

Visions and Revelations Message 7: “The Wise Men and the Star (2)”

All of us have received a vision at one point in our lives, otherwise we would not be in the church life. We saw a vision from the Lord, we acted on it, and it led to our initial salvation. That vision became a reality for us. Unfortunately, there are times when we see visions from the Lord and do not act on it. For example, the Lord can give us a vision to move to a new city and preach the gospel there. Our reaction may be, “Well, what about my house? What about my kids? What about this? What about that?” We end up rationalizing ourselves out of acting on the vision that God has given to us, and thus the vision becomes distant. The difference between many of us and the Wise Men is they were willing to act on the vision that they knew was from God. The Wise Men were not always clear on how they should act on the vision. They did not always know where exactly the Lord was going to lead them. But they followed the vision anyways until it was fully clear, and eventually they saw the glory of the baby Jesus. The visions we receive from God will not always be fully clear to us. Furthermore, if we fail to act on the vision, it will certainly become less clear to us. However, our lack of clarity should not dampen our faith, and should not stop us from pursuing the vision. The vision can actually become more clear the more we pursue it. In the Wise Men’s case, there is no record of the star they saw moving until they had reached Jerusalem. Maybe the reason why we are unclear about the visions we have seen is because we are not acting on them. Oh Lord, let us be doers and not just seers! Let us be as faithful and desperate for you as the Wise Men were! We want to be ones who are worthy of receiving many visions from you, and ones who pursue them wholeheartedly.