



Bird's Eye View

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Chapter 2: The Picture of our Finish Line Determines How we Run

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Key Truth: Seeing where we are going

Key Scripture: *John 8:56, John 12:41, Acts 2:31, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

Like any thing in life. If one has no idea where they are going when they set out on a journey, there is every chance that one will get lost. This is no different for us as God's people. God has given us the person of the Holy Spirit to be in us and with us, so He can lead us into the full and overflowing life in Christ now and also in the future.

The Holy Spirit's role is to open up the spiritual kingdom of God which Jesus brought with Him, so we don't live in and for this temporal world, but seek and live from this new kingdom, seeing all that is concealed within it for us now.

There are promises for now which we are to receive and come into and there are promises that are future now, which we are to receive and come into now. All of these promises are eternal promises and can not be accessed and possessed through anything of the temporal.

The temporal includes all of our self help efforts through trying to understand through the mind first and all of our external works and efforts through our own strength and abilities. Man can not fundamentally enter this life in God's kingdom unless He is born of God's Spirit in life and power.

Jesus calls us to follow Him and in following Him, He blesses us with the baptism of His Spirit and the power of His Spirit, which empowers and enables us to not only follow Him and do what He teaches, but to hear and see the entirety of Himself, who we are in Him, His purpose and plans for His church, who are to be one, and how all these purposes and plans unfold, so they become our living reality.

As these scriptures declare, all the people who are mentioned in these passages, all saw into the eternal realm and were living in accordance to this dimension, while being on earth. We are to be no different. A people who can't hear and see the eternal kingdom, can't live from it or for it, so they live from and for the temporal.

Matthew 13:10-17 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

We are not to be like the Israelites who Isaiah prophesied about here. We are to be a people who know all the kingdom concealed mysteries because we have been granted to know them in Christ.

To live blindly when you have been called to live with spiritual vision, is nothing short of catastrophic, because as the scriptures declare, whoever has, more shall be given, but whoever is blind and unaware, what you have been given, will be taken off you and given to the one who has much. We are to be the people who have and are receiving more. We are not to be those who even what they have, is being taken away from them.



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God has given us His Spirit, to be able to hear and see exactly where He is leading us on this, "Come follow Me" journey of knowing the finish line.

Questions:

1. What is your current picture of your finish line in Christ?
2. How did you come to the reality of this finish line?
3. How is this picture of this finish line empowering your life now?
4. Why is it essential as God's people we all see the same finish line?
5. How does one come to have spiritual vision? Romans 10:17
6. Why is being able to see where we are going as God's people vital for oneness of spirit?

Action point: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?