

People of _____

Proverbs 29:18

Intro: Vision as used here in this verse carries the idea of one being _____ to the Word of God. It carries the idea of public ministering of the Word of God to people. It does not carry the idea of a burden for the lost. More important is the idea of one being in fellowship with God personally so that God will reveal His truth to them so they can in turn practice the Word personally and teach it to others.

18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law. NKJV

18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law. NASV

18 Without revelation people run wild, but one who follows divine instruction will be happy. CSB

- I. _____ had vision. Genesis 6:13-22
- A. He had a personal relationship with God even in the _____ times. **Vs 6-8**
 - B. He _____ to what God revealed to him. **Vs 22**
 - C. He obeyed and _____ his family in his walk with God. **Vs 18**
 - D. Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
 - E. Through Noah's _____ involvement with God, and conveying God's truth to others, he condemned the wicked and _____ the righteous.
- II. _____ had vision. Genesis 12:1-5
- A. He had a _____ relationship with God. **Vs 1**
 - B. He walked in obedience to the _____ of God. **Vs 4**
 - C. He _____ his family with him in his obedience. **Vs 5**
 - 1. He had to explain the revelation from God with them so they would understand such a _____ move of the large household.
 - 2. He had the _____ of testimony before his family that they listened to him, even though this type of behavior was not a common occurrence in this family up to this point.
 - D. Heb 11: 8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
 - E. Through his obedience Abraham set in _____ events that resulted in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ge 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.)
- III. _____ and _____ had a vision. Numbers 14:6-9
- A. These two _____ the promise of God concerning conquering the promised land. **Vs 6-8**
 - B. They _____ encouraged the people to also believe God's promises and go in a conquer the land **Vs 9**
 - C. God's blessing on their obedience came _____ years later. Num 32: 11-13 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun:

for they have wholly followed the LORD. 13 And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

- IV. We must be _____ of _____.
- A. We must have and maintain a _____ relationship with the Lord. Romans 12:1-2
 - B. Our loyalty and obedience must be to the _____ of God. I Timothy 3:16-17
 - C. We must _____ others in walking with the Lord.
 - 1. I Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
 - 2. I Cor 1:23-29 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Concl: We as a church saw the protection and provision of God upon us last year, even though some faced serious _____. As we maintain our focus on Christ, and desire to be people whom God can use for His glory, we will face the challenges this year in the power, mercy, and grace of God, and we will see _____, because we are "People of Vision".

Philippians 3:10-14 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.