



Becoming a People Who Live By Vision

from the Right Source

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Proverbs 29:18

We began a new focus this Sunday – A People who LIVE BY VISION.

Derrick introduced this theme with a focus on what vision really is... vision “from the right source,” vision from GOD. We meditated together on one scripture - **Proverbs 29:18**. We read it multiple times, from different translations. We sat with it and allowed the Holy Spirit to open this truth up to us.

Derrick wove together several threads of insight into a cord of inspiration calling us to be a people who live by vision **from God** - our Creator, Father, and Savior.

Live by Vision

LIVE: not necessarily trouble-free, but above our circumstances (or *deeper than* our circumstances), freedom, joy and fulness, not driven by the opinions of others, living beyond ourselves.

VISION:

more than physical sight; deeper than planning the future with imagination & wisdom; rather a BIBLICAL view of vision, from the right source, from our Creator God who sees all things;

HIS perspective about what is good, right, life-giving, and eternal.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Prov 29:18
(King James Version)

VISION: *hazon* from the verb *hazah* Meaning “to receive revelation”

PERISH: from the verb *para* – “to let go” or “let loose”

The Proverb writer is likely remembering when the Hebrew people were waiting at the foot of Mt Sinai for Moses to return from his rendezvous with Yahweh (when God was giving the Law of the covenant). It was taking a long time (40 days). The people became impatient; they abandoned a humble posture of VISION towards Yahweh. They became restless and “let go” and “let loose” – they “perished” and decided to fashion a golden calf idol to worship. The consequences (from their holy God) were severe – 3000 Israelites died that day. (Exodus 32)

Amplifying & embracing the truth of this Proverb 29:18 (through various translations)

“Without vision – revelation, prophetic revelation, seeing who God is and what He is doing,

“the people perish – they throw off restraint, they run wild, they lose their way and stumble all over themselves. BUT

“he that keepeth the Law – eager for it, slowing down to watch and listen for God’s revelation, attending to it, like mindfully watching a pot boil on the stove, all to the end of moving in it, joyfully obedient to follow His ways, to stay on His path.

“the Law – not the RULES so much but the WAYS of God – how He has designed creation and us; how he has made life to work. His WAYS are good; they are life and joy and peace. His Law, His ways are . . . to love – God, neighbor and self.

“happy is he – heaven’s bliss filling the soul, joy not subject to circumstances, the peace and security of being deeply loved. “Happy are they” who live by vision.

May we be such a people, not living by our own goal-oriented plans, but living fully out of the revelation of our God, El Roi (the God who sees). May we attend (watch & listen) to what He is doing. May we move with Him in joyful obedience. May we walk in His ways of love and truth. May HIS vision fuel how we live-- all our work and activities, all our relationships, all our hopes and aspirations.

May we experience the bliss of heaven (his loving presence) as we walk in His ways.