

The vision is for not just some, but for all the people of God. Unfortunately, we easily become settled and stop short of God's ultimate goal for us. What is God's Ultimate Goal? There can be only one vision for the church.

### **Matthew 6 v 9 - 11**

*"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

There are many parts to the one vision but all that we declare regarding our faith must not stop short of His kingdom coming on earth. This must begin with us.

### **The Problem of Breakdown and Division**

We often will accept the status quo; that which is now, instead of being a people of destiny - a people on the move. This is true for Christians both as individuals and corporately.

### **Jesus Moved On**

Our God has a way for us. That way is through His Son Jesus Christ; He came to show us the way.

### **John 14 v 6**

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.*

The Lord builds only with rock as a foundation, in the way, in the truth and in the life.

### **1 Corinthians 3 v 9 - 11**

*For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Jesus brought in the kingdom which was an undivided one. Today's church should reflect that. Our Father God has one vision, to see all other kingdoms ended and His reign to be established. We must be sure that we are subjects of His kingdom and to agree with Him.

**Amos 3 v 3**

*Do two people walk together unless they have agreed to meet?  
We must be aware that there are other kingdoms in this world.*

**Matthew 7 v 15 - 16**

*"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?  
We should neither look at their popularity or their external display. A good example of this is the statue in Daniel.*

**Daniel 2 v 31 -35**

*"You, O king, were watching and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary radiance, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. 32 The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its chest and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, and its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 You continued watching until a stone was broken off without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and crushed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed to pieces all at the same time, and they were like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the entire earth.*

**2 Timothy 3 v 1-5**

*But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these.*

**Psalms 127 v 1**

*Unless the Lord builds a house, they who build it labor in vain; unless the Lord guards a city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*

It is easy to build a structure, a church, house or denomination but does it have God's stamp of authority on it? Faith, not just in the area of blessings, is not the proof; God blesses and heals both the saved and unsaved alike.

### **Matthew 7 v 21**

*Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.*

**Thy Kingdom Come for All People**

### **Psalms 22 v 28**

*For the kingdom is the Lord's and He rules over the nations.*

It is His kingdom; He is the King and we are His subjects. He is either Lord of all or He is not Lord at all in our lives. He may do exactly as he chooses; He seeks a people of spirit and truth. He is looking for a people that are not embarrassed by the implications of His kingdom in their lives, or at least a people who will respond radically to His plan!

### **Revelation 19 v 7-8**

*Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

One day we will respond.

### **Revelation 21 v 1-9**

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." 5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."*

6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give water to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost. 7 The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

### **Zechariah 1 v 4**

Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, 'This is what the Lord of armies says: "Return now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.'" But they did not listen or pay attention to Me," declares the Lord.

There is still work to do. He will build a new Jerusalem, a Jerusalem without dividing walls, human barriers, denominations; house Churches, streams or organisations.

### **Ephesians 1 v 3 -10**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, 10 regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

Therefore, How Does God Build?

### **Exodus 25 v 8-9**

*And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I am going to show you as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, so you shall construct it.*

God is particular where He lives, how He lives and whom He lives with. His presence depends on how we are prepared to please His tastes! He will stay for a while, but unless we change our environment, He will leave. Our Father is fussy, pernickety and right. We need to agree with Him, unite with Him. His word declares His way in every detail. We depart from this way at our peril. Exodus 25 shows just how meticulous His instructions, even to make all the furnishings, are.

### **Exodus 25 v 40**

*And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.*

This was just in case Moses forgot in his excitement. God builds disciples, both individually and as part of the body.

To follow are two examples of failure, Aaron and Saul.

### **Exodus 32 v 1-10**

*Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt—we do not know what happened to him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 Then he took the gold from their hands, and fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it into a cast metal calf; and they said, "This is your god, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."*



5 Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord." 6 So the next day they got up early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and got up to engage in lewd behavior. 7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have behaved corruptly. 8 They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a cast metal calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" 9 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. 10 So now leave Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."

They built something of their own and God was not pleased. He instructed Moses to destroy everyone that had rebelled and so it was for every man, brother, friend and neighbour. The cost of continuing in the ways of our Lord is sometimes to give up family, friends home and career. For such Jesus seeks to be his disciples.

AW Tozer wrote *The masses are usually wrong-the few right* (a remnant). The masses follow the popular vogue - how sad. History repeats itself and few of us learn from history.

## **1 Samuel 15 v 12**

*Samuel got up early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was reported to Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal."*

Saul followed God's instructions, but only in part. He built a monument to himself for his successes and paid no attention to his failings.

## **1 Samuel 15 v 22-23**

*Samuel said, "Does the Lord have as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than a sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as reprehensible as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as reprehensible as false religion and idolatry. Since you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king."*

Even Saul's repentance did not save him. We need to fear God; it is the beginning of wisdom.

### **Proverbs 1 v 7**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Wisdom is quite often missing in the churches. How does God build and who does He use? Let's look at restoration, that is the restoration of all things to himself.

### **Acts 3 v 18 -21**

*But the things which God previously announced by the mouths of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has fulfilled in this way. 19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things, about which God spoke by the mouths of His holy prophets from ancient times.*

### **Psalms 110 v 1-3**

*The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." 2 The Lord will stretch out Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." 3 Your people will volunteer freely on the day of Your power; In holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.*

God's pattern is to be restored, the church is to be evangelised, equipped to serve and made ready for conflict. Notice that this is just what Jesus did.

### **Matthew 10 v 5-16**

*5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, "Do not go on a road to Gentiles, and do not enter a city of Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. 9 Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, 10 or a bag for your journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is deserving of his support. 11 And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city.*

12 *As you enter the house, give it your greeting. 13 If the house is worthy, see that your blessing of peace comes upon it. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace. 14 And whoever does not receive you nor listen to your words, as you leave that house or city, shake the dust off your feet. 15 Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment, than for that city. 16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be as wary as serpents, and as innocent as doves.*

Jesus sent them out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The ministry we have is, first and foremost, to begin at home.

### **Ezra 1 v 2-4**

*"This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to rebuild for Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 And every survivor, at whatever place he may live, the people of that place are to support him with silver and gold, with equipment and cattle, together with a voluntary offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.'"*

This was a royal declaration. Christ is our Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Teacher and Pastor.

### **Ephesians 4 v 11-16**

*And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*



This explains to us the purpose, for how long and for our understanding. His ways have not changed with time, culture, and traditions. "I am," He declared to Moses. He is and His word is the same yesterday, today and forever. He will build His church exactly as He has decreed it. He declares His word - His intention. He requires a response, He seeks a willing people, a wholehearted people.

### **God's Intention**

#### **Exodus 35 v22-25**

*Then all whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came and brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so did everyone who presented an offering of gold to the Lord. 23 Everyone who was in possession of violet, purple, or scarlet material or fine linen or goats' hair, or rams' skins dyed red or fine leather, brought them. 24 Everyone who could make a contribution of silver and bronze brought the Lord's contribution; and everyone who was in possession of acacia wood for any work of the service brought it. 25 And all the skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, in violet, purple, and scarlet material, and in fine linen.*

#### **Exodus 36 v 4 -6**

*And all the skilful people who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work which they were performing, 5 and they said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for the construction work which the Lord commanded us to perform." 6 So Moses issued a command, and circulated a proclamation throughout the camp, saying, "No man or woman is to perform work any longer for the contributions of the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing any more.*

#### **Exodus 40 v 34-38**

*Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36 Throughout their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; 37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.*

*38 For throughout their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.*

No wonder the glory of the Lord filled the temple. They worked together as one in agreement not with each other, although they were of one accord, but in agreement with God.