

FOLLOW THE VISION

Proverbs 29:18 – “Where there is no vision, the people perish”

The question for us today is “How important is it that we follow the vision”. We have a mission today to assist in the establishment of the Kingdom of God, Zion.

Our Heavenly Father has given us the information sufficient to establish the Kingdom, Zion. Our problem today and always has been is to “Follow the vision”. So we continue to ask, “What is the vision”. I will try to give you some of my insight into what I feel about the question, “What is the vision”.

During a vision and revelation given to Joseph Smith, Jr., and Sidney Rigdon, on February 16, 1832, at Hiram, Ohio they received “Hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old; and for ages to come”. See Section 76, paragraph 2b, Doctrine and Covenants. In this same experience they were told to write the vision. Paragraph 3k. This entire experience brings another testimony of the salvation of his children and what they can expect as they prepare for the coming Kingdom.

A study of the Old Testament tells us that Noah was given instructions for building the Ark. He had the choice of following the “vision” or going the way of sin. He tried for 120 years to get others to follow his leadership and to assist in this great project. All but eight refused to follow the vision. As a result they were not permitted to be saved from the destruction by the Flood.

This same type of example can be found throughout the many accounts written in the bible. The Lord’s people were given the vision of the plan of salvation; however, many refused to follow the “vision”.

The accounts of the people of the Book of Mormon are no different. They were given the “vision” of the Kingdom thru their prophets. They complained and went their own way. As a result of their sinful way they suffered the consequence of their sins. So here today we have the opportunity to look at our vision.

So here today, I continue to seek to “Follow the Vision”.

Our nation is built on the principles found in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Our nation was built on the vision of men that in their own right loved the freedoms provided by their God. We accept the truth that this nation was provided by God to establish his purpose of building a place called the New Jerusalem even Zion. A review of what is happening in our nation today reveals that the people are following a path to destruction which will be the same as what happened to the people of the Book of Mormon.

Now, what about us of the Restoration. We have been given “the vision for the establishment of the Kingdom of God, Zion” here on this earth and in particular this “Promised Land” of America. This Lord has given us the “Vision” for the establishment of His Kingdom, Zion”. The Vision is given to us in the Bible, the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants. The establishment of the Restoration movement, a movement to establish the cause of Zion and His Kingdom, was brought to this earth by an Angel sent by God. See Revelation Chapter #14. The mission was given to a young man that was willing to follow the vision. He gathered others that were willing to follow the “vision” and all went well until sin entered into the work. As a result of sin the Restoration movement has experienced set backs. Many of those that followed the dream were killed and division followed.

Reorganization came and again there were those that followed the Vision. Again, sin entered the work. Again, the work of the Restoration was caused to scatter; however, again the Lord found men with the courage to try again. The church has been renewed and the Vision of the Kingdom is once again alive and is moving forward.

The question for us today is, will we follow the Vision. We have the tools by which the Kingdom of God, Zion can become a reality. The problem we have today is weather or not we will follow the vision or will we be like the people of the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Will we rebel and follow the ways of Sin or will we follow the Vision and assist God in our day in the establishment of the Kingdom here on this earth.

We today will again ask, will we follow the vision or will we fell the task before us and “perish”. The bottom line is the choice is ours.

Will we follow the counsel of Joshua, one of the Old Testament writers, – “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”? See Joshua 24:15.

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