

God still Speaks II - Captivating the Imagination

Jesus unlocks destiny - Do you know your destiny? Do you know why you exist and who you were made to be?

Messed up world. **Due to sin, everything gets distorted.** **Mankind (born into sin): Like wearing glasses** but with a cracked lens. **Everything looks distorted, cracked, messed up.** Influences: The way we look at one another. The way we see ourselves. It's a mess. **We see junk.** In ourselves as well. Defining. **The way we see, will determine what we'll have.** ***Jesus came to deal with sin.** To mend those cracked lenses. That we'll see correctly. ***Word – mends the cracked lenses. See clearly. *Personal** – it's scary how distorted our self perception is. Most people have no idea who they are, or what they were made for. **It's incredible to see the change, when Jesus steps into their lives.** ***12 disciples, misfits, nobodies, from nowhere, Galilee. Nothing good comes from Galilee!** Till Jesus steps into their boat, calls them and reveals to them who they are! Destiny unlocked.

Treasure - in earthen vessels. Ordinary, but with great glory hidden within!

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV) ⁷ *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

- **Treasure chest. A Word from God is like a key. It unlocks the treasures in our hearts. Every one of us is a treasure chest. Treasure within. God has placed treasures within.** Closed. No idea what's in there, until the prophetic word begins to unlock it. **Just a chest** – earthen vessel. **The treasure is of God. Glorious! God still speaks! To unlock our destinies. To unlock identities.**
- **Gold within. Seek the gold, not the dirt. Heavenly eyes!** See as God sees.

A Word unlocks our hearts - vision

Abram. Sarah. No kids. Old man. A man without a sense of destiny. No children. No legacy. Till God appears to Him. Till the Word of the Lord came to him. (Destiny: a predetermined course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency.)

****Your destiny is revealed in the countenance** of the One who designed and purposed you to be. ***The designer of the vehicle knows why the vehicle was made and for what purpose.** You are not an accident. You have a reason for being. In His light we see light. Time to unlock your destiny.
 Genesis 15:1–6 (NKJV) ¹ *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."* ² *But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"* ³ *Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"* ⁴ *And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."* ⁵ *Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them."* *And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."* ⁶ *And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

A word from God is like a key. A key to people's hearts. A key to unlock someone's destiny. ***Treasure chest.** Prophecy is the key to unlock it. Looking for treasure. / **A key from heaven.** Unlocks our hearts, causes the kingdom to come.

Brought him outside – look now toward heaven

Brought outside – often we caught up in the circumstances. The crisis. The "we don't have a child". That's all Abram saw – there's no child, God! No child. How can say all the families of the earth will be blessed through me? **"You**

have given me no offspring! We go childless!” *We also get caught up in our circumstances – Our circumstances & people speak to us. Loudly. “I’m going nowhere with my life.” “It’s not working.” Just look at it. Everything is a mess. *You’re in the pit - all you see is the sides of the pit. Yet if you are brought outside the pit, you suddenly see things in the light. (Plan B – try my ways. Flesh. And trouble!)

Yet God wants to bring us outside, step outside of your circumstances. To see ourselves and life from His perspective.

You are a painting. Your heart is a painting of God's will for the world. He paints His blueprint in your heart, in your dreams, visions and then He births it into this world and paints His beauty over everything. That is why God first reveals His will to His prophets, before He implements it. **God paints His beauty first within us, before He paints without. First the kingdom within, before the kingdom without.**

Captivating the imagination - Look now toward heaven (the vision)

Abram, look up. Spiritually speaking, look to heaven. Look to God. **Naturally speaking – God gave Abram a picture. An image. To look at. To see.**

Prophecy: A word that captivates the imagination and unlocks the treasures of our hearts. You are a gift to this world. You have treasure locked up inside. It’s your destiny to reveal that treasure. Yet you don’t even know about it. **The Word of the Lord reveals it!** *Abram – you’re not seeing even one child now. **But I tell you.** Your descendants will be more than the stars!!

Hope is a vision that is painted by God on the canvas of our imaginations. Of what could be, of what should be! Afraid? That is when fear is painted on the canvas of our imaginations. What is being painted on your imagination? What are you holding onto? **What burning vision is held in your imagination?** That is what we are going to produce. *Abram – see the stars! *See it and Speak it! See the heavenly vision. Speak it (Changed name – Abram to Abraham – father of the nations). God’s heart for you... Let that live in you. See. **You won’t see it, until you “see” it.** You won’t see it in the natural, until you see it in your heart. *That is one of the reasons why God speaks in dreams and visions. God knows visions captures our imaginations. **Put up pictures on your wall. Hold that before you. **Graph.** It’s just going to increase!

Birthing place: Your heart the birthing place for the purposes of God. God’s Word as a seed in your heart.

Holy Spirit – Primary work? Pentecost. I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. My sons and daughters **will prophesy, see visions, dream dreams.** **The work of the Spirit is captivate our imaginations, our hearts with visions of heaven, visions of the kingdom, visions of God.** These visions causes the kingdom to come within us, so that the kingdom can come without.

Acts 2:16–19 (NKJV) ¹⁶ But this is what **was spoken by the prophet Joel:** ¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;** Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy,** Your young men shall **see visions,** Your old men shall **dream dreams.** ¹⁸ *And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit* in those days; **And they shall prophesy.** ¹⁹ *I will show wonders in heaven above* And **signs in the earth** beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

Primary working of the Holy Spirit? Prophecy. Visions. Dreams. Large part of the church of God that speaks about the Holy Spirit, but doesn’t pursue the primary working of the Holy Spirit, or **doesn’t even believe in it, or jokes about it, mocks it. Mocking the Holy Spirit??** Visions? Dreams? Hogwash! That is God’s language. Captivates the imagination.

***Pink Rabbit / Elephant (Vision??)** – close your eyes and see it. **That is where God paints hope.** Pictures, images. Ideas of His plans for us and this world. Birthing place. / **Prophecy?** A still small voice speaking to you in your heart.

“You underestimate the power of your imagination. It is the birthplace of faith.” It is the **Womb for the purposes of God.** It is the access point for God's kingdom to enter the earth. **It is also the birthplace of evil,** lies and wickedness in our lives. **Like the front porch of a house / your heart.** Everything good or evil must first come through there. It is a part of the heart. Guard your heart.

****Heart - takes oxygen to the rest of the body.** So **the heart and seat of the imagination,** pumps whatever is there to the rest of our being. **If it is good, then good is spread to our whole being. If it is poison,** then everything becomes sick. Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

That is why **pornography is such a block to God's Word** or God's move in the earth. Men are being incapacitated to dream godly dreams. Imaginations are being taken captive by evil. Time to take it back!!

****Protect your imagination. Protect the canvas of your heart. That is where God paints His story or the devil does his illegal graffiti. *Television? Some call it hellevision!** Enemy paints his graffiti on our heart, if we watch ungodly things... **What is the solution? No TV?** No. **Get a true vision from heaven.** Allow God to paint His story on your heart, let it captivate you, and the result will be... **probably less tv, definitely less rubbish.** We overly focus on the “don’t”. **Rather focus on the “do”,** and the “don’ts” begin to sort out by themselves.

Ultimate Destiny – God. Our exceedingly great reward. ***Miracles** – awesome, yet, God it is You that I want. It is You that fulfil me. I want more than miracles. **I want you.** You are my exceedingly great reward!

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Ultimate destiny – to know God. To be with Him. To dwell in His presence. Everything else flows from this place. Make time for Him. **He is our reward!!**

Believe – meditate on the words till you believe

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***Power of godly meditation** - quieting the soul, removing all distractions, and allowing the Holy Spirit to brood on a word, a dream, a vision and to imprint it on our hearts, the canvas of our minds eye, **till it becomes our all encompassing reality.** ***Abram – every time he saw the stars, he was reminded of God’s promise...** *First painted onto the canvas of our souls, before it is painted on the canvas of this world. ***Set aside 20 to 30 minutes every day to just meditate on God dreams, His Word for you.** Let the Lord build the blueprint on the inside then birth it through prayer into this world. Pray over those words.

Conclusion – come outside, look up, and let it blow your mind what God has planned for you!

Prophetic - A key to unlock your destiny.

Let’s allow God to captivate our imaginations! Take back your imagination!!