

THE HEAVENLY VISION

Bible Reading: Acts 26:9-19

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. Acts 26:19.

In prison, standing before a heathen ruler, Paul was able to say, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Have you had an idea of service to God, but failed to follow it through? Often one who has had a wonderful vision of obeying the Lord and accomplishing something for Him, has later allowed his mind to become filled with the pitfalls of worldly desire and worldly pleasure, or has pursued the will-of-the-wisp of human pride and human satisfaction. Many a man at the end of life must look back and say, "God gave me a wonderful vision of service, but I have been disobedient to the heavenly vision."

God selected Paul for a very special work and gave him a particular call from on high. We today do not need such visions. God has set before us the needs of His work. He calls upon every one of us to have a part in it. All may serve through prayer. Most may serve through giving. Some are privileged to serve through going forth to dark corners of the earth to carry the message of salvation through Christ. Wherever any Christian is, it is the will of God that he should represent Christ, and should help extend the knowledge of God in a world of darkness.

We do not need a direct revelation to each one of us. God has given the Bible which contains the message that everyone needs. Anyone who has been saved through the Lord Jesus Christ and thus has been born again into His kingdom can find God's message in the Bible. May we not be disobedient to the heavenly vision!

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