### SECTION # 1 Self-Test Answer Key

| 1, Wisdom and knowledge was granted to Solomon because h          | ıe |
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| Judge my people, 2 Chronicles 1:8                                 |    |
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| 2, Many are deceived because of there                             |    |
| Lack of knowledge, Hosea 4:6                                      |    |
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| 3, You receive revelation of God's word by                        |    |
| The Holy Ghost, 1 Corinthians 2:13                                |    |
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| 4, The word of God is able to                                     |    |
| Save your soul, James 1:21  |    |
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| 5, The Bible was written so the man of God maybe                  |    |
| Perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:17 |    |
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| 6, Gods word is like a  |    |
| Fire, Jeremiah 23:29  |    |
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| 7, In the beginning was the                                       |    |
| Word, John 1:1  |    |
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| 8, The only way to be successful is                               |    |
| Meditate on God's word, Jeremiah 1:8                              |    |

| 9, We are ambassadors of  |
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| Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:20  |
| 10. We are told to do minet to them mine are in double and        |
| 10, We are told to do what to them who are in darkness            |
| Open their eyes, Acts 26:18                                       |
| 11, The preaching of the cross is to them that perish             |
| Foolishness, 1 Corinthians 1:18                                   |
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| 12, God has chosen the foolish things of this world to            |
| Confound the wise, 1 Corinthians 1:27                             |
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| 13, The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them          |
| Which believe not, 2 Corinthians 4:4                              |
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| 14, The Bible says that those who build their house upon the rock |
| A wise man, Matthew 7:24  |
| 15, Everyone is given talents according to there                  |
| Several abilities, Matthew 25:15                                  |
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| 16, Those who are faithful over a few things will be made to      |
| Over many things, Matthew 25:23                                   |
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17, But if the gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are

- 18, Everyone that hears the word, and does not obey it is Like unto a foolish man, Matthew 7:26
- 19, The Lord called the one who hid his talent a *Thou wicked and slothful servant, Matthew 25:26*
- 20, Eve was deceived by Being beguiled, Genesis 3:13

#### **BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY**

LESSON # 2

#### **CATCH THE VISION**

I remember when I was a boy in school; one of the things that the teachers would emphasize was, what do you want to do with your life? I believe it is of great importance that we should encourage our young people to begin to plan what they want to do with their lives at an early age, to have a dream, to catch a vision of what they want to do with their lives. Most parents and teachers know the importance of setting goals in life. We need to have dreams, goals, and a vision to strive for. When I was a young man, I use to have a vision of getting a good job. Meeting a pretty girl, getting married, having children, and settling down to raise a family. Well, by the time I was 18, I was married and already had one child. Now, after 43 year of marriage, I have a good job. I have three grown children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The vision I had as a child has come to pass. I believe the vision for my life was inspired by God.

Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (King James Version).

The vision I caught as a child has carried me through some hard times. There have been some medical and financial problems, but I never lost sight of the vision. We need to have a vision of what we want to accomplish with our lives. It will give us the ambition we need to carry us through the hard times. If a person does not have a vision for their lives, they have no purpose in life. Life becomes dull and without meaning. Without a plan or vision in a person's life, many times they will reach a point of despair in their lives. This is why many who has broken dreams, goals, plans, and visions for their lives comes to utter depression.

## For a person to ever accomplish anything with their lives, they must possess a vision.

Anytime you set out to do something you need to have a vision in your mind of how to complete it from start to finish. When a construction company begins to build a house, they start with a blueprint. It shows them every phase of the construction from start to finish. They will not even start to build until they have the blueprint. This principle applies not only to the natural but also to the spiritual. Now in the spiritual we may not be able to see our lives from start to finish, but God will give us a vision of our lives and his calling on us.

I remember when I was a child, I had a vision of being a preacher. And now, many years later, I am a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus knew the importance of having a vision. And seeing it from beginning to end, I call this **short term**, **long term**, and **eternal vision**. We will discuss the difference between the three later in the lesson.

Jesus illustrated the importance of having a vision of the present and the future when he taught the people in,

## Luke 14:28, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (KJV)

What Jesus did was he took a natural truth to illustrate a spiritual truth. Now in the natural it is clear that we should consider the cost. Anytime we go to do anything, we must know that there will be unforeseen expenses—*hardships*. And we should take this into consideration. We should sit down and weigh out everything from start to finish. To see if we will be able to finish what we start.

## One of the tricks of the Devil is to blind people to the finished results of their actions.

Many think that their actions will only affect them. But look at Adam's one sin from the start, and how it has effected all of mankind.

### Galatians 6:7, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (KJV)

Your actions will always effect those around you. Satan does not display the long-term effects of your actions, but only the short-term pleasures of sin. You must weigh out your actions. This applies to our natural life and spiritual life. We must catch a vision of God's will for our lives. And follow after it with all our heart. God knows, and you must realize that as you pursue the will of God for your life, you will have trials. You will be tempted, persecuted, rejected, and despised. There will be hard times where the enemy will often tempt you to take the easy way out.

## God's way is not always the easy way, but it is the way that leads to eternal life.

God has a plan for your life and a purpose. Catch the vision of God's will for your life, then you will find contentment and peace in your walk with God. No matter where you are in this life, whether young or old, rich or poor, begin to pursue his will for your life with your whole heart. Then watch as he begins to work on your behalf. God wants you vision-will to be fulfilled in your life more than you do, because this brings him glory! You can fulfill the vision he has given you. God is on your side.

God has given you a vision of what he knows you can be successful at. He knows your abilities because he gave them to you! Many times Satan may try to side-track you, but God's Spirit is constantly leading us back to God's plan for our lives; thus, we can fulfill his will for us.

Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (KJV)

When Jesus began his ministry, he had given up everything, all his glory and honor to be.

Isaiah 53:3, 7, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (KJV)

He who was a King became a servant.

Philippians 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal to God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (KJV)

Now when Jesus was born, he was just like us. He had no memory of being in heaven; he had to be taught everything just like us, with a physical and finite mind. Thus, I believe that God himself taught Jesus. He showed him everything he would have to suffer.

God revealed to Jesus that he would suffer, but also he revealed to him the Glory he had, and would have it again. This is what Jesus said just before his crucifixion.

John 17:4-5, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (KJV)

God had given Jesus a vision of the Glory he had and what he was about to receive. Jesus knew that he was going to live a hard life and suffer and die on the cross. But God had given him a vision of the glory that he would receive in the end. And Jesus knew that God was faithful and true!

When Jesus began his ministry—after being baptized in the river of Jordan by John the Baptist—he was led into the wilderness by the Spirit of God to be tempted of the devil. One of the temptations that the devil used against him was to turn him away from God's will for his life and take the easy way out. Satan offered him a way to obtain all that he had given up when he was born as a servant; that was, to obtain all the glory and power again without having to die on the cross. Let's read in the scriptures how Jesus reacted.

Luke 4:5-8, "And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (KJV)

Jesus refused to take the easy way out, and he chose to suffer and die on the cross because that was God's will for him.

Isaiah 53:10, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief." (KJV)

It is easier to turn aside to the flesh then to press on with God's will for our lives.

But you must realize that the easy path leads to the way of destruction.

Proverbs 13:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (KJV)

Satan always makes the easy path seem so desirable. He presents a pretty picture; he will make the easy path seem to be the one to take. Satan will tempt you to take the easy way out.

However, God has a will for your life. Stay on that course he has for your life! Remember Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (KJV)

Catch a vision of his will for your life and follow it with all your heart. The only way to stand in the hard times is to have a vision of God's will for your life in the present and the future and throughout eternity.

### **HOMEWORK 2 CORINTHIANS 11:21-27**

Paul the apostle was one who suffered many things for Christ. But in everything that he suffered, the vision that God gave him carried him through it all. God began to show Paul what he would suffer for him upon his conversion. This is illustrated in the scripture when God spoke to Ananias about Paul. Telling Ananias in Acts 9:16, "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." (KJV)

God revealed to Paul what he would suffer for his name-sake. But as you study the life of Paul, you will also find that he had a vision of God's Glory and power.

Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (KJV)

Paul gave up everything to follow the vision that God gave him. Philippians 3:7-8, 10, "But what things were gain to me, those I count loss for Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." (KJV)

God gave him a vision of the work he had called him to.

### **HOMEWORK ACTS 26:12-19**

God showed Paul what he would suffer and gave him a clear vision of the work he wanted him to do. So he could stand in the trials and persecutions he would face.

The Devil wants you to lose your vision, because if you lose sight of the vision for your life, you will lose your zeal. Fervency, your drive, and your ambition to accomplish the work God—to do what God has you to do.

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (KJV)

Keep the vision anew in your spirit at all times. Never lose sight of what God is going to use you to accomplish in his kingdom, and the Glory you will inherit for being faithful to God.

The purpose of this lesson in the bible study is for you to catch a vision of God's will for your life and a vision of the benefit that this study will have on your life. How the word of God will change your life! You will reap the benefits of

studying God's word forever. Because God's word endures forever and it will keep you when the enemy comes against you. Now it is easy to be zealous anytime you start something new. There is great excitement and thrill from studying God's word to learn about him and his ways. Yet, when the fun and excitement turns into work and sacrifice. And days turn into weeks and weeks turn into months. When the thrill and excitement leave, having a vision of the purpose of this study will keep you going when the going gets tough. There are four things to always remember as you go through this study:

- 1.) Purpose: As you study, catch a vision of the purpose of this study. We have already discussed this in the first lesson, but let us go over it again. The purpose of this bible study is to equip and prepare you to be able ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2.) Privilege: As you study, catch a vision of the privilege you have been given. What a privilege it is to be given the opportunity to learn the word of God. We live in a nation (USA) where we can study and express our faith openly without fear of retaliation. There are some nations where they do not have this freedom. And as the coming of the Lord draws nigh, more and more restrictions are being applied to the open expression of Christian religion.

Christ said that in the last days there would be more and more religious deception. When asked by the disciples "what would be the sign of his coming and of the end of the world?" He answer in *Matthew 24: 4-5, 11, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."* (KJV)

Also Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, being deceived." (KJV)

Thus, as more and more in these generations are deceived by false doctrine, true biblical teaching will become more and more scarce. When given the opportunity to study the uncompromised word of God, take advantage of it. It says in *Amos 8:11-13*, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:

And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst." (KJV)

So God's word will get scarcer as people become more and more evil.

In the last century, man has had a knowledge explosion. Look at all that has been invented in the last 100 years. This was told to God's servant in,

Daniel 12:4, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (KJV)

Not only was God telling Daniel that man's knowledge would increase in the natural, but also, I believe, in his Word. God has given much more of his revelation concerning his word. It has always been there, but like I have stated before, God's thoughts and ways are so much higher than ours. I don't believe that we will ever know all of the revelations contained in the bible. So in these last days, he is revealing his word to us more in depth.

When Jesus walked the earth he gave new revelation to his disciples. He told his disciples in,

Mark 4:11, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God." (KJV)

God does not want his people to be ignorant about his Word. A person can be deceived through ignorance or because of their lack of knowledge. Knowledge is knowing something. Wisdom is applying it. Many before Christ desired to have the revelation he gave to the disciples.

Luke 10:24, "For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." (KJV)

God gives revelation of his word, as his people have need for it. This day and age we fight more demons and devils than ever before. The days just before the coming of Christ will be the worst and hardest times for his people. Therefore, he has opened up his word to us and given new insight. The world cannot understand God's word, but he will give you revelation, if you ask him to.

Matthew 11:25, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (KJV)

3.) Value: As you study, catch a vision of the value of learning God's word. In this world which we live in, there is strong emphasis being placed on obtaining worldly wealth. Having a nice home, a new car, and nice clothes are all worldly wealth. And yet, all these things someday will be gone. Jesus himself said,

Matthew 6:19-21, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (KJV)

If you were to compare something that would last forever to something that will last a short time, there would be no comparison. The eternal is far more value than the temporal.

The wise thing to do would be to choose the eternal. What you learn in this bible study will last you forever. These are true riches—the knowledge and wisdom of God's word and not the things of this world that someday will perish. What you will learn in this study is priceless. And the devil cannot take it away from you. As you study, pray that God will give you wisdom of his word so you can understand it. Pray that the word will fall on good ground.

Matthew 13: 23, "But he that receive seed (the word) into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it." (KJV)

The greater knowledge you have of the word, the more ability and influence you will have to convert others to Christ.

And that is the true riches of God's kingdom—winning souls to Christ and laying up rewards in heaven.

<u>4.) Significance:</u> As you study, catch a vision of the significance of studying God's word. As you study the word, and learn of God about his power and might, love and compassion, and his faithfulness, you will become strong soldiers. The way you become strong is by your faith growing. You must realize everything you obtain from God is by faith.

We were saved by faith.

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith;" (KJV)

We walk by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (KJV)

We live by faith.

Galatians 3:11, "The just shall live by faith." (KJV)

We will inherit all things by faith.

Acts 26:18b, "...and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (KJV)

And the way you obtain faith is by the Word of God.

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (KJV)

The stronger your faith becomes, the stronger you will be. The word will equip you to be a mighty warrior for Christ. You will be able to use the word to combat the enemy. Jesus used the word to combat the enemy when he came against him in the wilderness.

#### **HOMEWORK EPHESIANS 6:10-18**

We have been given a mighty weapon—God's word. For example, the more skilled you are with the sword (the Word of God), the more damage you can do to the devil's kingdom. We are told in,

1 John 3:8 "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (KJV)

Now the works of the devil are sin, sickness, and suffering,

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:" (KJV)

The very reason God has raised you up is so you, who are joint heirs with Christ, can go to war against Satan and his kingdom to tear it down. The enemy has taken many captive. And we have been given the power to set them free, to deliver them out of the captivity of the snares of the devil. Is this not the purpose that God sent his son, so that man could be set free from sin, and their souls are saved from hell?

When Jesus spoke, things happened. He spoke as one with authority because he had authority over the devil. We have been given authority over the enemy.

When we speak, we speak life where there is death, liberty where there is bondage. As the vessels of God, we speak his word. We know that he will back us because we speak his will.

# Catch a vision of the significance of how studying his word is preparing you as ministers of life.

Now I would like to address the importance of having a vision. It seems like every time you turn around you are hearing about a church closing its doors, a pastor resigning his position.

Many start out very zealous on fire for God. But God's people are constantly under attack of the devil. He is constantly condemning you and finding fault with you. We are told in,

## Revelation 12:10, "for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." (KJV)

He will use people and situations and circumstances to come against your mind, in an effort to cause you to become discouraged. He will try to get you to think that you're the reason everything is happening, but in reality he is the reason. If he can get you discouraged, what happens is you take your eyes off of Christ. Then you began to look at the faults, troubles, and problems around you. We become impatient when we are discouraged. Since, often we do not see instant results from our efforts.

#### We become weary from battle when we take our eyes off of Christ.

We lose sight of the vision that Christ has given us. This is why many quit the ministry!

## Galatians 5:7-8, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you." (KJV)

Some have great zeal and take off like a shooting star, but they soon burn out as so do shooting stars from heaven. When hard times come, and they will, they quit easily. This is where having a vision comes in; it will keep us in the hard and difficult times.

(We must have three kinds of vision,)

- 1.) Short term vision
- 2.) Long term vision
- 3.) Eternal vision

We will discuss each one of these separately

### 1.) Short Term Vision

This vision is where we need to get an energetic start with abundant zeal. Most people have this vision when they first get saved. They come to Christ and discover the precious gift of salvation. It is joy and peace of having a relation with God where they enjoy his wonderful presence. They get involved with activities of the church. Every time the church doors are open, they attend the services.

Now short-term vision is a good thing, and we all must have it to get a good start in our walk with God. However, it can easily burn out if not continually renewed in the fellowship of the Spirit. In many cases, when the toils and grind of life begin to conflict with commitment to Christ and church, the excitement of serving God

becomes laborious and rigorous. We must not become weary when hard times come, not only looking at the results of our labor in the present, we must see how our labor will affect the future.

#### 2.) Long Term Vision

When it seems that everything is going wrong in the present. Remember you cannot always look at the present, you must look to the future. You must have a vision of what God wants you to accomplish with your life.

When Jesus hung on the cross many mocked him, and it may have seemed to them that his ministry had been a failure. But they were only looking at the present. We now look at the results of what Christ did, and we see billions of Christians in Christ.

Now, not only do you need a short term vision, but also a *long-term vision*. We are told in,

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (KJV)

Know that what you say and do today will affect the future. God illustrated this truth in the very beginning.

Exodus 20:5, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" (KJV)

How much more would your blessings fall on them (your children) around you if you served God. Abraham is a good example of how a long term vision can carry you through everything.

When Abraham was living in a culture filled with Idol worship, God spoke to him:

Genesis 12:1-4, "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran." (KJV)

Hence, Abraham left his family and the life he knew. He traveled into a strange land not knowing where he was going. Still, God had given him a vision of a country that he would inherit. God also told him that his seed would be as the stars in the heavens. Nonetheless, for many years his wife bore no children. She was baron. Thus, Abraham waited 25 years before the promise (Isaac) was fulfilled.

Again, the short-term vision was for him to go into a land that God would give to him; then, the long-term vision was his seed would be as the stars in heaven, as the sand by the seashore, and that he would be the father of many nations. God had given him the promise of a son; he had this vision; this true vision. Then again, he still had to wait 25 years before he actually began to see the long-term vision being fulfilled through the birth of Isaac—his son.

When I began in the ministry, God gave me a vision of a Church where the power of God would flow. People's lives would be changed, set free, and delivered by the power of God. When I was building a church, he spoke these words into to my heart to encourage me... "You will be a repairer of the breach". I looked this up in the bible and found it in the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 58: 12, "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundation of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." (KJV)

Finally, I know that not only will I see the effects of my ministry now, but also my labors will produce fruit in the Spirit for many generations. Perhaps God gave you a vision of your ministry. If so, keep holding on to it! Be obedient to God in it! You will see it come to past.

#### 3.) Eternal Vision

God brought this to my attention as I was preparing this lesson. Not only do we need a short-term vision to get a zealous start, or a long-term vision to carry us through the hard times, but we also need *an eternal vision*.

### **HOMEWORK HEBREWS 11:8-16**

We need to catch a vision of what God has prepared for every one of us as his people. We need an eternal vision, a vision of heaven, a place where the streets are paved with gold. Where there will be no more pain and suffering. Searching beyond this life to a glorified life with a new body being around the throne of God, worshiping him. Dwell in a city where the precious Lamb of God is the light. Catch this eternal vision!

Realize this one thing, the enemy wants you to lose your vision. If he can cause you to lose your short-term vision because of hardships and trials, then it will affect your long-term and eternal vision too. Even to the point of causing you to miss out on God's purpose for your life.

## There are four more very important things we need to look at concerning our visions in God.

#### 1.) Man's depravity and Sinfulness

Why has God placed so much emphasis on the salvation of man? Why would a loving God send his son to die on a cross for man? Let us read *John 3:16*,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." (KJV)

Behold through the eyes of God and see man who was made in his own image,

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (KJV)

Catch a vision of man who was pure and innocent to the point where they were naked and had no shame. Yet, see how man turned away from God, and became so wicked and evil to the point that God was grieved in his heart for making man.

## Genesis 6:6 "And it repented the lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart..." (KJV)

God glances into the hearts of men and sees the lying and stealing and killing and homosexuality and all the sinfulness of the heart of man. It stinks in his nostrils. Catch a vision of the fact that man is lost and going to die to spend eternity in hell from his sinfulness ways. Which means, he will forever be separated from God with no hope of ever being saved.

### 2.) Your sinfulness without Christ

Now contemplate about yourself and about your sinfulness. How, without Christ, you are lost. We are clearly told in *Romans 3:23*, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (KJV).

Without doubt, the penalty of sin is death. Every person on earth deserves to spend eternity in hell. Yet, many may say that they are a good person, and look at all the good things they have done in their life. However, the bible states,

Romans 3:10, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (KJV).

Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags" (KJV).

## You were born with a sinful nature, and you will have to deal with it all your life.

You cannot be good outside of Christ. No one is good outside the LORD.

#### 3.) See who Christ Is

Catch a vision of Christ in all his glory and honor and power. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Yet, this King who knew no sin, and he became sin so you could be saved from your sinfulness.

#### 4.) See who you are in Christ

When you accept Jesus into your heart, Jesus takes you—who lives sinful lives—and pour you in himself. He makes us acceptable to God by his own precious blood, the blood of the Lamb of God. Thus, we convert into the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. God lifts us up into heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-6, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (KJV)

God bestowed all HIS love upon HIS people through HIS Son. We now sit at heavenly place at the right hand of God in Christ Jesus.

#### **HOMEWORK PSALM 8:3-9**

We have been given power and authority over all the power of the enemy and the Devil as sons of God.

Romans 8:16-17, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (KJV).

We are heirs of salvation. Everything that God has prepared for his people, you are entitled to it, because Jesus Christ has made us Kings and Priests to our God.

God has a plan for your life! Seek him with all your heart, and he will reveal it to you. Catch a vision of his will and how this study will prepare you to accomplish it. Guard your vision! Protect it! Stay true to it! It is your very life in Christ.

### Homework

### **Read the following scriptures:**

Acts 26:12-19 **Ephesians 6:10-18 Hebrews 11:8-16 Psalm 8:3-9** Read and memorize the following scriptures: Proverbs 16:9 **Romans 8:28** Proverbs 13:12 **Romans 6:23** Proverbs 29:18 **Romans 10:17** Galatians 5:7-8 Galatians 6:9 John 3:16 The answers to the self-test is contained in the lesson or the homework scriptures. Write the answers below the question and/or where the answers are found in the scriptures. **SECTION #2 Self-Test** 1, To accomplish anything with our lives we must 2, The Devil blinds people to the finished results of 3, God's way is not always the

| 4, The flesh does not what you to  |  |
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| 5, If you lose your vision God has given you, you will lose your           |  |
| 6, We become weary of the battle when you                                  |  |
| 7, List the three kinds of vision  |  |
| 8, Abraham waited for the promise to be fulfilled how long                 |  |
| 9, You were born with this and you will have to deal with it all your life |  |
| 10, List the four things we need to look at concerning our vision          |  |
| 11, List three things that Paul suffering for Christ                       |  |
| 12, Who was Paul persecuting   |  |
| 13, Who was Paul sent to   |  |

| 14, He was sent to them so they could receive forgiveness       |
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| 15, We are to put on the whole                                  |
| 16, We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against         |
| 17, Abraham looked for a city, whose builder and maker is       |
| 18, They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the |
| 19, God created man a little bit lower than the                 |
| 20, God gave man dominion over all the works of his             |
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