



# VISIONS

## 1. Introduction

- We are promised that God will use visions to speak to us – Acts 2:17

## 2. 3 types of visions

- Spiritual visions, trances, and open vision

## 3. Spiritual visions

- A spiritual vision occurs when an individual is moved upon by the Holy Spirit to see something with the eyes of their spirit and not with their physical eyes.(in your imagination)
- During a spiritual vision your mind is not displaced. Your physical senses are not suspended in any way. You know who you are. You know where you are. You are simply seeing things within your spirit, on the inside of you.
- This is so much more than just human imagination and you will know when you are experiencing a spiritual vision.
- Spiritual visions can be very simple or they can be very dramatic. How simple or dramatic they are has nothing to do with how important they are. If faces, places, events, ideas, etc., keep “popping up in your spirit,” you will want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you to not miss what He is revealing.
- Jesus saw Nathaniel under a fig tree with His spiritual eyes. He saw this within Himself. Nathaniel was amazed at Jesus’ spiritual keenness and gave glory to God. - Jhn 1:47-49
- It was not uncommon at all for Jesus to see things on the inside of Himself before they actually occurred outwardly. Jesus said that He would see Himself healing the sick, casting out demons, preaching, teaching, prophesying and ministering to individuals in His spirit before He went out to actually do so. He would then simply imitate outwardly what He had seen inwardly during His prayer time and miracles would happen. - Jhn 5:19-20
- In the same way, the Holy Spirit wants to show you things before they occur so you can walk them out and minister in the miraculous.- Jhn 14:12; 16:13

#### 4. Trances

- The Greek word for “trance” is “ekstasis.” It means “the displacement of the mind.”
- This is an experience where your physical senses are suspended and you are unaware of your physical surroundings. You do not know, for the moment, exactly where you are or sometimes even who you are.
- A Scriptural trance is unrelated to a hypnotic trance. You cannot come out of a hypnotic trance if the hypnotist will not allow you to come out. You can come out of a Scriptural trance if you choose to do so. A hypnotic trance strips you of mastery over your God-given free will.
- You can deliberately enter a hypnotic trance. You cannot deliberately enter a supernatural Biblical trance. A supernatural Biblical trance is always and only Holy Spirit induced.
- Peter experienced a Scriptural trance. Acts 10:9-16
- Paul was warned in a trance - Acts 22:17-21

#### 5. Open vision

- During an open vision your physical eyes are wide open, your physical senses are intact, your mind is not displaced and you know exactly where you are.
- The Angel revealed to Zaccharias that his wife, Elisabeth, would bear a son in an open vision – Lk 1:11-17, 22.
- Gehazi had an open vision of Elisha - 2Kings 6:1-17

#### 6. Summary

**God speaks to us through visions**