual, financial and health instability today. God is a good God, and only desires the best for His people, but some of these prophets need to stop speaking about all this conspiracy political mess, and prophesy to the church to repent and turn back to God. I'll say more later.

Certainly, you understand things are not right, and something is wrong. If you don't, you probably need to get saved, and start seeking God with prayer and fasting. I hear you. You said, I have been thinking and sensing that, but many of these prophets and preachers are telling me everything is all right, so I listened to them. Seek God for yourself and don't listen to me or anyone that says they are a prophet or preacher if it does not agree with His Word and Spirit. Pray until you know what God is saying to you.

I'll prophesy to you now. Judge it please. "The United States of America is in trouble and full of demonic activity right now. Many Christians are backslid and caught up in cultural trends of society instead of being filled with the Holy Ghost. Many are preaching another Jesus that is not the Jesus Christ of the Bible. This is why we have the mess we do in our nation. The majority of the church is powerless against the devil."

You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed. But I don't consider myself inferior in any way to these "super apostles" who teach such things. I may be unskilled as a speaker, but I'm not lacking in knowledge. We have made this clear to you in every possible way. (2 Co. 11:4)

I am also not moved by these "super apostles and prophets," to borrow Paul's words. Many of them have missed it so much you can hardly believe anything they say. Some are yielding to familiar spirits and they are built up and promoted right on international Christian TV, even by faith people. It is a disgrace to the church and it is a joke. Take heed, someone that tells you they travel back and forth to heaven like you go to the gas station is deceived. They are yielding to a seducing spirit and are having demonic spiritual experiences. The devil gave Jesus Christ a vision didn't he? Yes, he did. Read your Bible and quit listening to these deceived people. You will become just as deceived as they are, if you listen to them long enough

Spiritual Visions

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.



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Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:5-11)

In the above scriptures, we see that Jesus had spiritual encounters that were from the devil. He was set on the pinnacle of the Temple and told to jump. He was shown all the kingdoms of the world and their glory and was told to worship the devil, and He could have them. These were spiritual encounters from Satan. Both experiences were given to, hopefully, seduce and deceive Jesus Christ, the Son of God. If the devil used supernatural encounters against Jesus, you should know he will attempt to do the same thing in your life. Do not be deceived.

Sometimes, I have to remind myself that not every Christian or minister is deceived by the devil, as it sometimes seems. Elijah thought he was the only one not deceived.

What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. (1 Kings 19:9b, 10, 18)

You see from the previous scriptures, Elijah thought he was the only one serving God. The Lord revealed to him that seven thousand had not bowed to Baal and kissed the statue. It was customary to kiss the statue of Baal when worshiping it. About ninety-nine percent of the people had bowed and worshipped Baal. When the Lord said seven thousand had not bowed to Baal, He meant exactly that, so about 99% of the people of Israel worshipped Baal.

Could it be possible, that 99% of the church is worshipping Baal today? Cultural trends and fads of society have permeated the church instead of sound Bible doctrine. That is worshipping the Baal of this world. God is calling His people to repent!

Political And Social

Earlier, I said I would share more on prophets and political prophecy.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6)

Jesus appeared to them, after He had risen from the dead. Their focus was on natural things, by the question they asked Him. It was a political question that He did not answer. I'm guessing, He sighed heavily before He said, "It is not for you to know." Many today are guessing, seeking and desiring to know the political climate and give the review. It's not for you to know. He will tell us if we need to know anything.

Many are caught up in overthrowing the government and political parties that are corrupt, and against Christianity. There was fraud in the election, and the first questionable president is now in office. We can speak up, but not get caught up and over-focused on this.

The political situation was worse in the days of Jesus Christ. The Roman's controlled the Jewish people. There was very little freedom. Jesus did not try to overthrow the Roman Empire, even though they had taken over Israel's government by force. He was God manifested in the flesh and could have done so. He could have started a war to end all wars. He could have called legions of angels to come and assist Him and the Jewish people, but He didn't.

Why? He was following the "Heavenly Vision" from God His Father. Politics was not His calling. Overthrowing the Roman government was not His calling, even though they despised the Jewish people and their faith in God. BUT! There is coming a day when every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all Lords, like it or not!

That day is in the plan of God and I am to focus on the Heavenly Vision He has given until that time. It is not my job to overthrow the government; it is my job to pray, fast and crucify the flesh, and seek God with all my heart and do what He tells me.

You may wonder if Christians will suffer persecution for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist had his head chopped off. Remember, *Jesus Christ* was murdered by crucifixion, by the government. Next, *Stephen* was stoned to death as he preached how they had murdered Jesus Christ. *James* had his head cut off by King Herod for preaching the gospel. *Philip* was beaten, thrown in prison, and then crucified for preaching Jesus. *Matthew* was attacked and killed with a spear and axe for preaching Jesus. *Matthias* was stoned and had his head cut off for preaching Jesus. *Andrew*, Peter's brother, was crucified transversely on a cross for preaching Jesus. *Mark's* body was dragged to pieces for preaching the gospel. *Peter* was crucified upside down for preaching Jesus Christ. It is said he requested to be crucified upside down because he was unworthy to be crucified right side up like his master, Jesus. *Paul* had his head cut off for preaching about Jesus. *Jude* was crucified for preaching Jesus. *Bartholomew* was cruelly beaten then crucified. *Thomas* was killed with a spear. *Luke* was hanged on a tree for preaching the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. *Simon Zelotes* was crucified for preaching the gospel. *John*, the beloved disciple, was boiled in oil and it did not kill him. Then he was banished to the Isle of Patmos.

He was the only one, of the original Apostles of Jesus, that did not die a violent death. Millions upon millions of other Christians have been tortured and killed for serving Jesus Christ throughout church history. That is why hell will be hot for those who do such things to God's children. They will suffer in the eternal flames of hell forever and ever and ever.

I would like to point out, that all these violent persecutions happened in the dispensation of grace, in the New Testament era. There are those who are suffering persecution and death today because they are Christians. If the church of the United States does not repent and turn back to God, this persecution will take place on our soil. The church can hold it back, if it repents, turns to Jesus Christ and takes authority over these evil forces. The worldly church today doesn't have the power or authority to do so. The remnant church does.

The Heavenly Vision

What is the "heavenly vision?" It is the greatest move of God ever known to the human race coming upon planet earth, prayed for and sent down from heaven! Yes, Jesus Christ Himself will oversee and steward this move of God through His remnant church that He has prepared. So you can rest easy, the devil is not going to take over until this move occurs. The remnant is going to prosper and overcome the gates of hell! Prepare yourself to live in, and be caught up in his Glory! It will be the book of Acts of supernatural events multiplied by ten. Healing the sick, raising the dead, angels appearing, Jesus appearing, preachers being translated like Phillip, and a Holy Ghost outpouring the world has never seen! Pray for this, seek God for this. Major on this, not politics or political parties, and election fraud. Heaven is upon us!!

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