

GOD HAS A VISION FOR YOU

CELEBRATING AND CONSECRATING VISION NEHEMIAH 12

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Vss. 1-26 The Priestly Families

Remembering the Spiritual Foundations of Vision

Structure ought to reflect foundation; good foundation, poor structure

Matthew 7: 24-27

Foundation of brick and houses of straw and wood (Three Little Pigs)

High Priestly Families

Spiritual visions maintain family traditions of excellence

Spiritual visions break generational curses

Vss. 27-42 Vision is Partnership with Understanding of Priority

Focus is temple not the walls

Walls point to community where humans live; temple to the center of life

Walls point to work of humans; temple to worship of God

Walls point to efforts of humans; temple to excellence of God

Walls point to the fortitude of humans; temple to the faithfulness of God

Walls point to the persistence of humans; temple to presence of God

Walls point to the service of humans; temple to the salvation of God

Walls point to vision given to humans; temple to victory given by God

Vs. 43 and Ezra 3: 10-13 Former Glory and Latter Glory

Impediments to Expanding Vision

Forgetting Spiritual Foundations

Nostalgia about supremacy of good old days

Guilt about surpassing contributions of the past

Unawareness of possibilities of the present times and circumstances

Forgetfulness of God who continues to outdo God self

Vss. 44-47 Proper Focus produces Proper Thanksgiving

Gratitude releases generosity

To God

To the institutions of God

To the people of God, the tithe of the tithe