

THE VISION OF THE LARGE STAGE OR PLATFORM

The Father showed me this in a vision some time ago as He was teaching me about the way that "He" views each of His children in the Church.

VISION:

I saw some sort of "large" stage or platform, and on it were men and women, husbands and wives, children, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, janitors, bus drivers, businessmen and businesswomen, black people, white people, red people etc. etc.

I knew in my spirit that these people were the sum total of the Body of Christ throughout the earth. Even though I could not "visibly" see all of them I knew by the Spirit that "all" of God's children were represented there.

Next, He showed me that every last one of these people were standing "side by side" - in no particular order - and that they were "holding hands" with each other. Not one of them was "above" or "below" regardless of their particular "calling" or any other characteristic for that matter, but rather they simply stood side by side in perfect harmony [true unity and one accord] - all EQUAL in the sight of their loving Father.

*...."And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles [special messengers], some prophets [inspired preachers and expounders], some evangelists preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries], some pastors [shepherds of His flock] and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints [His consecrated people], [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body [the church], **[That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood [the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection], the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.** So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead".... Ephesians 4:11-14 The Amplified Translation*

There are many in the church who attempt to "affix" themselves to the leadership God has instituted. They view those who walk as apostles or prophets or pastors or teachers as some sort of end in themselves - totally disregarding the fact that all who are called to the "five-fold ministry" are simply there to "guide" all those God has "given them" into the place of a perfect and intimate "personal" fellowship with the Father. This is in order that "every" child of God might come to abide in the place wherein their "every" word and action is the product of "revelation knowledge" gained in the "secret place of His presence" rather than the "sense-knowledge" that, up until this time, has plagued the church and kept her in bondage to a strong "spirit of idolatry" (rooted in the exaltation of "self" and "flesh and blood" above God and His

Word). The Father made it quite clear to me that He views "all" of us as "equal" in every way - in Christ - and He confirmed that previous vision with another one:

VISION:

I saw a mountain climbing team going up a mountain. Their "goal", of course, was to reach the summit and ultimately stand together at the top. I noticed that there were "lead" climbers who secured "certain" positions which then enabled them to "elevate" the others up to that very same place. This continued "until" each and every one of the "team" stood on the summit - side by side - hand in hand - proclaiming their victory.

From these two simple visions the Father gave me a deeper and clearer understanding of Ephesians 4:11-16 than I had ever had before and He continues to bless me and expand on these things. Quite simply, if each and every child of God would set themselves before Him in perfect fellowship with Him - in His Presence - He would surely "eliminate" any and all ground within them that, up until this time, has only served to fuel many "foolish controversies" and much "self-exaltive" behaviour in the midst of His people - thus keeping them in an area far "below" the fullness of their precious inheritance in Christ.

...."Love NEVER is envious nor boils over with jealousy".... 1 Corinthians 13:4b The Amplified Translation

...."Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing".... James 3:13-16 NASB

I must emphasize strongly this one point:

Holy caution must be exercised in these days by "all" those who are called to this "last-wave" of the five-fold ministry; for the precious work that the Lord is doing is predicated "entirely" upon our "abiding" in a perfect obedience (love) - first individually and then corporately. It is only in this way that the Church can be strong (without cracks) both foundationally and structurally. This is also the only way to ensure that Satan and his "religious spirits" are both exposed and "driven out" of the midst of God's people throughout the earth!

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY IS NOT AN ENTITY UNTO ITSELF!

For so long we, as the children of God, have kept our eyes on "flesh and blood" - to varying degrees - instead of Jesus and, because of this, we have sometimes looked "improperly" upon certain "leaders" (servants) that God has raised up - having "allowed" ourselves to be held captive by a "spirit of idolatry". This surely prevents one from receiving the fullness of God's blessing - regardless of the office of the "vessel" God has sent. But in this "last hour" the Father is raising up men and women who are driven by this one burning desire: to lead all those who

cross their path into the "fullness" of their inheritance in Christ in order that they might enter into the fulness of the ministry that God has called them to - at all cost to themselves!

The "simplicity" of the Father's plan concerning the perfect teaching and edification of each and every one of His children is this: He has sent the Holy Spirit as our Teacher and as we begin to "abide" in the Word of God, and thus "allow" the Word of God to abide in us (perfect fellowship), then we shall become "pure vessels" of His Teaching ministry (in whatever form - written or spoken - and from whatever office). Thus each and every person that we have the opportunity to minister to is then simply partaking of the ministry of the Holy Spirit - which is to lead us and guide us into "all" (absolute) Truth and to teach us all things - the "all things being all that we need to "know" to both walk in and carry out the fulness of our individual portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth.

What all this simply means is that as we abide in a "perfect love" towards all those who cross our path the deepest needs of their heart will be continually met and they will be continually drawn towards a deeper relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The five-fold ministry is not an entity unto itself but rather they are simply "forerunners" or "pioneers" in the carrying out of God's "Kingdom-business" and their sole job is to "elevate" all those with whom they have to do into the place that God has elevated them to in the Spirit.