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2020 Vision: New Year – New Vision

Isaiah 43:18,19...

¹⁸ “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert



VISION 2020

- * VISION IS A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE THAT IS BASED ON GOD'S PROMISES THAT PRODUCES PASSION IN A PERSON
- * THIS IS NOT MERELY SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE...IT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE. A SENSE OF URGENCY.
- * BIBLICAL VISION IS SEEING, BEHOLDING AND PERCEIVING THE DIVINE COMMUNICATION (GOD'S WORD & WILL), WITH THE INTENTION TO TRUST AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT COMMUNICATION.

VISION 2020

- * VISION GIVES SIGNIFICANCE TO THE DETAILS OF OUR LIVES.
- * VISION PROVIDES MOTIVATION.
- * VISION SETS A DIRECTION FOR OUR LIVES.
- * VISION TRANSLATES INTO PURPOSE

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VISION 2020

1. SOME PEOPLE NEVER SEE IT (THEY ARE WANDERERS)
2. SOME PEOPLE SEE IT BUT NEVER PURSUE IT ON THEIR OWN. (THEY ARE FOLLOWERS)
3. SOME PEOPLE SEE IT AND PURSUE IT (THEY ARE ACHIEVERS)
4. SOME PEOPLE SEE IT, PURSUE IT AND HELP OTHERS SEE IT. (THEY ARE LEADERS)

What is the Biblical Meaning for Vision?

<02377 !Azx' **chazon**; <02372> hz"x' **chazah**, <04236> hz<x]m; **machazeh**

Meaning: vision, behold, see, perceive (Divine Communication)

Usage: 35 & 51 & 4 times = **91x** in OT

1st Usage in OT of “Vision”

^{NAU} Genesis 15:1...After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a **vision** <04236>, saying , "Do not fear , Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

<04236> hz<x]m; **machazeh** (from 02372- chazeh)

Numbers 24:16 The oracle of him who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees <02372> the vision <04236> of the Almighty, Falling down prostrate, yet having his eyes <05869> open <01540>. (^{NAU})

<05869> !yl[; **ayin** **Meaning:** an eye. **Usage:** eyes, appearance, confidence, knowledge

<01540> hl'G" **galah** (162d). **Meaning:** to uncover, remove, captivity, carried and away, inform, revealed,

Proverbs 29:18...*Where there is no vision/revelation, the people will perish (wander astray); but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 ...*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.*

Proverbs 3:5-6...*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.*

Psalms 101:3... *I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.*

Psalms 119:37...*Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.*

Psalms 119:18...*Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

NT Usage of "Vision"

Acts 9:10... *Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias and the Lord said to him in a vision <3705>, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." (NAU)*

3705 o[rama horama {hor'-am-ah}

Meaning: that which is seen, spectacle, a sight divinely granted

Summary Overview of Biblical "Vision"

Seeing, beholding and perceiving the Divine Communication (God's Word & Will),
with the intention to trust and follow through on that communication.

➤ A Vision of Who God Is

Genesis 1:1...*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

Colossians 1:16... *For by Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

John 4:24... *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

1 John 4:16... *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him.*

John 1:1...*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 20:28...*Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

Colossians 2:6,9...⁶ *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:....* ⁹ *For in Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

➤ A Vision of Why Jesus Came

Matthew 1:21...*"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

Luke 2:11...*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

John 3:16...¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* ¹⁷ *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

Mark 6:34... *When Jesus went ashore He SAW a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.*

➤ A Vision of What We Should Do

Proclaiming	Celebrating	Applying
God's Love	God's Love	God's Love
<i>through</i>	<i>Through</i>	<i>through</i>
<i>Evangelism</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Discipleship</i>
<i>& Missions</i>	<i>& Fellowship</i>	<i>& Ministry</i>

Our Vision Statement:

*Encouraging a personal relationship with God
by making disciples for Christ
in Broussard, Acadiana and the world.*

1. Seek God As Your Priority

Matthew 6:24... *"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

Matthew 6:33...*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

2. Look to Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-2...*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, LOOKING TO JESUS, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Ephesians 1:18... *Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.*

3. Show Compassion

Mark 6:34... *When Jesus went ashore He SAW a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.*

Colossians 3:12-13... *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

4. Share the Gospel

Mark 16:15... *And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Matthew 28:18-20... *18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Acts 1:8... *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you **WILL BE MY WITNESSES** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment. We should strive to '*avoid even the appearance of evil*' while maintaining a strong Biblical witness, including the avoidance of gossip, unkind criticism, excessive anger, the use and marketing of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, illegal drugs, and the abuse of prescription drugs, and pornography. We should use our influence to support: the Sanctity of Life, Biblical Marriage, and Biblical gender identities (male or female as created by God), remaining faithful and zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. Amen. ____

Our Purpose:
Loving God...Loving One Another

Our Vision:
**Encouraging a Personal Relationship with God by Making
Disciples for Christ in Broussard, Acadiana and the World**

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20... ¹⁸ *Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

The Great Commandment: Mark 12:28-32 ... *"Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ "This is the most important," Jesus answered: Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, The Lord is One. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ³¹ "The second is: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."*

The Great Empowerment: Acts 1:8... *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

OUR MISSION & STRATEGY

PROCLAMAING GOD'S LOVE

EVANGELISM

"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" & "BE MY WITNESSES"

EVANGELISM of our community by communicating God's love and desire for a transforming relationship with them through Christ.

1 Peter 3:15... *"Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (NIV)*

MISSIONS

"GO...TO ALL NATIONS"... "ENDS OF THE EARTH"

MISSIONS outreach to extend God's Kingdom by establishing new churches and mission points around the world.

Acts 1:8... *you will be My witnesses... to all the world."*

I Tim. 2:4... *(God) desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth."*

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

WORSHIP –

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD"

WORSHIP our Master by celebrating His presence.

Psalm 34:3... *"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."*

Psalm 122:1... *"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"*

FELLOWSHIP –

"BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME."

FELLOWSHIP incorporation of new believers as members into God's family, His church.

Ephesians 2:19... *" So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household."*

APPLYING GOD'S LOVE

DISCIPLESHIP

"TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE"

DISCIPLESHIP development by equipping and edifying God's people.

Ephesians 4:12b-13... *"building up the church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity... until all become mature in the Lord".*

MINISTRY

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR."

MINISTRY flowing through our spiritual gifts to show God's love to all the world.

John 13:34a... *"A new command I give to you 'Love one another as I have loved you'..."*

I Peter 4:10... *"Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others."*

Matthew 25:35-36... *"I was a stranger & you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you gave Me, in prison and you visited Me."*