



Beyond Sight: Vision

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Every one that can see has sight but not everyone that is able to see has vision. Let us look at the story of this man named Caleb. Caleb was among the twelve men that Moses sent to explore the promise land (Canaan) together with Joshua formerly known as Hosesa. They were to see what the land is like and to report of



what they have seen. For forty days they have explored the land and upon returning they reported to the community what they saw and that it was indeed "flowing with milk and honey". They have seen that the land was thriving in abundance with every imaginable tree of its land. But also there were its inhabitants powerful and gigantic in sight.

As the other ten men focused on what they saw and were petrified with fears of the inhabitants of the land as they were giants in their sight. Moreover, they have seen themselves as mere grasshoppers in their own sight for which those inhabitants of the land have seen in them what they perceived themselves as being. This man Caleb saw it differently for he did not

merely focus on what was seen but he had the vision of looking farther beyond that of what the others had seen. He was able to see the victory and the culmination of what God has promised them.

This man has stood in faith by looking beyond what the eyes can see and focusing on the promises of God.

For having a vision is being able to:

- V**isualize it
- I**nternalize it
- S**peak of it
- I**nitiate it
- O**wn it and
- N**urture it.

[Read Story of Caleb "Numbers 13:1-33"](#)

The shepherd's attitude

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In as much as we genuinely want to become true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must be able to emulate the shepherds with regards to their attitude in seeking Christ. More than two thousand years ago the angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields announcing the birth of Christ. The first reaction of these shepherds was fear as the angel appeared to them and proclaimed the birth of our Lord. But right after the angels left they made haste to get to Bethlehem to seek the baby in the manger as foretold by the angels. And upon setting sight of the child they once again hurriedly ran and left the child to go amongst men and proclaim the news that they had witnessed. Still after sharing the good news they return to the presence of our Lord and worship Him.

It is these same attitudes that we must attain in order for us to become not mere sheep but shepherds. Truly the first reaction upon hearing a new message is excitement and more often than not fears. Fear of uncertainty and notion of deviating from once accepted truth. But once the understanding of the prospect of such news would impact our lives. We are to eagerly pursue the opportunity of experiencing for ourselves this event of getting to be in acquaintance with our Lord Jesus.



It is much to be expected that upon realizing the veracity of such a message and having experience for ourselves the life that is promised with having Christ as our Lord, that we are to enthusiastically start to witness to people the unfathomable joy of being one with the Lord.

And having done so, we can then rest upon the Lord and offer our outmost devotion and worship to our most precious Lord and Savior.

For God has meant for us to be shepherds of His Lost Sheep...

[Read the Story in Luke 2:8-20](#)

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