

## Spiritual Vision

**Prov. 29:18 - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.**

There is physical vision, and there is spiritual vision. Helen Keller was physically blind, but could “see” more of the world around her than most people who are not blind. We need to be able to look beyond physical realities to comprehend God’s reality.

Spiritual vision can be:

**1. The ability to see into the spirit world** (not given to everyone)

Num. 22:23f - Balaam's ass could see the angel of the Lord before Balaam could. It takes "an opening of the eyes" to see what is spiritual.

2 K. 6:11-17 - ... I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.

1 Cor. 12:10 - one of the gifts of the Spirit is discerning of spirits.

Acts 16:16-18 - Paul commanded the spirit of divination to come out of the girl

Howard Pittman - saw unclean spirits actually invading a young man's body as he lusted after a woman

**2. The ability to see specific things in the future, as God reveals it** (not given to everyone directly, but we can all read and believe it)

Noah was saved because he could 'see' the destruction to come.

Joseph and the interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams

Dt. 18 - the Prophet to come, "like unto Moses"

Jer. 29:10-14 - foretold the 70 year captivity in Babylon, as well as their restoration from it

Dan. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10-11, 12 - various dreams and interpretations, both contemporary and future

Mt. 21:1-5 - Jesus told them what they would find, and to bring the ass colt

**3. The ability to see the general course of the future and guide one's life accordingly**

Prov. 22:3 – A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Heb. 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb. 11:8-10 - Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went. ... For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Heb. 11:13 - These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims in the earth.

This is where we would ask questions like "What is the vision of your life?", or, "What is the vision of this church?" (or school, government, business. ...) Do you (we) even have a vision for your life and for the church? If not, we will perish (i.e., pass away, unnoticed and without having had any effect). I mean real vision, not just a “vision statement”.

**4. The ability to see past the physical world to 'see God'** (given to the pure in heart)

Mt. 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Heb. 11:27 - By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Ps. 17:15 - As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

2 Cor. 3:18 - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.