

SERMON NOTES

THE VISION THEN AND NOW (PART II)

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Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18

- Isaiah 6:1–8
- The “5 Ws” - Who, What, Where, When, Why
- 1. **WORSHIP** – Come Before Him
- 2. **WORD** – According to the Scriptures

1. The Foundation of Truth

- God’s Word is unchanging and eternal (**Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 40:8; Malachi 3:6**)
- From the beginning, God’s Word revealed His wisdom and life (**Genesis 3:22; John 1:1**)
- When man turned from truth to lies (**Romans 1:21–25**), deception entered the world (**Genesis 3:1**)

2. The Living Word

- Jesus declared that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word (**Matthew 4:4**)
- True worship is in spirit and truth (**John 4:23–24**)
- The Word brings life and power to those who hear and obey (**John 5:24; Ezekiel 37:5–7**)

3. The Word in the Church

- The early believers were devoted to the apostles’ teaching (**Acts 2:42 / 8:30**)
- They searched the Scriptures daily (**Acts 17:11**)
- God’s people must not forsake assembling together to learn and grow (**Hebrews 10:25**)
- In Nehemiah’s time, revival came when the Word was read, explained, and obeyed (**Nehemiah 8:1–12, 18, 28–29**)

4. The Warning

- False teachings distort and weaken the truth (**Mark 7:13; Galatians 1:9; Colossians 2:8; Acts 20:30**)
- Many will turn from sound doctrine in the last days (**2 Timothy 4:2–3**)
- We must rightly divide the Word of Truth (**2 Timothy 2:15**)

5. The Call to Return

- Rediscover the Book of the Law as in Josiah’s day (**2 Kings 22:8**)
- Faith comes by hearing the Word (**Romans 10:17**)
- The Word is the voice of the Spirit to the churches today (**Revelation 2:7**)