

## What A Great Sight!

*“<sup>2</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.<sup>3</sup> And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see **this great sight**, why the bush is not burnt.” - Exodus 3:2-3.*

Moses concluded that what he witnessed was not just an ordinary bush fire at the backside of the desert. It was a great sight!

It is interesting how two people would look at the same thing and arrive at different conclusions. Another shepherd may have glimpsed at the same burning bush and dismissed it as just another fire, and continue to take care of his flock. But Moses concluded that it was a great sight that was worth a closer look, even if it meant leaving the flock unattended.

There are instances in life where, based on my own reasoning and conscience, I may see greatness and value in things and people that others just do not see. And, therefore, it is important that I pursue after those ‘great sights,’ and don’t allow others to discourage me. Of course, this does not apply to every situation, as I may need the advice of others where necessary. The Bible did say:

*“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.” -  
Proverbs 12:15*

Yet there are those who may have seen greatness (both intrinsic and extrinsic value) in pursuing either a particular course of study, or a relationship, or a job and so on but allowed close friends or family member to dissuade them from pursuing after it.

Sometimes listening to others may cause us to miss divine appointments. What you and God see as a great sight, others may call ‘risky’, ‘foolish’ or even ‘crazy!’ It is important that we listen to the inner, guiding voice of the Holy Spirit, and follow after divine purpose. Here are a few examples of Jesus’ words and actions before

performing some of His great miracles, which caused others to react or even wonder:

1. Jesus about to raise Lazarus from the dead:

*“<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.” - John 11:39*

2. Jesus about to restore the sight to a blind man:

*“<sup>6</sup>When Jesus had said this, He spat on the ground, made some mud, and applied it to the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>Then He told him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came back seeing. ...” - John 9:6-7.*

Jesus saw the ‘great sights’ of a risen Lazarus, and the beauty of a man with restored vision, and followed through, even though he was laughed to scorn or mocked by onlookers. One specific example comes to mind:

3. Jesus about to heal Jairus’ daughter:

*“<sup>39</sup> And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. <sup>40</sup> And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.” - Mark 5:39-40.*

Sometimes we need to break company with the ‘nay-sayers’ and detractors to ensure that our ‘great sight’ comes to fruition. Jesus put out the mockers and only surrounded himself with those who believed in His cause - the purpose why He was there.

Sometimes, it is necessary to be alone with God. Like Moses, God may choose to create events in our lives that cause us to be alone in a ‘desert place.’ Moses found himself alone when he led the flock to a distant place in search of food. Perhaps he was too busy looking after his flock to be plagued with loneliness.

At times, God separates us from the ‘busy noises’ of life, friends, and even family members so He can get our undivided attention. When we are alone with God, we free

ourselves from those with influential opinions, mockers and ‘nay-sayers.’ Instead of feeling lonely and deserted, your heart should be filled with joyful expectation.

Just remember also, no matter how far removed you may feel from others, or how far you may have fallen back in life, you are never alone. God is always there - fashioning and creating situations in your life for your good. Romans 8:28 states:

*“<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Summarizing, in spite of how your environment looks - and how impossible things may seem - you should always anticipate a ‘burning bush’ experience. Be on the ‘look out’ for a great sight in your dry place! And once you receive and perceive it with your 2020 spiritual eyes... go after that great sight! Pursue purpose. Follow your dreams. This is your season. Be blessed.

### ***Key Principles:***

- 1. Two persons may look at the same thing and arrive at different conclusions.***
- 2. Don’t become disappointed if others don’t see what you see.***
- 3. Don’t become discouraged by persons who make fun of your dreams;***
- 4. At times we need to listen to the advice of others;***
- 5. Separation with God is necessary to better understand purpose;***
- 6. Don’t be afraid to follow after your ‘great sight!’***

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for the plans which you have for my life. Open my spiritual eyes so that I will always see the ‘great sights’ before me. Help me to be steadfast in pursuing my purpose. Help me not to become discouraged when others do not embrace my vision, or even when they ridicule my ideas and actions. Give me the grace that I need to overcome periods of loneliness, and let me always remember that I am never alone. I*



*thank You for every good thing that You have in store for me as I follow after this 'great sight' in this New Year. In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.*

***Memory Verse:***

*“<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ...” - Jeremiah 29:11-12.*

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