

Visions and Revelations

Message One: The Center and Content of Visions—Jesus the Son of God

Preface

Scripture: 2 Cor. 12.1, 1 Cor. 1.19–21a, Mat. 1.18–25

- A. The pursuit and growth of a Christian life is a matter of visions
 - a. Not by nature or talent
 - b. Not by personal abilities
 - c. Not by wisdom or brightness
 - d. But by being faithful to God-given visions and revelations

- B. Vision is sight, which is:
 - a. The heavenly sight
 - b. The sight in spirit
 - c. The sight of divine things
 - d. Faithfulness to each and every vision (sight) may bring in many heavenly and spiritual revelations

- C. Such sight produces forsakings, perseverance, and assurance and brings in a whole life of following.

- D. Such sight is elevating step by step and should be related to all the things we confront in our life, making us uncommon and allowing us to follow the Lord in a clear way.

- E. Such sight can come through the appearing of the Lord or the revelation of the Holy Spirit, through the manifest environments, or through the Lord's speaking by His angels or in our dreams.

The First Vision in the New Testament—

The Lord's Angel Speaking to Joseph in His Dream

Matt. 1:18–25

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2 Corinthians 12:1

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

1 Corinthians 1:19–21a

¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God...

Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.