

LEADERS: VISION & A SOUND FROM HEAVEN

1. Prov 29:18 Where there is no **vision**, the people perish:

NKJV Prov 29:18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;

A. WITHOUT A VISION WE CAST OFF RESTRAINT &

1. Leaders in the Kingdom of God without a vision, also cast off restraint

a. try to become who they are not & loose their identity

b. go in their own direction....never enter their “promise land”

c. never discover God’s purpose & destiny

d. never walk into their inheritance

B. When we have a God given Vision **spiritual restraints** come into our life & Ministry that not only keep us on course but also:

1. Allows Vision to bring **FOUR things** into our lives and ministry

a. IDENTITY

b. DIRECTION

c. PURPOSE & DESTINY

d. INHERITANCE

II. Ps 46:4 There is a river whose **streams** shall make **glad the city of God**,

A. The **river** is in reference to the moving of The Holy Spirit

1. The **streams** (plural) is in reference to the various flows / manifestation Of the Holy Spirit that all come from the same primary source: the river

B. Note what these Streams / flows of the Holy Spirit accomplish:

1. “Make **glad** the city of God”

a. the **city** is not just referring to the city of Jerusalem

b. “**the city**” is a prophetic picture of **The Church**

2. Every Pastor must **discover the Stream** that is going to make their City / Church Glad:

a. As well as the other Five fold ministry gifts of the Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher And Prophet

(1) each ministry gift must discover the flow for their ministry

(2) same is basically true for each Born Again believer

3. Keeping this **spiritual principle** in mind: This will enable every Pastor to discern and be able to determine what visiting ministry gift is a fit for their church:
 - a. The guest ministry may be of God
 - b. But if they are a **different flow**
 - (1) it can be a spiritual mismatch
 - (2) or even possibly take a Pastor & local church spiritually course
 - c. At the same time if the guest ministry gift is in the same flow / stream that The Holy Spirit places the Pastor in & where the Pastor is taking the local church:
 - (1) it will not only be a blessing to the congregation
 - (2) but also contribute to helping the Pastor fulfill their God given vision

- C. **The mistake that is made** is when five fold ministry gifts & believers each attempts to drink from every stream
 1. loose your identity
 2. miss the direction of God
 3. never fulfill your purpose & destiny
 4. and never walk into the fullness of your spiritual inheritance
 - a. Again: this does not necessarily mean that these other streams are not of God:
 - b. rather they simply are not for you, do not make your city glad, do nothing contribute in thrusting you into the fullness of your God given vision
 - (1) so never allow yourself to be pressured to partake of what everyone is doing
 - (2) Be comfortable in whom & what God has called you to be & do for His glory

- D. But when you **discover the stream the flow of the Holy Spirit** that makes you glad
 1. You will discover your **Identity**
 - a. Be whom God has called you to be
 2. You will walk in God's **direction** for your life and ministry
 - a. walk into your "Promise land"
 - b. even though their may not be many people on that same spiritual road
 3. You will fulfill the **Purpose & Destiny** of God for you life
 - a. and fulfill the work He has called you to do for His glory
 4. and partake of your **spiritual inheritance**
 - a. of all that Jesus Christ has for you to partake of in this life & the next

II. Give you another key: YOU MUST HEAR YOUR SOUND FROM HEAVEN FOR YOUR LIFE & MINISTRY

A. With you Vision comes a Sound from heaven

1. that will usher in the presence of God into your life & ministry
2. that will keep anointing of God fresh in your life & ministry
3. that will stir the Gifts of the Spirit in your life & ministry

B. Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

1. This move of God was accompanied with a 'SOUND FROM HEAVEN'

a. and this sound: "filled the whole house"

2. Every HOUSE:

- a. every house of God
- b. every local church
- c. every ministry
- d. every believer as the Temple of God

(1) needs to discover & become familiar with the sound that God has ordained accompanies your ministry

3. **This sound from heaven must fill your house**

a. If you desire to see God move in His fullness, as you have seen in your vision

B. Example: Every Pastor needs to not only discover this sound

1. But also Train & raise up a praise team leader

a. who is willing to flow in the "sound" their pastor has heard

2. This includes not only the songs that are sung

a. but also the style of music played in the church

3. the reason why this is so important is because:

a. **The right SOUND releases the flow of the river of God for that particular ministry**

4. Have you ever listened to any Christian music that did nothing for you?

a. Reason: not that it was of the devil

b. Rather it was not your SOUND FROM HEAVEN

5. Key: discover your sound from heaven

a. and do not compromise the sound God has given you to flow in

6. We see this spiritual truth in the ministry of the Prophet Elisha as he was about to minister prophetically to Jehoshaphat:

a. 2 Kings 3:15 But now **bring me a minstrel**. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the **hand of the Lord came upon him**.

16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord,

(1) Dwell: the **wrong sound**: can hinder the presence of God & kill the anointing

(2) at the same time: the **right sound** can usher in the presence of God & stir up the anointing

C. This “Sound from heaven” not only deals with our music / praise & worship

1. But it also deals with **WORDS / what is preached & taught**

a. never compromise the **message** God has given you

b. do not allow ever doctrine that comes down the pike to be:

(1) to be ministered from the pulpit

(2) or to fill the ears, heart & mind of yourself & your people

(a) 1 Tim 1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine**,

(b) 2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**,

(1) this can be anything from:

(a) the seeker sensitive / user friendly gospel

(b) to the extremes in prosperity

© to the physics / fusion theology (New Age teaching)

(a) and the list goes on & on

III. Vision & a Sound from heaven

A. As Leaders in the Kingdom of God, we are not only responsible to Discover Our God given Vision & Sound from heaven that is to accompany our life and Ministry:

1. We must protect them by:

a. not compromising them

b. not allow them to be muddied / or polluted

c. we must keep each **PURE**

d. and never give up

(1) on the Vision we have received

(2) and the Sound from heaven we have heard

