

GIG328 – The Vision Is for You

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I have a lot of Scriptures this morning, so I may be reading a lot or I may jump around, I do not know how it is going to come out. But I feel like all of it is a drive to give you a picture. I really want to emphasize the issue of the picture. We have talked about dreams and visions, the prophecies in Joel that there is going to be dreaming dreams and there is going to be visions that come as the Holy Spirit is poured out upon all of the earth; on everybody, not just a few. I am so taken by the fact that the Holy Spirit moving in this hour brings this special emphasis on dreams and visions. When we talk about dreams and visions, it means you are seeing the thing – it is visual, it is not auditory that is the emphasis.

I kept having this play over and over in my head that a picture is worth a thousand words. We have heard the Word for so many years among this group and others, we emphasize that. We have been a part of a Living Word ministry where the emphasis is on the speaking of the Word and the hearing of the Word, and that is so important. But I think there is something that comes on a new level where when we see it, the impact on us is way greater than when we hear it only. I believe that is what the saying is all about, a picture is worth a thousand words. And we probably have heard a thousand words, haven't we? We probably listened to at least a thousand tapes over the period of our walk with the Lord.

But there is something about seeing what God is doing, seeing the vision, seeing in dreams what is going on, because that is real. I mean, it is like when you have been sleeping and you wake up from a dream. I know you have all had this experience where you wake up and you cannot tell whether it was real, it really happened, or it did not happen, or what; because it is so real the way it comes through in that picture to you. And I think that what God is doing is wanting us to see the vision of it. You can say, "I have not necessarily seen visions," or, "I do not tend to see visions." And I just want to point out one other thing: I do not think you have to have the vision. I think we can look at the visions that God has given and make those our own by seeing the vision. We can read it, and we can say, "I want to see that. I want to see that in its reality, in the vision of my mind, in the dream of my heart. I want that to be a picture to me, not just in word."

And so, I want to encourage us all, because sometimes you just go, "We have been visualizing things even in our prayer through some of the last meetings we have been having, and we really have been trying to see them happen." Maybe some of you feel like, "I am not really seeing it as strongly or as alive as I wish it were coming to me. It still is not quite the picture and the clarity that I wish I had." And so I bless us, I bless us to see. I bless us with eyes to see. Like Elisha said to the young man, "Lord, open his eyes." We prayed this last time we were together, but Lord, open our eyes. Open our eyes to see. Open

our hearts to see. Open our minds to see and dream. Because we know that it is not our eyes that see, is it? It is our brain that sees. That is why a dream is as real as seeing something, because really it is our mind that sees. And so a dream is seeing. It is a visual event. And this can happen for us from the Lord, and it does, and it will.

I also want us to be able to reach in to the visions that God has given and know that these visions were given and put into words for us to read, but then to appropriate as our own; to see them as well as the prophets saw them originally, in our own lives and in our own minds, so that they become something that we hold. Because when you have a visual experience, it sticks with you. It becomes way more immovable than something that we just hear. And so, as the dream, as the vision becomes alive to us, it is something that solidifies us in our ability to stand; and to me, it becomes part of that Scripture, "Having done all to stand, we do stand." (Ephesians 6:13) And I think seeing really gives us the ability to stand on what God is showing is to take place. So I hope you are getting this. I bless you with it. Let it become real to you.

So we are going to read. I am going to start out by at least reading to us one vision that I think is pertinent to what is going on surrounding us and what we are walking through. It is in Daniel the tenth chapter, and I am going to start reading with verses 11-12. Now, remember what we are talking about. I do not want this just to be Daniel's dream, I want it to be your vision. I want it to be your dream, I want it to be your experience. And so, where I am starting with Daniel is very important, because of just the feeling of what is trying to come against us.

This was the angel coming to speak to Daniel:

> He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words."

I received this morning something that I know the Lord was quickening to my heart for all of you; because like we are talking about, we have been in this prayer for the nations, for the elections, for the governments, for the Kingdom coming forth in the earth. And as events take place, it seems like, "Boy, it is not happening. What is going on with the prayer? We are trying to visualize it and make it real." This is what happened with Daniel. He was praying and nothing seemed to be happening; but then the angel comes to him. And I feel like this morning, I want that to be your vision, the angel coming to you and saying, "Look, from the first day that you prayed, your words were heard." You have to be convinced of the reality of the effectiveness of your prayer and your intercession.

We have been reading out of 2 Chronicles 7 about, "If My people will humble themselves before the Lord, then I am going to hear and I am going to fulfill the prayer and heal the land." We have prayed over that so many times, we have done the humbling in our hearts. But we could join ourselves with Daniel to feel like, "Boy, what is going on? Where is this not happening? Why is it not happening?" What we have to do is see the vision, hold the vision in our hearts and in our minds so clearly that nothing can shake us. And I think that is where it takes more than words. It takes seeing the thing.

And so, when God wanted to respond to Daniel, He did not just come and speak to him. Daniel did not get more words, he got an appearing. He saw with his eyes the angel standing in front of him, saying, "Look, from the first day you prayed, when you set your heart for these things to happen, when you

humbled yourself before the Lord, you were heard, you were seen, you were observed; and now the answer is coming." And the answer begins to come in that visual thing where Daniel now can stand on his feet, trembling because it is so real to him; and he gets the explanation about, "The prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days, and behold, Michael came," and so he is hearing the story of it; but the impact is that angel standing there. It is the visual of the angel standing there, pointing his finger at him, saying, "No, Daniel. Whatever you were going through, you were heard from the first day, from the first time you humbled yourself."

You have to get this as your word. It has to become your vision. You have to see that angel standing in front of you, saying, "From the first day you prayed, from the first moment you set yourself to seek for understanding and knowing what God was doing in this hour and what is taking place in this age, you were heard." And we have been heard, and we will continue to be heard. Because what this did was it strengthened Daniel to go on into further vision and further seeing what God was doing. And so, yes, there was a lot of explanation of what will happen. Verse 14 says, "'Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.'" And the vision that we have, the vision that we are going to read now, pertains to the days just ahead of us. But it is the strength of vision that I want to be so real to you as we move forward.

Now we are going to go to Daniel the seventh chapter and we are going to look at this idea of the things that were transpiring. Because I do not think it should take us by surprise that we are in days of tribulation. We are in end days, and we have enough words about end times that we do have a knowledge of what it is about. So to say that this is not necessarily going to be a picnic does not shock us, at least it shouldn't, really. We should be knowing that. But again, I believe what God is doing now is bringing us to a place of vision that is so real to us that it is our force to go ahead.

I was reading in the prophet today about the Lord speaking to him, saying, "Look, I know this people are hard and their foreheads are hard, but I am making your forehead harder than their foreheads. I am making your face harder than their faces." (Ezekiel 3:8-9) And I just think, "What this vision has to do is that it has to be such a visual impact on us to our hearts and minds that whatever is coming, whatever is happening, our force is stronger than any force of wickedness or any force of demonic play that is taking place in this age. And that is what this is doing for us; we are being strengthened for the days ahead of us.

So in Daniel the seventh chapter, beginning at the first verse, it is talking about the dream that Daniel saw. I just want to read this first verse: "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream..." So you see dreams; remember that about dreams. "...Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it." It is very important that Daniel did not just have this dream, he wrote it down; and listen to me, he wrote it down for you. He wrote it down so that his dream, his vision, can become yours – your experience – just as it was his.

Verses 2-8 say,

> Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear.

> And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'
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> "After this, I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. After this, I kept looking [notice how he keeps looking, he is seeing] in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the root before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts."

Would you love for me to give you the interpretation of all these beasts and what is going on here? How many would really like to hear that? Okay, that is not what I am going to do. What we are going to do is go on to verse 9, because this is to me is what is important right now. It is like, "Okay, great, all these things are there"; it is like we can look at the end time and we go, "We know that all this kind of stuff is going to go on. There are all of these negative things that will take place," right? You read the book of Revelation and you almost scare yourself half to death because of what it looks like is going to transpire. So we are not going to talk about them, we are not going to focus on them. Let's go to verses 9-10, because he goes on and says, "'I kept looking....'" To me, **that** is one of the important things. All of this negative stuff is going on, but Daniel kept looking. He kept seeing something of a vision. And that is what was important.

> "'I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened."

Doesn't it sound like that event with Elisha where he just goes, "Lord, open his eyes"? That is what we need to see. Who cares about these beasts and the horns and all this stuff? There are myriads upon myriads and thousands upon thousands that are standing before the Lord and before His throne. There is fire like a river pouring out. There are all of these things going on that the Lord is doing.

Verses 11-12 go on with what was happening on the negative side, but God has already set our vision. And remember, Daniel is seeing this because he keeps looking. He keeps wanting to see. It says,

> "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time."

This is what we have to see. This is what we have to be holding. Gosh, I wish we would wake up every morning seeing this throne with the Ancient of Days sitting upon it, with myriads and thousands attending to Him – and you think you are going to have a bad day? You wake up and go, "Oh, boy, here's another day, here's what I am facing today." Then you start reading the news and you are going, "Oh my gosh, here we go. We have all of radical Islam taking over the United States Senate," and whatever. Okay, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait! Wait. Where is the Ancient of Days seated upon His throne, with myriads ministering to Him and the fire pouring out? And all of a sudden, if you keep looking, then what

do you see? You see the beast slain, and you see his body destroyed and given to the burning fire. That is a vision! That is what we want to see. That is where we want our awareness.

Verse 13-15,

> "I kept looking… [Do you notice this? it is a repeated theme, right?; he keeps looking, he keeps seeing the vision.] I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. [Go down to verse 18.] 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'"

This is what we want to see. I want Daniel's vision today to be your vision. I want you to be able to see it as clearly as he saw it. I want it to be burning in your heart and your mind every day when you get up. I want this to be something where we are immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because we see the vision. We have had the Word and we have heard the Word; now the Word gives way to being seen visually as the vision that the Lord is presenting to us. I bless that.

I want to go to John 19, because this reminds us of something. In verses 28-30, it says,

> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

This is a reminder to us. This is Sabbath, by the way, and Sabbath in and of itself means, "It is finished. It is completed." There is no question about the end or the outcome. We can never feel as though our prayers have not been heard. We can never feel as though our prayers have not been effective, and that everything that we are believing is not happening, from the moment we began to humble ourselves before God and ask that the land be healed, that the lands be healed, that the nations be released from the clutches of wickedness that seem to be overtaking them in such a solidity that there is no answer. It seems like there is no way to fight it, there is no way to correct it; but we know that He does. We know that He absolutely does. And I want us to remember one thing about the cross of Christ, because we know we go through a cross experience. And the heart of the experience was that Yeshua never wavered in the vision; even at the moment when it seemed that the Father had left Him, He never lost the vision. In His mind on the cross, He was seeing the vision of the Kingdom that the Father had promised Him. He was seeing the relationship in eternity that He was returning to. As He had told the disciples, "Listen, you should rejoice, I am going back to be with My Father, and there is nothing greater than to be with the Father." He saw that. That vision was still so real to Him. He said, "Nobody knows the Father except the Son," but He saw. It was through the vision of the Father that He knew the Father. He knew what the Father was doing; He knew what He was going to do; all of that was real to Him. And that same vision has to be ours.

We have to transcend beyond the hope. We have to transcend beyond just trying to believe, trying to hold on. We have to see a vision that is so real, that is so strong, that nothing can rob us of that vision, even if it seems that everything goes the opposite direction. I mean, that is what it looked like when Christ went to the cross. Even the people that were there were going, "Well, He said He could save and

heal, so heal Yourself. You say You are the king, come down and be the king"; just taunting Him. But He had the vision, and He knew.

And so we may go through trying times. We are already going through testings of our prayer. But there is a vision that has to be so strong and burning in our heart that nothing can make us let go of it. Nothing can take it away. It is what we see when we close our eyes. It is what we see when we open our eyes. As Christ, He did not judge by that which His eye saw or His ear heard. (Isaiah 11:3) Why? Because He was immersed in a vision, and that vision was His reality. And this vision, the vision of Daniel, has to be our reality. The vision that Christ has given to us has to be our vision.

In Hebrews 10:19-23 it says,

> Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

And so we have this vision that He has given us; and He is faithful, and the vision is true. The prayer and the intercession He has given us is very simple: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." But today we begin to pray that prayer not as a prayer of hope or faith. It is a prayer that is the expression of the vision that we hold in our hearts and our minds.

When we talk about what Daniel saw, Psalm 2 reminds me of what we see going on around us in the nations and about the nations. Verses 1-3, "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!'" That is what we are seeing. They want to cast away the Lordship of Christ over their life. They want to cast away the Lordship of Christ over all of the earth. They want to cast away the Kingdom. They want to refuse. They want to cast away everything that has to do with the Judeo-Christian morality and love that has been expressed, and that this country expressed, that Israel is an expression of; honestly, that many nations, sheep nations like Brazil, have been an expression of. They want to take it over with their wickedness and their evil. But I tell you, it is something that we are not allowing to happen. They are not going to be able to cast away the Lordship of Christ. But they are trying, and the war is not over. It is just that this vision is replacing any impact of what is taking place around us in the world. It is removing all that could shake us. Anything that could bring fear to our hearts is replaced by the vision that He has given us. And that is what this is all about this morning.

Going on with Psalm 2, verses 3-12, it says, "'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!' He who sits in the heavens laughs." And remember, that is what we are seeing today as this vision. We are seeing God in heaven with His Son. Remember, the Son came up and sat with Him, and He was given a Kingdom. And all of that picture, that is the vision that we are to have: He is sitting there laughing. Whatever goes on before and surrounding these elections and during these elections – and elections are being stolen, and nephilim forces are being put in places of authority, all of that seems to be going on – do not forget that God is laughing at it. He is not moved. He is not fearful of what the world is doing in their futility of trying to tear apart the reality of the Lordship of Christ from the earth. God is laughing.

> The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."
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> "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me... [remember, this is the vision that Daniel was seeing; this is now your vision that you are seeing].
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> 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"
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> Now therefore, O kings… [who think you are throwing off the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and you think you are able to do away with the Kingdom of God, and you think that you are greater than Christ the Lord and King of Righteousness]. Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth.

Isn't it interesting how much of what we see in the taking over of these elections and stuff, that it is judges that are behind what is happening. It is the judges in Israel that are being the problem. It is judges, like in Poland; it is judges in different places that are trying to circumvent the true authority. "…Take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!'"

All right, so we get the point – the Lord in His anger is going to come. I want our vision to be so real, like Daniel had the vision. It did not matter what happened with Daniel. It did not matter what he saw going on in Babylon. He knew the outcome, and he was immovable and unshaken by the vision that he held.

I bless this vision to be cemented into your hearts, into your minds. Remember, you see in your mind, and I bless our minds. This is the renewing of our mind that the Scripture talks about. (Romans 12:2) Let our minds be renewed today to be solidified with the vision that has already been given. It is not Daniel's vision, it is your vision. It is the vision of the sons of God, and it so ties in to Psalm 2. And there again, you watch that vision, He has already been seated at the right hand of the Father. He has already been given all authority. He has already been given the Kingdom. It is His. And we believe for that, and we know that is what is happening and taking place for us right now.

I want to read one last Scripture, John 14, verses 25-31. This is Yeshua speaking. "'These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit….'" And that is where we started with this, because when the Helper comes, that is when the dreams and the visions come to all.

> "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe."

See, He told us before. This is not a new story. The experiences we are going through are not like some gigantic surprise. How many times through the Living Word have we heard that these things were coming upon all the earth? We have known it, we have heard it, but now we are going to see it as our reality. "'I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.'" See, it is not the words anymore. We do not need Him to speak to us. We need to hold the vision

real in our hearts. "'I will not speak much more to you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.'"

I like that. I feel like He is speaking to us, and He is saying, "Yes, the wicked one is coming," but we have the vision embossed upon our hearts. We no longer are going to fear. We no longer are going to faint. We are no longer going to let go of that which we know is the reality. He does not need to speak to us much more; the vision is ours, and it is real. And so, what does He say? "Come on, get up, let's go from here." Let's walk on through these days of His establishing the Kingdom. The force of us holding the vision and knowing that it is reality is what brings it into manifestation into this earth.

And that is what we do, in the name of the Lord.

Amen.