

Sunday July 18, 2021.

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for July 18, 2021.

PROVERBS 29:18 NO VISION

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

We are living in a time where many people do not have a vision, they do not realize where they are going, nor do they have a goal set for themselves. Even worse, we are living in a time where many people have no vision from the Lord. They have no word from God and thus they do not know what to do.

Let us look at the misery of the people that want a settled ministry: A ministry where there is no vision, no prophet, to tell of the law,,, no preacher to teach the knowledge of the Lord. We have countries like this today and we have areas in this country like this. The word of the Lord is sacred and where there is no vision the people perish.

Let us look at what happens to the people when there is no vision:

1. THE PEOPLE ARE MADE NAKED, STRIPPED AND SO EXPOSED TO SHAME AND DANGER.

AMOS 4:6-8: 6. And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 7. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. 8. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

How bare does a place look without bibles and ministers. What an easy prey to the enemy of the souls. This is what happens when people leave God. So goes the homes, people, nation, etc.

2. **THEY REBEL.** Not only against God, but against everything else. They start seeing faults instead of good things. They start tearing down instead of building up.

3. THE PEOPLE ARE IDLE OR THEY PLAY WHEN NO VISION IS PRESENT. Exodus 32:1, 7-8: 1. And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 7. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

They do nothing to any good purpose, but stand all day idle, and sporting evil things of the World.

Instead of praying they are tearing down.

Instead of visiting they are idle

Instead of talking for Jesus they are building up the devil.

The Lord saw and said: I have seen this people, and, behold it is a stiff-necked people: Exodus 32:9

4. THEY ARE SCATTERED AS SHEEP HAVING NO SHEPHERD. ISAIAH 53.6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A. They are scattered from God and their duty. When we are not in the right place to receive God's word, we are just not in the right place.

We are in the wrong place. Do not blame God, The Church, The Family, blame yourself. It is our fault.

B. we are scattered from one another by divisions. When divisions come it is a sure indication that someone does not have a vision from God.

5. THE PERISHED: THEY ARE DESTROYED FOR THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

ISAIAH 1:16-20 **16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**

How sad it is to see people perish when God is so free and so willing to show and tell us of His Love, His Concern, His presence.

And yet we have so many that are perishing because they cannot see God and what God can do. They have the vision of the world and not God's vision.

How about you?

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