

Time and Vision

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Habakkuk 2:1-3

I. Today, let us FIRST define *Vision*

A. Dictionary

1. *That which can be seen by the natural eye, the intellectual eye, and the spiritual eye*
 - a. With the *natural eye*, we see natural objects
 - b. With the *intellectual eye*, we can discern and perceive what things mean
 - c. With the *Spirit eye*, we see the supernatural realm of the eternal
2. *Something seen in a dream, trance, or a supernatural appearance or picture, or scene that conveys a revelation*

The **ORIGIN** of **KINGDOM LIFE** was from **TWO** distinct **VISIONS** and **DIRECTIVES** from the **HOLY SPIRIT**

We are **HERE TODAY** because of **HEAVENLY VISIONS** and **DIRECTIVES**

YOU are **HERE TODAY** because **YOU** have been **DRAWN** by the **HOLY SPIRIT** to **SHARE** the **VISION** of **ADVANCING** the **KINGDOM** of **GOD** in the **EARTH**

YOU are **HERE TODAY** because **FATHER** has drawn you to **PARTICIPATE** in **SOMETHING BIGGER** than you – **HIS KINGDOM**

B. Bible Meanings

1. *Hebrew – haza – Look; See* (as in Look and See)
 - a. **Multiple meanings**
 1. *God's awareness of evil or good actions among men*

2. *Immediate vision of God by select, chosen persons*
 3. *Revelations by God given to chosen messengers*
 4. *special knowledge of divine things*
- b. It is also the **root word** for **SEER** – *Spiritual Seer* - Prophet
 - c. it is also the **root word** for **VISIONS** – Revelatory Visions
2. *Greek – horama – that which is seen / that which comes into view or appearance*
 - a. Also, *optsia – a supernatural appearance or vision*
 - b. And, *optanomai – to appear, I am seen, I let myself be seen*

Acts 1:3 After the sufferings of His cross, Jesus appeared alive many times to these same apostles over a forty-day period. Jesus proved to them with many convincing signs that He had been resurrected. During these encounters, he taught them the truths of God's kingdom realm and shared meals with them.

II. So, this month, we are talking about VISION

A. Want to THANK Brandon for the excellent job of CASTING our VISION of the NEW THING for KL

1. Did you **NOTICE** the **NEW SIGNS** on *Rolater Road* and the **FEATHER FLAGS** as you **CAME IN** this morning?
2. Did you **SEE** the **WELCOME TABLE OUTSIDE** as you **CAME INTO** the building?

THESE are just a **FEW THINGS** we are **DOING** to **WELCOME** our **NEW VISITORS** to *Kingdom Life*

3. We are **PLANNING** a **GRAND OPENING** this **AUGUST 26th**
 - a. We are **PLANNING** a **BIG DAY** to **CELEBRATE**
 - b. We want our **ENTIRE FAMILY** to **PARTICIPATE**

So, as MORE DETAILS are forthcoming, **MARK** your **CALENDARS** for **August 26**

4. We have **ADDED** *Brian and Julie Helart* to our **STAFF** to **DIRECT** our **GENERATIONS MINISTRY**

They had a **GREAT FIRST DAY** last Sunday, and **WE are EXCITED** to get this **MINISTRY ACTIVATED** for **EACH SUNDAY**

5. **THIS WEDNESDAY, *June 13***, we **BEGIN** our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDWEEK TRAINING** for **ALL AGES**

OUR MIDWEEK TIME is 8 & PM

WHY ALL THIS? BECAUSE 3 YEARS AGO the **HOLY SPIRIT DIRECTED THROUGH A VISION** to **STRUCTURE** for the **HARVEST**. And if you **FOLLOW** any of the **MAJOR PROPHETS** today, they are **ALL SPEAKING** about **HARVEST!!!**

We are **PREPARING** for the **HARVEST** as **DIRECTED** by the **FATHER!!**

B. NOW, Let's look at a few things TODAY from our **TEXT**

1. **First, the SITUATION**
 - a. This **PROPHET** lived in a time of **GREAT INJUSTICE**
 1. The **Babylonians** were the **undisputed power** of the day
 2. **Violence, lawlessness, and injustice** was **common**
 - b. Habakkuk cried out, *How long will you let this continue?*
 - c. His answer was, *Wait and you will see it in due time!*
2. **Second, the RESPONSE – *Look, See; Record clearly***
 - a. **V 1** - He takes his **STAND on my WATCH**

Watch – Obligation – He is Fulfilling His obligation of **FAITHFULNESS** as a **PROPHET**

- b. He is **LOOKING** for what the **LORD** will **SPEAK TO ME**

Can also be read, *I will WATCH to SEE what the Lord will SAY IN ME*

- c. Notice, too, that he is on the **TOWER – Big Picture**

Tower – Fenced place – The Defense Wall of a City – The Place for the Distant View

It is the **PICTURE** of the **HIGH PLACE** to **SEE MORE CLEARLY**

It is **HERE** that the **PROPHET** takes **HIS APPOINTED PLACE** to **SEE** the Lord's **RESPONSE (Reproof or Argument)** for **ALLOWING** this **TOTALLY UNGODLY SITUATION** to **CONTINUE**

3. **Third, The Vision**

a. **V 2 - Write the VISION**

1. To write it first upon His **own heart and mind** and make it **clear within himself**
2. Then, to write it **upon tablets** to **preserve it for future generations**
3. Finally, to write it **PLAINLY** so there will be no misrepresentation

b. **V3 – it is YET for an Appointed Time**

1. **Appointed – a determined time and place**

GOD let Habakkuk **KNOW** that **HE HAS ALREADY** put **HIS PLAN** in **MOTION**

c. **V 3a – It hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, WAIT for it**

1. **Hastens – blows with the breath of God**

The **BREATH** of God **BLOWS** to **RELEASE** His **WORD** into His **PERFECT TIME** and **TIMING** from the **MOMENT** His Word is **SPOKEN**

It is **LAUNCHED** toward His **INTENDED GOAL** and **PURPOSE** and **CANNOT BE STOPPED!**

d. **V 3b - For it will certainly COME, it will NOT DELAY**

C. We were directed to **WRITE OUR VISION DOWN** – *Kingdom Life* book

The **INSTRUCTION** was to **SPEND the REST of your days building My Kingdom**

1. We **WROTE** the **VISION** down
2. We **WROTE** it **PLAINLY** for **ALL** to **READ**
3. Our **APPOINTED TIME** began the **very DAY** the **Holy Spirit** revealed the vision

AND along the **WAY** we have asked, *When Lord will we see the **FULNESS** of this **PROMISE** manifest*

But **TRUTH IS, ALL** we **NEED** to **KNOW** is that **HIS WORD** is **RELEASED** in the **SPIRIT** and is **RIGHT ON COURSE** and **TIME** to **RESET DESTINY**

AND, *it will certainly come; it will **NOT DELAY***

D. **FAITH** continues to **READ IT** and **DECLARE IT** and **BELIEVE IT** until it is **SEEN!!**

NEVER STOP REHEARSING - NEVER STOP DECLARING – NEVER STOP LOOKING!!

1. When it **COMES** to **VISION**, one must **STAY** on God's **TIMETABLE** or **LOSE HOPE!**

a. **Paul spoke** to the **Galatians** about **sowing and reaping**

Galatians 6:9 – And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time, we shall reap if we do not grow weary.

*PRT – And don't allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is **COMING!***

b. The **CONTEXT** was about **ENCOURAGING** one another with the **WORD** you **KNOW** to be **TRUE**

*PRT V 7 says, Make no mistake about it, God will never be **MOCKED!** For what you plant will **ALWAYS** be the very thing you **HARVEST!***

III. The LORD SHOWED ME the HARVEST

A. In my **MIND**, I received as simply the harvest of **SOULS**

1. **That said**, I do believe **MANY SOULS** are going to **SURRENDER** to **JESUS** in this **HOUR**

B. However, I also believe that HE was giving me a **VIEW** of the **APPOINTED TIME** for His **KL VISION**

He said, ***STRUCTURE for the HARVEST!***

And that is **EXACTLY** what we have been doing for the **PAST THREE YEARS!**

- C. I'm saying that we are **ON THE CUSP** of the **FULFILLMENT** of the **VISION** that the **HOLY SPIRIT** revealed to me **almost 18 years ago** on the way to **Texas from CA**
1. **FROM the Father's perspective**, it was **DONE** the moment He **REVEALED** it
 - a. He **HAS NOT DELAYED** his **PERFECT TIMING**
 - b. The **EARTH TIME** was **SET** at **THAT VERY MOMENT**
 2. **FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE**, it has been a **LONG JOURNEY**
 - a. It has seemed to be **SLOW** as **MOLASSES**
 - b. It has precipitated **MUCH DEATH to SELF** and **MINISTRY PRIDE**
 - c. The **DESIRE** to say, **ENOUGH** has come many times
 3. But for the Father, there is **MUCH** that He requires of **US** who **SHARE** His vision
 - a. **FAITH**
 - b. **PATIENCE**
 - c. **TRUST**

IV. We have BEEN FAITHFUL to FOLLOW AFTER the FATHER'S DIRECTIVES

- A. **Like ABRAHAM**, we have simply stepped out to **FOLLOW** the Lord's **COMMAND** in **FAITH**
- B. **Like MOSES**, we have had to learn **PATIENCE** through difficult and trying times
- C. **Like PETER**, we have had to die to our flesh and **TRUST** in Jesus to have victory
- D. And **like PAUL**, we have *not been disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26:19)*

We BELIEVE – We SPEAK – We are PURSUING – We WILL ATTAIN the FULNESS of ALL that GOD has PROMISED

**TOGETHER WE will SEE the GLORY of the LORD ARISE AMONG US in HIS
HARVEST**