

“Voices and the Vision We See”

Intro: The voices we hear lead to the visions we see...

What does God’s voice say? How will it affect our vision?

- I God’s voice offers a vision of his work in the past**
- II God’s voice offers a vision of his work in the present.**
- III God’s voice offers a vision of his work in the future**

One example of a man whose vision was changed:

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Remember Peter? ... His betrayal of Jesus? ...

How do we know all the details? ...

Peter turned himself in!!! “How can I be so sure? Two reasons.”

1. *He couldn’t stay away.*

Here is a good rule of thumb:

- A) Those who keep _____ from God
keep their _____ from God.
- B) Those who are _____ with God
_____ to God.
- C) Secrets _____ a fence
while _____ builds a bridge.
- D) Confessed sin becomes the _____ over which
we can _____ into the presence of God.

(Over)

“There is a second reason I’m confident of Pt’s confession.”

2. *He couldn’t stay silent.*

What took him from traitor (on Good Friday) to orator (on Pentecost)?

Answer: He let G deal with the secrets of his life.

Scripture says: “*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that God can heal you*” (James 5:16). “*If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done*” (1 John 1:9).

Some more vital lessons:

- A) The _____ lives in fear,
but the _____ lives in peace.
What is your vision of G? Is He big enough to forgive you?
- B) _____ erect a fence while
_____ builds a bridge.
- C) Those who keep _____ from God
keep their _____ from God.
- D) Those who are honest with God draw near to God.
- E) _____ sin becomes the bridge over which
we can _____ into the presence of God.
- F) Your vision of G determines your life and relationship with God.

*Lord, open our eyes to see your greatness, mercy, forgiveness and love.
Lord, bring us all back to you. Amen*

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