



VISION DOMINATES LIFE

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Looking Backward, arrests progress

Lots Wife

Genesis 19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Looking Christward, saves

Numbers 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

John 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Looking at Difficulties, depresses

Peter Sinks

Matthew 14:29-30 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Looking Heavenward, glorifies

Acts 7:55-56 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

DIVINE VISION

Scripture References (Thompson Chain Reference)

GENERAL REFERENCES TO SPIRITUAL VISION

Given in Answer to Prayer
II Kings 6:17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Heart Purity Essential to
Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Believers Alone Possess
John 14:19 After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also.

The Holy Spirit the Author of
John 16:14-15 He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.

Uses the Telescope of Faith
Hebrews 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

LOOKING TO GOD FOR INSPIRATION AND HELP

Psalm 34:5 They looked to Him and were radiant, and

their faces shall never be ashamed.

Psalm 123:1 (A Song of Ascents.) To Thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou who art enthroned in the heavens!

John 11:41 And so they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou heardest Me.

John 17:1 These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

Acts 1:10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

HEAVENLY VISION BEHOLDS THE GLORY OF THINGS TO COME

Psalm 17:15 As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Thy likeness when I awake.

Isaiah 33:17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will behold a far-distant land.

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me

where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.

I Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

I John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

Revelation 22:4 And they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Waiting on God

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Genesis 49:18 "For Thy salvation I wait, O LORD.

Psalm 37:7 Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.

Isaiah 25:9 And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Isaiah 26:8 Indeed, while following the way of Thy judgments, O LORD, we have waited for Thee eagerly; Thy name, even Thy memory, is the desire of our souls.

Isaiah 33:2 O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for Thee. Be Thou their strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of distress.

Acts 1:4 And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me.

EXAMPLES OF IMPATIENCE

Moses, at the murmuring of Israel

Numbers 20:10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

Naaman, at the conditions imposed by the prophet

II Kings 5:11-12 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.' Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

Jonah

Jonah 4:8-9 And it came about when the sun came up that God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life." Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he

said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

The disciples at the outcry of the Canaanite woman

Matthew 15:23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us."

James and John at the inhospitality of the Samaritans

Luke 9:54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Martha with her sister Mary

Luke 10:40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

Spiritual Ignorance

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Isaiah 59:8 They do not know the way of peace, and there is no justice in their tracks; they have made their paths crooked; whoever treads on them does not know peace.

Jeremiah 5:4 Then I said, "They are only the poor, they are foolish; for they do not know the way of the LORD or the ordinance of their God.

Amos 3:10 "But they do not know how to do what is right," declares the LORD, "these who hoard up violence and devastation in their citadels."

Micah 4:12 "But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, and they do not understand His purpose; for He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

Romans 10:3 For not knowing about God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

IGNORANCE OF GOD

Judges 2:10 And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who

did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

Jeremiah 4:22 "For My people are foolish, they know Me not; they are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, but to do good they do not know."

Jeremiah 8:7 "Even the stork in the sky knows her seasons; and the turtledove and the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration; but My people do not know the ordinance of the LORD.

John 15:21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

Acts 17:23 For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

IGNORANCE CONCERNING CHRIST

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

John 8:19 And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

John 9:30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

Acts 13:27 For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him.

WILLFUL IGNORANCE

Job 21:14 And they say to God, 'Depart from us! We do not even desire the knowledge of Thy ways.

Zechariah 7:11-12 But they refused to pay attention, and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing. And they made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 13:15 For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart

and return, and I should heal them.

Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over

to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper.

II Peter 3:5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word

of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

Experiential Knowledge

Scripture References (Thompson Chain Reference)

DIVINE KNOWLEDGE

I Samuel 2:3 Boast no more so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed.

Isaiah 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

Daniel 2:22 It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.

Matthew 6:8 Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

I Corinthians 3:20 And again, "the Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless."

GENERAL REFERENCES TO EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

Job 12:12 Wisdom is with aged men, with long life is understanding.

Job 32:7 I thought age should speak, and

increased years should teach wisdom.

Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread.

Ecclesiastes 1:16 I said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a wealth of wisdom and knowledge."

PREPARES MEN FOR THE DUTIES OF LIFE

Fitted Israel to sympathize with strangers

Exodus 23:9 And you shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Prepared the demoniac to witness

Mark 5:19 And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you."

Christ's message grounded in experience

John 3:10-11 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things? "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness.

Qualified the blind man to testify

John 9:25 He therefore answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

Fitted Paul for a ministry of comfort

II Corinthians 1:4 Who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Enabled the Apostles to speak with authority

II Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Teachableness

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Illustrated in the Life of Ezra

Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

Essential to Entrance into God's Kingdom

Matthew 18:3 And said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Exhibited by the Disciples

Luke 11:1 And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

Manifested by the Blind Man

John 9:36 He answered and said, "And who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

Seen in the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

The Secret of Paul's Success

Acts 9:6 But rise, and enter the city, and it shall be told you what you must do.

Results in the Philippian Jailer's Conversion

Acts 16:30 And after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

TEACHABLENESS: MANIFESTED BY THE DISCIPLES

Seeking Instruction

Matthew 13:36 Then He left the multitudes, and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

Mark 4:10 And as soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables.

Mark 7:17 And when leaving the multitude, He had entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable.

Mark 9:11 And they asked Him, saying, "Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Mark 9:28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

Mark 10:10 And in the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again.

Mark 13:4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

Luke 3:12 And some tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

Luke 11:1 And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

Luke 18:18 And a certain ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

John 6:28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

TEACHABLENESS: THE HEARING EAR

Psalms 40:6 Sacrifice and meal offering Thou hast not desired; my ears Thou hast opened; burnt offering and sin offering Thou hast not required.

Proverbs 18:15 The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made both of them.

Proverbs 25:12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise reprove to a listening ear.

Matthew 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

