

Understanding How to See Visions



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Supernatural Visions

Elisha's Prayer for His Servant

2 Kings 6:17 says "And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

Luke 10:18

[18]And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

John 1:32-34

[32]And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

[33]I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see

the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

[34]And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." The First Disciples

Supernatural vision empowers you with the spiritual knowledge to function in vision. Over the years, I have looked around and I observed that ministers are the ones functioning in supernatural vision except for young people who are more zealous for God, who gets engaged in prayers and some women who have always been acquainted with spiritual communication via vision. It is so rare to discover believers who can come out boldly to say they have visions. While we have scarcity of that today, I believe that God also is doing something deliberately to ensure that supernatural vision is restored back to the church. It's not lost. It's just that it's functioning at a minimal level. However, God is bringing it back so it can begin to function at a higher level.

You realize that in 2 Kings 6:17, it was Elisha that prayed for his servant. He prayed to God and the prayer he prayed to God was that God should open his eyes that he may see. Elisha did not pray that God should give the man eyes to see, he only prayed that God should open his eyes to see. From the story, you realized that armies gathered around Elisha and while the servant saw the army, he saw them with his physical eyes, so fear gripped him and he told

Elisha. The response of Elisha to his servant instilled confidence. Elisha told his servant not to bother because those who are with them are more than those we see. The young man only had physical sight. He was only functioning with physical sight to see and what he saw externally made him to be more fearful and panic. But the prophet of God had seen something bigger than that. So, the prophet decided to pray a simple prayer for the young man and the prayer the prophet prayed for the young man was that God should open his eyes to see. He didn't pray that God should give him an eye to see. Every man created, every man that is born was born with both physical and inner eyes. As you're seated, you are having an inner eye with you and it's with that inner eyes God expect you to always see things consistently and regularly. It will be so tragic to discover that you don't maximize the full potential of those eyes. No, it will be so tragic because God didn't give you that eyes to just permit it to be there or to be resident inside of you. He gave you those eyes so that you can be able to see.

Balaam and the Donkey

Numbers 22:22-23, 28-31

[22]Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the Lord took His stand in

the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

[23]Now the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.

[28]Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

[29]And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!"

[30]So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."

[31]Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

You will realize that the donkey saw someone the prophet didn't see. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord. And here was the prophet – prophet Balaam – sitting on the donkey and he was not seeing anything. How could the donkey see an angel and the prophet who had experiences of supernatural things didn't

see what the donkey saw? It was because at that moment, the inner eye of the prophet was not opened but the donkey's eye was opened. I hope you know that when the bible records that donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it was not with the physical eyes that the donkey saw the angel? It was with the inner eye of the donkey. It means that just as humans has inner eye, I mean, the eye with which they can see the invisible, so also, animals have their inner eye with which they can see invisible beings and things. And you will realize that God did not only open the eyes of the donkey, God only opened the mouth of the donkey. What an amazing God we serve. You know this passage filled me with amazement about the awesome working God that we serve.

The prophet later saw what the donkey saw earlier and the prophet later bowed to worship God the Most High. The eye of the prophet was later opened to see what the donkey had seen earlier. Just as men can see vision, so animals also can see vision.

Jesus' Spiritual Eye at Work

When Jesus said, I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven. That kind of sight was not a physical sight. He didn't see Satan fall like lightening with his two eyes. He saw Satan with his spiritual eye. That is, with the eye of His spirit. There is an eye

with which we see supernatural vision. Some people said concerning John that John didn't perform any miracle, he didn't do any spectacular thing, but everything he said concerning Jesus came to pass. But that's not what I want you to see, what I want you to see is found in the book of John 1:32-33

[32]And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

[33]I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

John was trying to show a dynamic there that he saw. Meaning, John didn't perform any miracle but John saw. His eyes were opened and he saw the Spirit fall upon Jesus. I hope you realize that when Jesus received the Spirit of God, He didn't speak in tongue that time. So there was no any spectacular or any external thing that suggested that the Spirit of God was upon Jesus but there was a voice that spoke which made it known to John that that the Spirit of the Lord has come upon Jesus.

It should be noted that John saw the Spirit of God upon Jesus. In other words, His perception was opened to recognize the Christ. It was the inner eye of John that discerned the Spirit of God upon Jesus. This clearly reveals that although John the Baptist

didn't do any miracle, yet, he saw supernatural vision of the Holy Spirit of God descending upon Jesus.

You Don't Have "the Gift of Vision"

Nobody should say, I have the gift of vision. No man has the gift of vision. God can only communicate to you through vision. You don't say I have a gift of vision. Some people will say I have gift of vision. Some preachers also say Joseph had the gift of vision. Nobody has the gift of vision. Nobody has the talent of vision. Vision is not a gift neither is it a talent. The reason some people have access to vision easily is because they have trained themselves for it. Spiritual thing comes through education. Of course we also know that the spiritual thing can come through spiritual impartation.

There are some things that will come into your life through spiritual education and there are other things that will come into your life through spiritual impartation. Let's establish the following facts:

1. Vision can be taught.
2. Vision can be caught.
3. Vision can be learnt.
4. Vision can be accessed.
5. Vision can be developed.

You can develop it to a level just like that of Elisha that he didn't need to pray that God should open his eyes regularly. He was just seeing things regularly. You can develop yourself to that level. I remember there was a time in my life when it was only when I'm praying I could see vision. But a time came that it's just normal. If I close my eyes, I can switch. Switching into the supernatural realm just became normal. But that was not the way I began my life. It took time before that dimension grew in me. I develop it. So visions can be developed.

You Don't See Supernatural Visions with Your Physical Eyes

You don't access spiritual vision with your physical eyes; you only access vision with your inner eye. You know you have that inner eyes and that inner eye is what is called the eye of your human spirit. It's the eye behind the corner of your brain. With your inner eye, you will see vision, angels, spiritual realm and so on.

There is no "Spirit of Vision"

In the book of Isaiah 11, you will see different manifestation of the Spirit that flows from God. Some theologians have referred to these as the seven

spirits of God. All through the Bible, you won't see anything like the spirit of vision. There is nothing like the spirit of vision. Just like there is nothing like the gift of vision. There is nothing like the talent of vision. The fact that someone has vision consistently or regularly doesn't mean that such person has the spirit of vision.

Someone once said that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of vision. The Holy Spirit is not the spirit of vision. No, because there were people in the Bible that had vision but didn't have the Spirit of God. There were Gentiles who had visions, yet you can't claim they had the Spirit of God as at the time they had the visions. What can you say about Nebuchadnezzar? Nebuchadnezzar you know threw men into the fire, and then of course, he saw four men walking and he saw the fourth man. The people with him didn't see the fourth man. He was the only one that saw the fourth man. And you can see that was not the function of physical eye but the function of the spiritual eye. He saw the fourth man with his spiritual eye not with his physical eyes. How I wish some prophet will understand this because you know some prophet said somethings that are not consistent with the scripture. They said there is a spirit of vision and you see believer praying for the spirit of vision to come upon them. You don't pray that kind of prayer because there is nothing like the

spirit of vision. Pray for it from now till eternity, you won't get it. God didn't give the servant of Elisha the spirit of vision for him to see, God only opened his inner eye.

Don't Seek the Spectacular

I appreciate the fact that some prophets often emphasize the need for believer to operate in supernatural vision. Why I appreciate that fact is because their emphasis is a form of education for believer to maximize all God has given them. God has given some things to us as believers and we should be able to use everything. We should appropriate everything that has been given to us. Let me give this warning: as a believer, you must not seek the spectacular. There was a time I was always seeking the spectacular, but now I understand better. I will rather seek to understand the scriptures than seek the spectacular.

When I say don't go about seeking spectacular, I mean don't pray to see Jesus. Don't pray to see angel. You know some people will embark on prayer and fasting for thirty or forty days because they want to have the vision of Jesus or the vision of angel. They want to have some angelic encounters. Anyway, you don't need all of that. If God want you to see Jesus, Jesus will come your way. And if God wants you to

see angel, He know how to send Him to you.

Mary, the mother of Jesus didn't do anything before angel Gabriel came and appear to her and told her that she was going to have a baby. She was not expecting it but it happened. The people who had some spectacular experiences were people who were not expecting it. It just came like that to them.

The fact that you have some spectacular encounters doesn't mean you should spread it everywhere and motivate all believers to have it too. Such will produce and project a doctrinal error. Rather than praying to see vision, I will say you pray that God should open your eyes of understanding to comprehend the scripture.

Does that mean you shouldn't pray for vision? No! Elisha prayed for his servant and said, God open his eyes that he may see. Paul the apostle also prayed for the church at Ephesus that their eyes of understanding be enlightened. Paul didn't pray that God should open their eyes to see into the spectacular or into spirit realm, he only prayed that they may comprehend what Christ has done for them.

The Pauline Prayers

Ephesians 1:15-21, 23

[15] Therefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

[16] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

[17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

[18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

[19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

[20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

[21] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

[23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The above are the prayers Paul prayed for the church found in Ephesus. However, verse 17 says “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of

Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.” In the original Greek, it’s not the spirit of wisdom and revelation. You know I used to think that there is the spirit of wisdom and the spirit of revelation. But now, I understand clearly that Paul didn’t say the spirit of wisdom and revelation. It was the translator that made that mistake. What Paul said was that the Lord gives you the spirit of wisdom for revelation in the knowledge of him. And verse 18 says “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” So, Paul prayed that the eyes of the understanding of the believer should be enlightened so they may know. He didn’t pray so that they see vision into the spirit realm. He only prayed for their understanding and spiritual revelation to see what God has done for them in Christ Jesus. All Paul prayed for them was for them to have insight into the complete works of Christ.

God May Not Lead You Through Visions

Here is my advice for the single that want to get engaged. Be very careful of what you say and see. Don’t be led by vision. We are not told in the scripture to be led by vision. We are told in the

scripture to be led by the Spirit. The Bible says as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. Jesus was led by the Spirit. So we can also be led by the Spirit. The Spirit of God can now decide to communicate to you through vision.

The Spirit of God communicates. He can communicate through any means. He can speak through your spirit or heart. And He can lead you through vision. You can't decide how the Spirit of God should lead you. The point is that you don't get led through vision.

Be Led by the Spirit

No believer should be led by vision. You should be led by the Spirit. The Spirit of God can decide to communicate to you through visions. As a matter of fact, the witness in your heart, the knowing of your heart is more effective than you imagined. It gives you some confidence and assurance that God is on your side concerning this matter. Anything that is of God that God is communicating to you, your heart will bear witness to it. Your heart will agree to it. You know vision sometimes generate doubt because the interpretation has to be accurate but the leading of the Spirit does not.

Although some people have prayed for vision and it seems God hasn't open their eyes. But that is

not correct, you couldn't have asked for it and God will not grant it. What you simply lack is spiritual education. I mean the spiritual knowledge that informs you that this is vision.

Most people, the issue with them is not that they don't have vision, they have vision but they don't yet understand how to see supernatural vision. I have been in that scenario that I had vision for about two years but didn't know I was having vision. It took time before I knew I had vision. So, what most believers need is to pray for vision. What they need is to understand how vision comes and to discern visions from the Lord. I believe that believer should not go about praying for vision so they could be led. No believer should seek to be led by vision. I have seen people who are married today and they are not enjoying their marriage. But some of such marriage were product of the vision of one self-acclaimed prophet somewhere. I am not disregarding visions; I am just showing you that believers should be led of the Spirit.

A Channel of Communication

Vision is not a gift. Vision is not a talent. And you don't say there is spirit of vision. Supernatural Vision is a channel of communication. If you understand this, you'll not be moved when you hear

some things people say about vision. Vision is just a means of communication. Supernatural vision is just a medium through which you receive something from God and it's translated to men in the physical. Let's also say this to you. You know several things can be imparted. Vision cannot be imparted. Many may disagree but that is scripture. You will never see a place in the Bible where vision is imparted. It is not a gift that can be imparted. If it cannot be imparted, then what can happen then is that a man of God can lay hand on you and declare that your spiritual eyes be open. Elisha did not impart vision to his servant. All Elisha did was to pray to God that God should open the eyes of his servant and God opened it. So a man of God can lay his hand on you and declare upon you that you begin to see vision from today. Or he made a request to God to open your inner eyes that you may begin to see.

It Cannot Be Imparted

Visions are a channel of communication and as such, it is not put in the power of any man to impart the channel. God can use another man to open up the channel, but no man can impart it. Physically, when a person is blind, the best you can do is to heal the blindness of such. You can impart visual power to a man. You can only open the organ that is responsible

for their visual.

Let me share this story with you. One day, I ministered to a brother and I lay my hand upon him and I release some word upon him. From that day, he began to see vision. Although I was moved by the anointing of the Spirit and I just lay my hand upon him and I said from today begin to see vision.

And from that day, vision just opened to him. This person I'm talking about is an established prophet today. He has called me on many occasion to tell me what God told him about me which was true because my heart bore witness to it that those things were from the Lord. So, vision cannot be imparted but it can be prayed for. That is, they can pray it into your life.

A word can be released into your life that will cause your eye to be open and begin to see. You can be taught as well about vision. If you are ministering in a congregation or God show you something about people, it's always good that you are quiet. You don't open your mouth and say it until you know the meaning. I have learnt that aspect and I have mastered the art. If I see something and I don't know the meaning, I won't say it. All who see vision need to know that it's not everything that God shows that He wants you to say. There are visions that are not for sharing but just for confirmation of those things when it happened. He didn't tell you so that

you can tell the person, He told you so you can be informed. You should be sensitive to know the things He showed you so you can open up.

Interpretation of Visions

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

[4]There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

[5]There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

[6]And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

[7]But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

[8]for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

[9]to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

[10]to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

[11]But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

There is nothing like the gift of the interpretation

of vision. In 1 Corinthian chapter 12, Apostle Paul identified the spiritual gift, you will see the gift of interpretation of tongues but you can never see where it's written in the Bible that there is what is call the gift of interpretation of vision or dream. We only have understanding of vision and dream. In other word, it's not a gift, it just an understanding. An understanding is inside a person which can cause someone to have insight into what is seen. Daniel 1:17 says "As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." In other word, Daniel did not have the gift of interpretation of visions and dreams. What he had was the understanding in all vision and dream.

Understanding

You cannot have the understanding of something you don't have the knowledge of. When you have understanding, that means you have interpretation. Ability to interpret the knowledge or vision is known as understanding. And when there is interpretation, there will be application. So, knowledge is information; understanding is interpretation while wisdom is application. So, when the Bible says that Daniel had understanding in all vision and dream, it means Daniel had interpretation of all visions and

dreams. What Daniel had was simply understanding not the gift of interpretation. The understanding Daniel had was the ability to give interpretation to what is seen in the unseen world.

If you examine the scripture, you will discover that the king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream but none of his men could interpret it. And you know the magicians said something that was very funny. I thought what could have happened to this magician to have spoken this way? Because it was so amazing, the astrologer, the Chaldean told the king that what the king requested was a difficult thing that could only be interpreted by the gods whose dwelling is not with flesh. You remember the whole story that the king had dream and when he called the astrologers, he told them to first tell him the dream he had. And after telling him the dream he had, they should also give the interpretation. The king actually wanted to prove the fact that if they are able to tell him the dream he had, without him telling them first, that means they will be able to tell him the interpretation. The magician, the astrologer said how could they do that? It's only the gods whose dwelling is not in the flesh that could do that. Eventually, nobody except Daniel could interpret the dream. The king stood up and prostrated before Daniel after he interpreted the dream. He was so astonished and acknowledged the endowment of

Daniel about the dream he had. Some people are specially endowed with the understanding of vision while some are not.

The Bible never says anything concerning the friends of Daniel that they have understanding in all vision and dream. It was only Daniel that the Bible recorded that had understanding in all vision and dream. His friend never interpreted any dream.

Belshazzar, the son of Nebuchadnezzar also had a vision. He was having feast with some people and he had a vision. He saw something that others could not see with the fact that he had not Spirit of God with him. Evidently, unbelievers too can see vision. Belshazzar saw a vision that nobody could see nor interpret. It was the queen that later told him about Daniel. And you know Daniel came around and gave interpretation to the vision. He told the king what was written on the wall, thereafter he went further to give meaning. Daniel interpreted what he saw. And the Bible records that on that same day, the kingdom was taken away from the son of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar and the kingdom was given to Medes and Persian. King Darius and Cyrus took over the kingdom. What I want you to see concerning that is vision is something that is very powerful. It's possible you have vision and you don't know the vision.

Some people have prayed for their inner eyes to be

open but the question is when your inner eyes were opened, what's the next thing? When your inner eye is opened, will you be able to know the meaning of what you have seen? What you saw in a vision is not the most important thing. The most important thing is the interpretation you are able to draw from what you saw because until you understand, you will not know what to do with what you saw. Interpretation of vision is very essential.

Lift Up Your Eyes

Daniel 8:1-3

[1]In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.

[2]I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

[3]Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

Daniel said “then I lifted my eyes and saw”. That’s the point I want you to see. There’s something about vision you need to know: God will open your eyes but it is your duty to lift up your eyes. Every

time God is saying to you that you should lift up your eyes, scripturally, He is not talking about your two eyes. He is talking about your inner eye. May God grant you understanding concerning that. At a time, God said Abraham come and look into the sky. It's not with his two eyes. He wants him to use his imagination to visualize the innumerable numbers of stars. God wanted Abraham to capture the innumerable numbers of the stars so he could capture the innumerable numbers of his children. And if you were able to capture that, you will be able to capture the numbers of your children - The numbers of children that will come out of you.

Now the man Daniel said, I lifted up my eyes and saw. There is a dimension in supernatural vision that will always cause you to open your inner eye. It is one thing to open your eyes, it is another thing for you to lift up your inner eye. God always wants you to lift up your inner eye. In other words, it requires lifting up your eye which means to concentrate. To be more focused on what you are seeing.

When God opens your inner eye, He expects you to look. It is your duty to look. If you don't look, you won't see further. God will open your eyes, but He expects you to look.

Many people are praying and they are still at the level of "Oh God open my eyes that I may see." God has answered your prayers. He has opened your eyes

but you are the one that is not seeing. And you are not seeing because you didn't open your eyes. You don't know that it's your duty to focus on what you are seeing. To visualize better what you are seeing that is the way it happens.

If God would open your eyes to see something, what will make you to see clearly is your ability to be more focused on what you are seeing? That's what will make you to be able to see more clearly. When you are able to focus on what you are seeing, then you will be able to see clearly. The reason most people are not seeing clearly is not because God has not opened their eyes. The reason is because they don't know how to focus their eyes on what they are seeing. You have to focus your eyes on what you are seeing before you can understand clearly what you are seeing. You have to focus your eyes on what you are seeing before you can see the intent and end of the vision. If you don't open your eyes to see it, you will not see what God is trying to show you. It is through the ability to concentrate on what you see with your inner eye that you develop your visual power.

Joseph Had a Dream

Genesis 37:6-10

[6]So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

[7]There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

[8]And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

[9]Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

[10]So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

The Bible records it and say that Joseph had a dream and he told his brothers and they hated him even more. They hated first because his father made a coat of many colors for him. Now, the fact he had a dream and told them, that made them to hate him the more.

Do you realize that immediately Joseph told the dreams to his brother, they got the meaning because the Bible says all his brothers reacted? The Spirit of God opened my understanding to this that it was not all the brothers that understood the meaning of that dream. It is not all the brothers, it could be someone among them or few among them who had the understanding of vision and dream. Evidently, it was those who understood it that interpreted it. You know they told it among themselves about its impossibility.

Are you saying that you will rule over us? Are you saying that we will bow down to you? Are you saying that you will govern us? They said that because those who have understanding amidst them have been able to interpret it. If you have vision and you don't know what to do with it, you will be confused. The reason for such was because you lack understanding of visions and dream. It is possible that you have visions but lack the understanding of the visions you had. Because understanding is interpretation and that was the reason you didn't understand.

Now Jacob himself who was the father of Joseph was a man who understands dreams and visions. Joseph had a dream, shared it to his brothers, told it to his father too. And the Bible reveals that his father understands the meaning of the dream. He said what you have said now, the moon represents

your mother, the sun represents your father, and the stars represent your brothers. Did you mean that your father, mother and brothers will bow down to you? As I look, I see something which is connected to understanding of what we see. You realize that in the first dream, it was sheaves that he said he saw that represented his brothers. Now in the second dream, God did not use this same image that was used in the first dream to communicate about his brothers. God used another image. And the image God used were the eleven stars. Joseph saw stars but God was indirectly showing him his brothers.

God used two different images to communicate who his brother was to him. It's only someone who understands visions and dream that will be able to understand and identify that God was using different elements and different images to communicate same thing to Joseph. So, you see that some of the brothers of Joseph had the interpretation and the understanding of dreams and vision. Also, the father of Joseph, Jacob himself had the understanding of visions and dreams. Let's see something about Joseph again

Genesis 41:12-13

[12]Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own

dream.

[13]And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.”

You see what the man talked about Joseph here. He said, there was a man we met in the prison who interpreted our dream to us. He didn't say there was a man in the prison who had the gift of interpretations of dreams. He said we met a man that interpreted our dreams to us. I have established that what makes us to interpret dreams was not because we have the gift, it was because we have the understanding. If you see anyone who interpret dream easily, it was because the person has the understanding of vision and dream. That was the reason the person was able to interpret accurately.

The first order we see was that the brothers of Joseph were able to interpret the dreams of Joseph. The second dream he saw, the father of Joseph was able to interpret it. Now Joseph found himself in the prison, while in the prison, two men had dreams. They were baffled and disturbed because they could not understand the dream they had and Joseph walked up to them and the Bible records that Joseph interprets their dream accurately to them. The brothers of Joseph could interpret dreams. The father of Joseph could interpret dream. Joseph himself could interpret dream. In all these cases,

I observed that among believers, we should have people who are trained, who can see vision and who should be able to interpret the vision accurately.

In time past, many of our fathers in faith had this ability to interpret dreams accurately but unfortunately, the generations to which I belong don't take it serious. It is time believers take both vision and its interpretation seriously.

Understanding Vision

The understanding of vision is an essential element you need to take seriously. You should not just talk about accessing vision without talking about understanding visions - interpretation of vision. Everyone who has vision should be able to get the understanding of the vision. You should be able to interpret the vision accurately. Don't just go about seeking to get or see vision and you don't try to know the meaning. You don't try to get the understanding of what you are seeing. You know what Paul prayed for the church was that God should enlighten their eyes of understanding. He said may your eyes of understanding be enlightened that you may know. In other words, Paul desired that they should be flooded with light, to be filled with illumination and clarity.

Accessing Supernatural Visions

Don't Seek Spectacular Revelations of Jesus

I could remember that I've been asked if a believer can pray to see Jesus and I said, anyway, believer can pray to see Jesus but seeking to see him spectacularly should not be your focus. You should pray to see him more in the scripture rather than praying to see him spectacularly. Trust God open your understanding to see Jesus in the scripture. That is, to have revelation of Jesus.

The early disciples, most of the people Paul prayed for and ministers that got saved didn't see Jesus till they died. But we realized that they had the revelation knowledge of Jesus. What you need is the revelation knowledge of Jesus, which is more effective and essential because that alone will cause

and sustain you to be able to grow in your walk with Jesus. So pray to see Jesus. But the Jesus you should see is having the revelation of Jesus from scriptures. Don't go about seeking spectacular revelations about Jesus.

The Place of Visions in Choosing Who to Marry

An individual asked a question that goes; "what is the place of vision in choosing who to marry?" My perspective to that is that there is no place of vision in choosing who to marry. I have emphasized the fact that vision is the ability to see, to identify and recognize things with your inner eye that is not accessible to your physical eyes. I mean, you see into the invisible clearly what your physical eyes cannot see. And if that's it, then you should know that vision is a channel of communication – a channel that permits you to access the invisible. When your inner eye is opened, you can begin to see vision. Now you need not to see a vision to know your husband or your wife. You don't need that. I mean, you don't need the supernatural vision to do that. What you need is simply love. Do you love the person? Do you love your spouse? As long as you love the person, you are good to go. But don't just go with love alone.

You need more than love to marry a person. The

question is that is your heart at peace with the person? If you have that, you are good to go. But don't go ahead yet. The next thing is what are the plans both of you have. Both of you need to make plans concerning your future. Do you think that both of you can go ahead with your life? Don't try to change yourself or adjust your vision because you want to suit one man or a woman. No, be yourself but there can always be some adjustment you can always make. I mean external changes. May be the way you dress, talk and the likes. But anything that has to do with your vision need not to be adjusted.

Another thing you should have concerning your marriage is wisdom. You need wisdom. When it comes to the matter of marriage, I think I will rate wisdom above supernatural vision. Wisdom will teach you how to maximize the strength of each other. It will help you manage the weakness of each other but vision might not be able to do that for you. You see, as regards the issue of marriage, God can also show you things supernaturally but the place of wisdom should not be despised.

The Duality of God's Anointing in Relation to Visions

Having established that vision is not a gift and that there is nothing like the gift of vision. Vision is not a talent and there nothing like the talent of vision. There is also no spirit of vision neither anointing for vision. Some people have prayed and fasted that the Lord should give them anointing for vision but sometimes when the anointing of God come upon you, you will see vision.

The anointing of God is in two forms. We have the indwelling anointing, which is permanent in you. It doesn't go anywhere but stays within you. John said you have an anointing from the Holy One. He said the anointing you've received from Him abides in you. There is an anointing that abides in every believer.

The second form is the manifest anointing. This is an anointing for a task. It is called the moment anointing. It brings about the Manifest Presence of God in order to accomplish a particular task or purpose. Such anointing comes to accomplish a task and when it is done, it lift.

When the anointing to perform a task comes; you can begin to see visions. Vision is a way through which God communicates to you. And since you are human, you are qualified to have a vision. It has

been said that prophets often have vision.

So, they tend to see vision regularly. As a matter of fact, there are some kinds of prophets called seers. The way they receive things from the Lord is not through sound but sight. They see into the spirit and as they see, they can also hear. There are prophets in the scripture that are called seers. And we know that in the New Testament, seers still exist, it is just that they are not called seers but prophets.

Hope you remember how Saul and his father's servant went to see Samuel. What they said was that they should go and see a prophet but a prophet was formally called seer in Israel. Right from the days of Samuel, they don't usually call them seers but prophet. So, in New Testament, there are people called prophets.

Believers Can See Supernatural Visions

It's not only prophets that see supernatural visions, believers can also see visions. As long as you are human, you can see vision. Let me also say that it is not only believers that can have supernatural vision, there could be some unbelievers that could see supernatural visions. If a donkey could see, human could see.

Believers have the privilege to see into the spirit realm more because they have the Spirit of God

within who can also show them things anytime and any day as He wills. However, it is not only believers can see vision, unbelievers too can see vision. Every man has inner eyes which God can open so he could see. In essence, what you need to see vision is inner eyes. As long as you have the inner eyes, you can always see vision. Acts 10:3 says concerning Cornelius that about the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of the Lord coming in and saying to him, Cornelius! I hope you know that as at the time the angel appeared to Cornelius, he didn't yet have the Holy Spirit. Cornelius who didn't have the Spirit of God clearly had vision of an angel and his eyes were opened.

You See Visions with Your Inner Eye

Acts 9:9, 11-12

[9]And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Ananias Baptizes Saul

[11]So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

[12]And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

The Bible says concerning Paul, that he lived about three days without sight, neither ate nor drank.

Scripture revealed that Saul had seen a man coming to him in a vision. First, Saul was blind for three days. But while in prayers, the blind Paul saw a man coming to him that he may receive his sight. That clearly shows that you don't see vision with physical eyes because Saul was blind and Bible says he had vision. A woman once said that the greatest blindness is not lack of sight but lack of insight. That is, inability to see from within. Saul was blind physically but yet he was able to see that a man was coming to him. How? He was able to see that with his inner eyes.

The second point I want you to see about Paul is that Paul didn't have the Holy Spirit. It was after Ananias came and laid his hand upon him and that he got baptized with the Spirit of God. He didn't have the Holy Spirit but Bible says he had vision. Now you see that it's not the presence of the Spirit of God that makes one to see supernatural vision but the inner eyes. As long as God opened your inner eye, whether the Holy Spirit is within you or not, you will see vision.

Acts 9:10

[10]Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

Ananias was a disciple, believer and the bible says that the Lord said to him in a vision. There were

people who didn't have the Spirit of God within them yet they saw vision and there were people who had the Spirit of God within them and saw vision. I believe strongly that everyone who is a believer can always see a vision. And all that is expected of you is that you open your eyes regularly to see.

Apostles John and Paul Saw Visions

Acts 26:19

[19]"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Revelation 1:10

[10]I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Here was a discussion Apostle Paul had with King Agrippa and his cohort when he was to make his defence. Apostle John was the one speaking in the above chapter of the book of Revelation and he said he was in the Spirit and the effect of that was that he saw visions in the heavenly realm.

If you have read the book of revelation, you will see the description of different kinds of angels and beings. As a matter of fact, it was John that revealed to us that angels are not the only beings in the heaven; there are four living creatures in heaven and twenty four elders in the heavens. There are arch angels in the heaven. You will realize that all

John said he saw were things he saw via the Spirit on the Lord's Day. John didn't go into the Spirit with his physical eyes. He went there with his spiritual eyes. As a matter of fact, John dialogue with angels via the vision. He talked and they responded.

The Inner Eye

You don't access supernatural vision with the physical eyes. And we could see example of Paul who was blind physically but was able to see with his inner eye. Your inner eye is actually the eyes of vision. It's that eyes that causes you to see things that your physical eyes cannot see.

Let's be practical a bit. I want you to close your eyes now thereafter, imagine yourself in your sitting room. I mean picture yourself in your sitting room. You are sitting on the chair now, watching television. Now, that you have done that, I want you to imagine yourself walking out of your sitting room to your bedroom. Just take a walk. Then you can check your bathroom. Check if the tap is open or not. You can even decide to open it and take your bath there. You can open your wardrobe. Take your cloth and put it on. Then go to the kitchen, put on the fire. Go to your freezer, bring out a drink and drink it. Now, I want you to open your eyes. Do you know that what you just did is called imagination? With your inner

eye, you could see yourself doing things.

Your inner eye knows no limit. You call it imagination but what you simply call your imagination is your inner eye. You can also call it your visual eyes – the eyes with which you can have heavenly vision. That is the eye that will see angel. That is the eye that can see Jesus in a vision. Simply because we have called it imagination, we have not been able to use it properly. Have you ever seen a minister during a ministration says I just see things now? What they use to see those things is not their physical eyes. What they use is their inner eyes that you call imagination. Every believer can always do that. However, it is so unfortunate that many people don't use their inner eyes.

The Eye of the Heart

Your inner eye is also called the eye of the heart. Your physical eyes are the eyes of your body. Your inner eye is the eye of your heart.

2 Kings 5:25-26

[25]Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

[26]Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing,

olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?

From the above text, you'll discover that Gehazi went after Naaman and told lie to Naaman that his master had told him to collect the gifts. It is obvious Elisha didn't send him. However, Elisha told Gehaz "did not my heart go with you when the man turns back from his chariot to meet you?" I hope you realized that Elisha was in his room and suddenly his heart travelled with Gehaz as he ran after Naaman. His heart went after him not his leg. What Elisha referred to was that his inner eye went with Gehaz as his feet went after Naaman.

What you call your imagination was what Elisha use to go after Gehaz on his way to go meet Naaman. The eyes of the body need you to walk, to access some information. In other words, if you want to get certain information about something that is happening out there now, you would have to go out. And sometimes because of the advancement of technology, you may not need to go out. You can just leverage on the technology. But the eye of your heart does not need you to do anything in the physical before it could function properly.

There is a screen within you. It's with that screen you can see into the spirit realm. God created you with a screen within you. And you know what? Just as you can turn on your TV, to turn it off or on at

your will, that screen also, for it to work, you have to turn it on.

Use Your Inner Eye to See Supernatural Visions

Most people are expecting God to come and help them to turn it on. All God will do is just to open your eyes, it now left for you to begin to see. Have you ever heard a motivational speaker speaks to you that you should get a vision for your life? The vision they are referring to is not a supernatural vision, but a mental picture of your future. They want you to get a picture of your future. A clarity of what to do in years ahead. When they say have a vision for your life, they are saying have a picture of your future.

What motivational speakers are trying to train is your inner eyes. They know you will catch a picture if you desire to see. They want you to use your inner eye to visualize. That's what they are trying to do for you. Now, since you understand that, you will know that I am trying to train you to use your inner eye for supernatural vision. If you get this, your eyes will just be open regularly to access supernatural vision. Using your eyes for supernatural vision is about you seeing into the spirit realm. You see what your heavenly Father is showing you. What your physical eyes cannot see. Using your inner eyes is about

turning the screen that is in your heart. Turning it on to see what is not visible to your physical eyes. God give you your physical eyes to relate with the physical world. God gave you your inner eyes to relate with your supernatural and the mental world. And I believe strongly that you will begin to open your visual eye from now.

Why We Close Our Eyes When We Pray

Do we close our eyes when we pray because it's commanded in the scripture that anytime we want to pray that we should close our eyes? Do we close our eyes because we have some people in the scripture that closed their eyes when they pray? As a matter of fact, most of the people that prayed in the scripture opened their eyes. When Jesus wanted to pray for Lazarus, He lifted up his eyes. When He wanted to bless the bread and the fish, He lifted his eyes. But today we close our eyes when we pray.

The fathers in the faith were the ones that taught believers to close their eyes when they pray. And the reason they taught us that was so as not to be distracted during the prayer. That assumption is correct but it's not the complete reason why the fathers in faith taught believers to always close their eyes. They taught believers to close their inner eye so they can focus on what is shown to their inner

eye. I mean the screen of their heart. Every time you pray, God is always showing you something because as long as a thought comes to your heart, a picture has come to your heart.

Thought are picture. You know when I say a dog, what will come to your heart is not a car but dog. So, words are image transferring device. Any time you want to send an image to someone, what you will do is to release a word into that person.

When you get into prayer and suddenly some words are coming into your spirit, it's not letter God is sending into your spirit but pictures. He only wants you to use your eyes to visualize the pictures He sent to you. He wants you pick the image of that word. Every word has an image. Until you begin to visualize the image of the letters, you will continue to receive words as letters. When you get into the place of prayer and you close your physical eyes, don't close your inner eye. It's your duty to open your inner eyes. Until you put on the screen of your spirit, you cannot access the information God is trying to pass across you.

Turn On Your Inner Screen

The Father always wants to communicate new vision, agenda, plans but you need turn on your inner screen. Most people know how to open their inner

ears but they don't know how to open their inner eyes. When you open your inner eye, you will always access both sound and picture. Sight is opened and sound is heard. It's possible to open your physical eyes and also open your inner eyes. God is more concerned about your inner eye so you can see what He is showing you. He wants your focus.

Prayers Must Be Done with Concentration

Prayers must be done with concentration of your inner eye. God wants you to turn on your inner eye so you could use it to visualize what God is showing you. It is unfortunate that people close their physical eyes and close their inner eyes at the same time. This shouldn't be. The fact is that either you open or close your eyes in prayers, your inner eyes should remain open in prayers.

God wants you to open your inner eye regularly. Opening your inner eye is the highest level of sensitivity. You remember Elisha prayed to God to open the inner eye of his servant. That is a sign that the servant of Elisha hadn't been trained to use his inner eye. How believers need to understand that they need to open their inner eyes regularly to always access what the Father is showing them. Jesus said whatever I see the Father do, that I do. The Father will never force you to see what He is

showing you, it is your duty to open your inner eye after the Lord has opened your eye.

It's your duty to ensure you focus the eye of your mind on what God is showing you. You are the one in-charge of both your physical and inner eyes. You remember the earlier time I asked you to close your and use your imagination to see things in your room. Was it God that opens that your inner eyes that you call imagination? It's not God but your duty. Stop telling God to open your eyes. Stop telling God to do what He has given you power to do.

Miracles Answer to Seeing

You remember Jesus said whatever He saw the Father do, He did. Most people want to do miracle today but they are not seeing anything. One of the reasons miracle is scarce today is that people don't know how to use their inner eyes. If you know how to use your inner eyes, miracle will just be flowing here and there because your inner eyes will always program you for miraculous.

The miracles performed by ministers are just the replay of what they have seen with their inner eyes. If you can't see anything within, you can't do anything without. There's this assumption that when you say it, you will see it. Of course what they are saying is correct but not complete. The real thing

is that you have to see first with your inner eyes, and then you proceed to say it. When you say it, you will do it. When you do it, you will see it with your physical eyes.

Jesus couldn't have told Peter to launch into the deep if He had not seen with His inner eye where the fish were hidden. Miracles will always happen in the direction your inner eye captures. Moreso, miracles happen based on what you see.

See Before You Speak

Genesis 1:3

[3]Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

God has seen in his heart that light can come out of darkness. In other words, you have to first to see it with your inner eye before you can now proceed to say it with your mouth and then subsequent later you see it with your physical eyes.

Don't go about saying your future is bright until you see your future in your heart. You confess what you see in your heart because your heart and your mouth need to agree together before the power of God is released. Whereas, Solomon said you should guard your heart with all diligence for out it proceeds the issue of life. It has to be in your heart first before it comes into your mouth. Most people

say things with their mouth without seeing it in their heart.

You Shall Say to This Mountain

You need to have faith before you say to the mountain. Don't say to the mountain without first having faith. You remember Paul said we walk by faith not by sight. If you have faith, you will visualize something. Faith is in your inner eye. So it's through faith (generated through your inner eye) you see the mountain moves first before you speak it out. Faith is insight. You have to move the mountain within you before you can move it with your mouth. Faith moves things within you.

Most people read scriptures and when they do, it seems as though what they are reading is blurred. Some people cram scripture. The purpose of reading the scriptures is not to know it, but to see it. Most people know the scripture, they don't see the scripture. Until the scripture forms a picture in your heart, you have not received the scripture. The scripture you understand will always form a picture in your heart.

Don't say you understand the scripture you don't have a picture for. Promises from God are received but promises of God are simply picture from God.

Genesis 12:2

[2]I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

The above scripture is the promise God gave to Abraham. And it's not just a scripture but a picture there. So every time you read the scripture, you must ensure you open your inner eyes to see the picture that God is communicating to you. Until you see the picture, you're yet receive understood the scripture.

Praying with Your Spiritual Prayer Language

The purpose of praying in tongues is not about what you say it's about what you see. When I pray in tongues, I am more sensitive to pictures that come into my heart than what I am saying. When you are speaking in tongue, you are talking to God. You know God understands your communication and He will also communicate the language you can decode. When God wants to communicate to you, He will communicate through pictures He places in your heart. However, you need a corresponding intelligence to be able to translate those pictures into action.

Using Your Inner Eyes During Praises

I realized that most of the time, personally in my own life, there are times I just praise God. Those are the time I see how God has been faithful, how He has deliver me from many challenges and how He has connected me with great people.

Every time you praise God open your inner eyes to see what He has done for you in the past and you will be amazed at what will come out of that. Use your inner eye to visualize God's kindness to you in the past.

Ensure that every time you praise God, your inner eye is opened. Some people find it difficult to praise God because they couldn't recall into their imagination what the Lord has done for them. When you praise God, something that seems as challenge to you will longer be a challenge to you.

Different Kinds of Visions

There are different kinds of visions. When your understanding is opened to it, you will capture how to function in each.

1. Inner Visions

Inner vision here suggests either pictures or videos. Many believers who prayed actually have inner vision but they don't know that they are having inner vision. ***Inner vision simply refers to spiritual vision that are received as pictures in your imagination.*** When we say spiritual vision, that's what will mean by inner vision.

Inner vision is not a mental imagination neither visualization. Inner vision is not something that you visualize yourself neither is it imagined. It's something that is reveal to you or shown to you.

Inner vision is not the mental picture. You are not the one in charge of it. You can't close your eyes and say now I want to see vision. You can't do that. It is only shown to you or revealed to you and that's what makes it the spiritual vision. Until the Holy Spirit reveals it to you, you cannot see it. It's what is only shown to you that you see. This is not something you are in control of. Most of the time many people see vision, like I said, but they don't know the meaning of what they are see.

One day I was praying and suddenly my inner eye was open to see the image of a minister of God. He's a Nigerian but not pastoring in Nigeria. He pastors one of the largest churches in Europe. When I saw him, the question that came to my mind was why do I need to see him? What was God trying to communicate to me? Later, I found out that what God was simply trying to communicate to me was for me to be able to understand that the kind of grace that is at work upon that man is also at work upon my life and that was all God wanted to pass across to me by showing me that image.

At another time on the same spot that same day. I saw another picture of one minister. He's a pastor too but pastors in Nigeria. So, I wonder, is it that God is trying to communicate to me that the same grace at work upon the man is also at work in me? But that is not what God was trying to communicate

to me in the second vision. He was trying to tell me that there is a similarity between the message I preach and the message of this man. I noticed that I could have mistakenly given the interpretation of the first one to the second one. That is why it is essential that you understand what you seeing.

Understand What You See

Don't just see and conclude that you know the meaning already. You have to be sensitive to understand that everything you see is communicating something to you. Inner vision comes most times like flashes and pictures. Let's assume you're praying now and while you are praying you saw a picture of your friend or parent, it not as though you thought about it but while you were praying, the picture just moved into your heart and left. Then, the memory of that picture you saw did not leave you. You can still remember and explain the picture you saw, but just that you were not seeing it again. That is call inner vision. It came once but the memory of it did not leave you. You might probably have experienced that before. Many years ago I was praying and while I was praying, I knelt down and suddenly I saw a bulb with light that was centered towards my head. And when I saw that, it was just like a flash. The picture left but the memory still lingers. That is

called spiritual vision.

When you see vision, you will always remember what you saw and be able to describe it accurately but the fact that you were able to describe it does not mean that you are able to interpret it. The aspect that many people miss is the aspect of interpretation. They are not able to give the right meaning to what they saw.

You Can See Visions When You Are Not Praying

You don't only receive spiritual vision when you are praying. There are times when you're just seated and suddenly you just saw a flash of picture just move in your heart. But you know within you that you saw something. You know that there is a witness in your heart that what you saw is not a product of your imagination or visualization. It was something that was reveal to you. If you are diligent enough you will be able to capture the meaning of what is sent to you which is very essential. The most important thing is not what you saw but the interpretation of what you saw. Because until you were able to interpret, you will not be able to accomplish or get the result for which that thing was sent.

You Are Always in the Spirit

Believers need to know that they are in the Spirit every time. You don't need to do anything to get into the Spirit. Many years ago, whenever I ministered, I would say, "Now, let's go into the Spirit." No, we don't go into the Spirit. We are always in the Spirit.

I realized that we live in the spirit. And the spirit also lives in us. Then the understanding came that if the Spirit doesn't go out of you, you don't go out of Him too. You are in Him and He is in you. How come you always want to say, now let's go into spirit as though you came out of him. So ever since that time, I changed my expression and I now believe that all believers are in the Spirit always.

Walk in the Spirit Consistently

Walk in the spirit regularly and ensure that you follow Him consistently. You are always in the Spirit, and as long as you are in the Spirit, whether you are praying or not, the Spirit can decide to show you a vision, that is, inner picture. The flash can just come anytime, any day. It's possible that you are not praying and you see vision and it's possible that you're praying and you don't see any vision.

What I have proven over the time is that it is very rare for you to stay long in the prayer and not see

visions. You will always see something. What you now need to ensure you get is interpretation of what you see.

Prayer Works

You see inner vision when you get into prayer and you can also see vision when you're not praying. But often time, you will always see it when you are praying. Let me share this experience with you. Few years ago, I was praying and I saw a verse of scripture in the book of Job, and when I saw that verse, I got on my knees and I prayed to God according to that scriptural verse, making a request from God for the ministry God has given us. And suddenly, I saw a picture. I saw a bigger place full of many nations gathered at our meeting. It was about two hundred and fifty-five nations that gathered in our meeting. That was like a flash of picture and the picture left immediately but the memory of that picture did not leave me. It is still there till tomorrow. What God was trying to show me was that all I requested for has been done. What I just needed to do was to ensure that I get the plan for how that will be done. I mean get the wisdom to go about it and then trust God that in the time it has been appointed, that will definitely come to pass. As long as you are not lazy as to what you should do, what He has shown will

definitely come to pass. Time will only manifest those things.

Most times that ministers of God come to minister and you see several things happening while they were ministering. Some of those things are the thing they have seen in their vision when they were praying or during meditation. So, they just come to download or replay what they have seen the Father do. The place of spiritual vision is very essential. Answers to our prayers most of the time can come through spiritual vision. I mean you're praying to get something or praying to God to do something for you and suddenly, your eye is opened to see that you already have what you are praying for. One of the ways God tells people to stop praying over a matter is by showing them what He has done for them. The duty of anyone shown anything is to ensure that he keeps praising God and acknowledging Him for granting his request.

Let me share this experience, I remember one day, I was praying for all our pastors in our ministry and suddenly, I saw a dove alighting upon the head of one of the pastors. And when I saw this, I wondered, what could this be? And the Spirit of God told me that He has released a new grace upon him. That's what God was trying to communicate to me when I saw the dove alighting on him but another person could have picked the statement of John and said it

means this person is just receiving the Holy Spirit. You see, you have to be very sensitive to what you are receiving and try to find out the meaning of what you have received because until you find out the meaning of what you have received from God, you may not be able to go far with the Lord in your journey with Him.

2. Night Visions

Sleep Mode Vision

It is also called dreams. This one can be both pictures and videos. It can be pictorial and panoramic at the same times. I don't like the concept of saying night vision because sometimes you can sleep in the afternoon and have a vision in your sleep. And that is not in the night. So can we now say we have afternoon vision or we have morning vision. I think we should not say dream are night vision. I believe that we can refer to dream as sleep mode vision. The dreams or visions you have in your sleep can be called sleep mode vision.

Dreams are either the imagination of your spirit or revelation from God. Your spirit can imagine things and play it for you in your sleep and you think you are receiving a revelation from God in your spirit. When we talk of dreams, we have several symbolic

elements that are used to communicate to us.

I have heard of many people who despise dream but I think that's not correct. You should not underrate dreams. God still communicate through dreams. It just that believers should not seek dreams. Believer should only seek to be led by the Spirit. That is what you need to do. Don't pray to God to show you things in your dreams but grow and mature in Christ so you will be able to discern the voice of the Spirit in your heart. You need to grow to that level so you won't fall into some ditches.

Be Sensitive to God's Communications

I remember a time I was in Port-Harcourt, God spoke to me at midnight after prayers that He was going to show me something in my dream and when I went to sleep that midnight, I saw scripture of the Bible open to me vividly and in that scripture was written clearly "heal the sick, do miracles, fulfill the ministry." When I woke up, the Spirit of God ministered to me, saying, He has given me healing and miracle mandate. So, that is the mandate of our ministry today. You know I received that not through voice but through dream that was shown to me. That is why I always tell people that it is very possible that God still communicate to you through dream. A logical question we should ask is that why

did God need to tell me that He would show me something when He could have told me directly? Well, God knows more than man. He knows when I see it, I will believe Him more. That experience reiterates in my heart that I hear the voice of God. God knows that when you see it, you tend to believe it more than you hear it. There are many things God has shown me that I have seen the fulfilment today.

God knows us individually and He knows the best way to communicate to everyone. However, in my own case now, He chose to communicate that way. In another man's case, He may decide to speak directly to such. As a matter of fact, God has spoken many things to me without showing any vision. He speaks and I hear. It is left to God to decide how He wants to communicate to you. Your duty is to be sensitive to His communication.

Dealing with Visual Attacks

If you are attacked in dream or vision, you need not to be fearful because scripture says God has not given us the spirit of fear but the spirit of love, power and sound mind. You should not be fearful because of a perceived attack in your dream. I remember when I was still at the university, I saw a strange woman in my dream. Anytime I try to go to one direction, the woman would just appear and say I

am not going anywhere. I tried to turn back again and there she appears again with the word “you are not going anywhere.” I instantly replied her “you are a liar.” I said to her that there is a name higher than any other name. I shouted the name of Jesus and the woman could not withstand that power of the name of Jesus and she fell.

When you have a dream that seems as though you are attacked, don't be fearful, just praise God, then begin to exercise your authority through the name of Jesus. All you just need to do after the prayer is that you believe that God has answered your prayer. When you believe, you will always see the result it will produce. I believe strongly that believers need to arise and start dealing with the forces and attack that comes through their dream. You don't have to be panic. You don't have to be fearful. Just command its influences to leave you.

Dreams Come from God

When you have a dream that is from God, by the time you wake up, you will have a witness in your heart telling you that this thing is from God truly. The witness of knowing will be strong in your heart. Now, anything you receive from God, you cannot forget when you are awake. Even if you don't remember immediately, you will still remember.

Have you seen people who had dreams and by the time they wake up, they have forgotten? That dream is not from God. Anything that is from God, you cannot forget it because anything coming from God is coming with a force. And when it enters into your heart, it leaves an imprint in your heart that will cause you to always remember that thing. If you claim that you have a dream and by the time you woke up, you have forgotten the dream. Don't bother about that dream. That dream is not from God. If it's from God, you will surely remember. And if you are the type that believes in the fact that some forces use to make people forget their dream or vision or you are experiencing forgetfulness as a result of your memory, all you need to do is to pray. Command the force to leave you and stop tampering with your dream and memory.

3. Trance Visions

Both Peter and Paul had trance vision. Trance vision can either be pictures or videos. Trance vision is an aspect of vision often talks about in the body of Christ. People talks about trance but they don't get into details to explain what it truly means.

Acts 10:9-10; 17

[9]The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop

to pray, about the sixth hour.

[10]Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

[17]Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

The above text reveals that Apostle Peter fell into a trance. He fell into trance and saw visions. You must understand that trance is a channel through which you see vision.

Acts 22:17

[17]"Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance

This is Apostle Paul speaking here. Paul said he himself fell into trance.

Apostle Peter and Paul fell into trance. The question is what does it mean to fall into trance?

Now, let's see what Peter told the elder in Jerusalem when they accused him of going to the Gentiles.

Acts 11:5

[5]"I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

You will realize he said, in a trance I saw a vision. It's like saying, in a dream I saw a vision. Trance itself is not the vision. But sometimes when you are in trance, you fall into vision and that why they call it trance vision. That is, the vision that comes through trance.

An Exposition on Trances

What is a trance? This is an aspect that is not often talk about among the believers. Let me describe it this way. ***Trance is when your physical body is suspended and at that moment you did not know you have a body.*** I mean a period of time when your physical body is just suspended while you are still functioning, you see yourself talking, you see yourself hearing things but you didn't know that you have a body. That is a trance.

Let me give an example of a trance that many people can be familiar with. If you have fallen under the power of God before, may be you are at a meeting and the power of God came down strongly and you fell under the power of God. You will realize that when you fell under the power of God your body is suspended. That moment, people may try to hold you but you are shaking your body. It is obvious you didn't do that intentionally. If you fall under the power of God and suddenly you now begin to

see things. That is a vision. That is not a dream neither inner vision because when it comes to inner vision, your body is not suspended. Your body is still functioning. When it comes to dream, your body is just at sleep but when it gets to trance, your body is suspended. You don't know that you have a body. It's as though you don't even have a body at all. That is what it meant to say that your body is suspended - you fell under the power of God and you begin to see things and people moving up and down. Automatically what you are seeing is vision but that kind of vision is called trance vision.

Trance Visions Are Real

2 Corinthians 12:1-4

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

[2]I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

[3]And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

[4]how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

However, if you have read 2 Corinthians 11, you

will see some things that happened while Apostle Paul was speaking. Apostle Paul said I want to come to vision and revelation. So you won't think that we don't advance in vision or revelation. Some theologians or Bible scholars believe that Paul didn't just want to mention his name here. Paul was actually referring to himself when he said he knew the man. He now said the man was caught up to heaven but he could not say whether it was in the body or out of the body. Now, what actually happens here is a trance. In other words, when you fall into trance, you cannot say whether you are in body or not. It's only subsequent later, when you now come back into your body that you will now realize what actually happened. So Paul had trances. Trance vision is real. And you need to know that trances are one of the ways through which men gets vision.

4. Open Visions

Open visions are not pictorial but videos. They are called panoramic vision. In other words, you see things. You can see things for seconds. You can see things for minutes. You can see things for hours. You remember the servant of Elisha? When Elisha prayed for him, what he saw was an open vision. You know Elisha prayed that God should open his eyes that he may see. What he saw there was an

open vision. When Elijah himself was praying on the mountain, expecting that the rain will fall and he was sending his servant to go check the sky, his servant saw a hand coming out of heaven. In other words, what the servant saw was an open vision.

John spoke and said that I did not know him but He who sent me told me that upon whom you see the Spirit descending that is He. John the Baptist saw the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus and his inner eye were just opened that he was able to see clearly. People didn't know that the Spirit of God has come upon him but Jesus knew and John himself knew. The fact that John the Baptist saw the vision is a sign that he had open vision.

It Takes Visions to See Angels

Anyone that tells you that he saw an angel or angels, such person actually had vision. You don't see angels with your physical eyes. You see angels with your spiritual eyes and it takes vision for you to see angels. Angels appear through visions. There are instances in the scripture where some angels appeared and they were seen with two eyes. The instance was that those angels actually put on the body of men. They put on the bodies of men. How the Lord and two angels appeared unto Abraham and Abraham fed them. You will realize that they appeared as men

unto Abraham. Angels can be seen with physical eyes if they put on the bodies of men but if they don't and they just walk into your room with their celestial bodies, it requires a vision for you to see them.

Luke 24:23

[23]When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

You know Cleopas said, some women from among us claimed that they have seen an angel who talked to them in a vision when Jesus resurrected. The angels spoke to the women that Jesus is alive. Why are you seeking the living among the dead? It was vision that the women had, but when you check the Gospel writers like John and Mark, you will realize that they didn't put it there that the women had vision. It was Luke that put it there that the women had vision because it takes visions for you to see angels. If your eye is not open, you can't see angel.

I remember the first time I heard a man of God at a meeting say there were angels in the auditorium. The preacher said "two angels are here now." I looked around the auditorium to find out where the angels were located but I didn't see any. The man of God said, in case you don't believe, I don't need you to believe. As a matter of fact, he told everyone to close their eyes but I didn't because I wanted to

see those angels. I thought I could see them with my physical eyes but I was wrong. You don't see them with your physical eyes. It's with your inner eye that you see angels.

God Appears to Men

For you to see Jesus, It's through vision that you will see Him. And that kind of vision is call open vision. Anyone you see that told you that he has seen Jesus or an angel, that person actually had open vision. It takes open vision for you to be able to see Jesus or angels.

The Blind Can Have Open Visions

Acts 9:12

[12]And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

A blind man can have open vision. In the above text you realize that when God spoke to Ananias about Saul, God told Ananias and said, Saul had been praying since three days ago. This man had seen a man in a vision coming to him to lay his hand upon him that he may receive his sight. Paul, the apostle was blind for three days. Yet the Bible records that he saw in a vision a man coming to him. That clearly

shows that a blind person can have open vision. And you know it was not inner vision that he saw. If it was inner vision, it would be a flash of picture, but this one was video type of vision because the Bible records it that he saw a man coming to him to lay hand upon him that he may receive his eyes. The vision was like a video not a picture, considering the longevity of the scenario.

Physical blindness doesn't equal to spiritual blindness. There was a Prophet in Nigeria, the prophet is late now. He was one of the great prophets in Nigeria. He was a prophet at Christ Apostolic church. His voice reached across the nations of the world. This prophet was a blind man and by name called Prophet Obadare. This man was blind physically but was not blind spiritually. He had the capacity to see into the spirit realm. This was a man that when people read the Bible for him and they make mistakes, he would correct them. If you come to him and you sit before him, he would describe the cloth you're wearing but blind physically but not blind spiritually. It's possible for someone to be blind physically and the person is not blind spiritually. A blind person can have open vision consistently and regularly.

During my stay in Port-Harcourt in Nigeria, an intending couple came to visit me and they disclosed a matter to me that they were both AS. As the man

spoke, my eyes was opened to see three children before them. I saw AA, AS, AS. The interpretation was that the first would be AA, the second and third would be AS. Here's the point. How was I able to see the vision when I was not praying? It was because my eye was opened. I just saw it like that. It was open vision not inner vision. The vision came in order to communicate a message that will lead the people and save them. Open vision will always communicate something. It is your duty now to be sensitive to what you are seeing.

You Too Can Have Open Visions

I remember this story of William Branham I read. He was a great prophet in the 50s and 60s. William Branham was a prophet that sees thing. He would always say at his conferences that he will perform miracle when his angel come around. This is point I want to prove to you. One day, William Branham was preaching and he just said "Jesus prove yourself that you called me" Immediately, the face of Jesus appeared in the sky and everyone in that congregation looked up to the sky and they were seeing the face of Jesus that appeared there. That's open vision. What all of them saw was open vision. Although, it looks as if it was their physical eyes they were using but it was not. So every believer can

enter this dimension to see open vision.

What is open vision? ***Open vision is seeing into the spirit realm.*** You are seeing into the physical realm when your physical senses are intact. It is not as though you are sleeping neither in trance nor your body is suspended but your physical senses are intact. Sometimes, you can see open vision when your eyes are open. You don't need to close your eyes to see an open vision whereas you may close your eyes to have an inner vision.

Often when your eyes are open wide, you can always see into the spirit realm and see into the natural at the same time. When we talk about open vision, you can be seeing into the spirit at the same time you are seeing into the physical.

It happens when I minister most of the time. During ministration, I see the congregation and at the same time seeing into spirit realm. What people lack most of the time is not that they are not seeing, what they lack is they don't understand what they are seeing. People give wrong interpretation to things they see in the spirit realm which has led to errors in the body of Christ. For instance, someone, one day, saw a heavy down pour he concluded that he saw a flood coming like the days of Noah. That is incorrect.

People need to be trained and skillful in the act of interpretation. For you to interpret accurately, you just need an understanding. If you have been seeing a vision and you don't know it, you should pray for understanding for you to be able to understand what you are seeing.

Beware of Wrong Interpretation

Every believer should pray for understanding so they don't give wrong interpretation to what they are seeing. However, it is not everything you see that you should say. There are times you see things and you just have to be silent. You remember Paul said he saw something that was inexpressible. There are some things you see that you shouldn't talk about. Even sometimes, when you see vision, you need wisdom to communicate it so that you don't scatter things. When you see things, you need understanding to be able to interpret accurately and when understanding comes, you need wisdom to be able to talk in a way that people will not be offended neither causes any misunderstanding. You must always speak with wisdom.

Communication Streams in Open Visions

There are two ways through which you see open vision.

1. Images

Images are pictures of things while letters are words. You realize that in the book of Daniel, when Bels-hazzar the son of Nebuchadnezzar had a vision of a finger that wrote something on the wall, he saw the finger and letters. He saw what was written on the wall. He saw ***mene mene tekel upharsin***. He saw an image which is a finger on the wall and he also saw letters; things written. The streams through which you access open vision are images and letters.

Kinds of Images in Open Visions

There are three kinds of images in open vision.

1. Symbolic Elements

Symbolic elements are images of things you see in vision that needs to be interpreted to get what God is saying to you. Images like wind, sun, rain, mountain, vehicles, different animals, etc. all represent something in vision. When you see wind blowing in a vision, it means something. God is communicating something to you. Two or three people can see wind in a vision and that doesn't mean God is communicating the same thing to them. God might be communicating different things with them with the same element. It will be wrong to give a general definition of wind in that context that anytime you see wind in the vision, this is what it means. A person may see wind in a vision which can be interpreted as the move of the spirit that is about to take place. Another person can see a wind in a vision which can be interpreted as a problem coming soon. The third person can see a wind in a vision which can be interpreted as a revelation or information coming soon. When you see an element, it means different things. Nobody should give a general definition to elements in the visions. God

will give understanding to His people for them to know what He is communicating at that moment.

Other symbolic elements are fire and rivers. You must know what God is communicating to you when you see vision. When you receive the vision, you must receive the meaning. You can see tree, rock, cars, road, benches, phones, clothes. The truth is that God can use any element to communicate to you. It is left to you to seek for the understanding of what He is trying to communicate.

You might probably have seen ministers ministering and while ministering, they call people's name, describe their shirts and trousers. The description of the picture they gave was actually the symbolic elements they saw. You need to be trained on how to interpret symbolic elements to be able to get what God is passing across to you. People fall into error when they are unable to get the meaning of what God is trying to communicate to them.

I remember one day I was ministering and I saw an open vision. I saw a tree grow out of the rock. You know that is not logical. So, I had to pray to God for the interpretation and God told me that the tree is a person and the rock is a place. God said someone was in that meeting that will grow out of a difficult place. In other words, the person will grow where there is barrenness. The person will be much more productive in a place where there is no opportunity

for productivity. You see it was God that gave me the interpretation because how could I have imagined such? It's not possible. Many people are praying to see vision but the main important thing is that they should pray for the understanding of the vision they received.

There are times that your eyes are opened and when it's opened, you begin to see things and when you see them it will be as though you are trying to imagine it yourself. It's God that has actually opened your eyes to see them not your imagination.

2. Figurative Elements

The second aspect of image you can see in open vision is called "**figurative element.**" This simply suggest real images - real images of people, angels, places. For instance, you are ministering and you see someone you had already seen in your vision.

Some people also refer this to as shadow elements. This is when you already see the shadow of the reality. In other words, you are enlightened to see the portrait or reflection of something ahead.

3. Resemblance Images

The third one is resemblance images. It means God uses something or someone you are familiar with to communicate to you about someone or something else. Receiving a resemblance image in vision requires a consistent training. That is, you have to be trained. You have to grow in it strongly in order to be effective in it. You must always be sensitive to what you see and be able to interpret it. God sometimes will use something you are familiar with to communicate to you but its left to you to be sensitive and connect it and bring the right information that is needed from it.

Let me give you an example of this. One day, a young man stood before me and as I looked at the young man, I saw a vision of Prophet Uebert Angel. The question is what was Uebert Angel has to do in that meeting knowing fully well that he wasn't there and wasn't going to be there? Actually, that vision contained a resemblance element. What God actually showed me was the destiny of the young man standing before me, not necessarily Uebert Angel. God was trying to show me that there is a similarity between who was standing before me and who I saw in the vision. I needed to use my spiritual intelligence to connect the dots now, knowing fully well that Uebert Angel was a prophet and business

man. So, the prophet part was very strong and real to me. Evidently, God showed me that the young man before me was a prophet. Do you see that God used someone who that young man resembled to communicate to me? What I saw in the vision is what we know to be resemblance element.

2. Letters

The first stream through which you can access open vision is images while the second stream is letters. Letters can be used to communicate to you. Sometimes, when you see open vision, what you may see may be in letters, not in pictures. Belshazzar, the son of Nebuchadnezzar, the king saw the word, letters written on the wall “***mene mene tekel upharsin***” and Daniel came to interpret it and it was fulfilled.

Letters can always be seen in open vision. Sometimes, when you see a prophet ministering and they began to call the address of people and the likes, what they are seeing is letter as they are written. It takes time to develop this dimension.

Take Instant Action Today

An aspect that needs to be done so you can function regularly in vision is that you must pray in tongue regularly and as you pray in tongue, ensure you are sensitive to things your inner eye see because that is one of the ways through which you get into operating the supernatural dimension open vision.

Another way through which you can get into operating this dimension is through impartation. You remember I said, vision cannot be imparted but men of God can release you into that dimension through words. They can declare word of authority over you and vision will rest upon you just like a light rest upon a person. Another thing I want to call your attention to is the fact that a man of God that is operating a dimension might pray for you and you might not be able to function in the level he operates in immediately. It is possible you have been imparted to function in that dimension and if you are very diligent and consistently pray, you will see that you will manifest that dimension fully with time.



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