

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”
But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit.
For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.



YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!

2 Kings 6:8-18

Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.” The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

2 Kings 6:8-18

This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel? None of us, my Lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.” “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there.

2 Kings 6:8-18

They went by night and surrounded the city. When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my Lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.”

2 Kings 6:8-18

Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

1. Prayer

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Men may spurn our appeals,
reject our message, oppose our
arguments, despise our persons-
but they are helpless against our
prayers.

Sidlow Baxter

2. Vision

Proverbs 29:18 NASB

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

NIV— Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction..

George Barna

“Vision is the ability to understand the history, the present condition, and the potential of the church, and to conceive a plan for action that will maximize the ministry potential. More often than not, vision is a result of having spent much time absorbing the facts about the community, knowing the resources upon which the church can call (people, funding, facilities, equipment) and devising sound but creative strategies for moving forward.

George Barna

Vision always entails progress: it is never satisfied with status quo.”

God gives vision in the OT

- To Daniel vision about future kingdoms/ to Ezekiel a new temple while in the valley of dry bones/ to Abram a new covenant and a promised son/to Joseph a dream about his future that came true.

God gives vision in the NT

- To Joseph who was led to marry Mary and flee to Egypt/ to Peter a sheet of animals symbolizing Gentiles coming into the faith/ the church was established on a revelation he received/ to Paul a vision of being caught up to heaven/ to John several powerful visions which led to the book of Revelation/ to Stephen a vision of God's glory and his son standing next to him right before he was martyred.

3. Shine our light

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” “Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- Darkness cannot understand, extinguish, or overpower light.



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