

Dream Centre – Manchester  
Attending the Revelation  
Pastor Lonny Bingle

Text: Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (KJV)

Proverbs 29:18 Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow God's teachings. (GW)

Proverbs 29:18 If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Introduction:

“When people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves;” We could say it like this; If people are stumbling, they aren't seeing God!” But when they attend to what he (God) reveals... When they see the revelation of God... and.... Attend to it. Not just see it, but do something about it! Then... they are most blessed.

We must realize that God only has the best for us. Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope. (GW)

Here at the Dream Centre, we are in a position of transition. God is opening the heavens for you and giving you a calling, an anointing and purpose in this region. This call has been upon this house and our Pastor for years, and we have yet to appropriate the promises of God.

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Let me read this passage to you from the message Bible. Revelation 3:7-8 Write this to Philadelphia, to the Angel of the church. The Holy, the True--David's key in his hand, opening doors no one can lock, locking doors no one can open--speaks: 8 "I see what you've done. Now see what I've done. I've opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don't

have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were rough.

You should read all of the promises delivered to the Church at Philadelphia. It is amazing to me how many times we can hear the word of the Lord, reject it through inaction, and still God comes to bring and fulfill His covenant in our midst.

Proposition: God has declared an open heaven for you.

Interrogative: How do we enter this open heaven and appropriate His purpose which He decreed over our lives: Personally, for our families, our businesses and our church?

Transitional Statement: Today I want to give you the key to an open heaven and how you can appropriate that promises of God for yourself, your family, your business and your church.

1. The Gate of Heaven. Genesis 28:10 – 17 Genesis 28:10 Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it. 13 Then GOD was right before him, saying, "I am GOD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I'm giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. 14 Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they'll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. 15 Yes. I'll stay with you, I'll protect you wherever you go, and I'll bring you back to this very ground. I'll stick with you until I've done everything I promised you." 16 Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, "GOD is in this place--truly. And I didn't even know it!" 17 He was terrified. He whispered in awe, "Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God's House. This is the Gate of Heaven." (MSG)
  - a. Jacob lies down to sleep.
  - b. He dreams
    - i. He sees a ladder (stairway) that touched the earth and went up into the heavens.

- ii. Angels were going up... and down...
  - c. God reminds Him he is a covenant keeping God.
    - i. **Present** – Generationally promise fulfilling covenant keeping God: Heb 11:6 No one can please God without faith. Whoever goes to God must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (GW)
    - ii. **Protects** – 2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful and will strengthen you and protect you against the evil one.
    - iii. **Provides** - Philippians 4:19 My God will richly fill your every need in a glorious way through Christ Jesus.
    - iv. **Perseveres** - With us until the end - Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (never leaves or forsakes)
  - d. "GOD is in this place--truly. And I didn't even know it!"
    - i. He was terrified
    - ii. He whispered in awe, "Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God's House. This is the Gate of Heaven."
- 2. Establishing the Altar. Genesis 28:18-22 Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. 19 He christened the place Bethel (God's House). The name of the town had been Luz until then. 20 Jacob vowed a vow: "If **God stands by me and protects me** on this journey on which I'm setting out, **keeps me in food and clothing**, 21 and **brings me back** in one piece to my father's house, this GOD will be my God. 22 This stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will mark this as a place where God lives. And everything you give me, I'll return a tenth to you." (MSG)
  - a. First thing – Immediate Action
  - b. He built a memorial pillar from this stone.
  - c. He turned it into an altar (by anointing it with oil)
  - d. He vows unto God.
    - i. If...
      1. God is **present**
      2. God **protects** me
      3. God **provides**
      4. God **perseveres**

- ii. He will be my God
  - iii. I will build His house
  - iv. I will tithe
3. The Power of the Altar
- a. God's promise (covenant) with this house.
    - i. Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. (KJV)
    - ii. Revelation 3:8 "I see what you've done. Now see what I've done. I've opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don't have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were rough. (MSG)
  - b. God's example of the angelic ladder and the altar. Revelation 8:1 When the Lamb ripped off the seventh seal, Heaven fell quiet--complete silence for about half an hour. 2 I saw the Seven Angels who are always in readiness before God handed seven trumpets. 3 Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. 4 Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel. 5 Then the Angel filled the censer with fire from the Altar and heaved it to earth. It set off thunders, voices, lightnings, and an earthquake. (MSG)
    - i. We go through a trial or have a need.
    - ii. We go to God in prayer
    - iii. God checks the covenant registry
      - 1. Do they acknowledge me as Lord - He will be my God
      - 2. Are they helping within the church - I will build His house
      - 3. Are they givers - I will tithe
        - a. God gave His only Son
        - b. Will we give a few pounds
    - iv. Our children go through things.