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MATTHEW 5:14-16

A photograph of a building facade at dusk or night. The building has dark blue vertical siding with some peeling paint. On the left, there are neon signs for 'A', 'L', and 'R' in a light pinkish-orange color. To the right, a large sign features a grid of small lights. The text 'VISION SERIES' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

VISION SERIES



GENESIS 1

V. 27-28

SO GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. GOD **BLESSED THEM** AND SAID TO THEM, “BE FRUITFUL AND INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT. RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY AND OVER EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES ON THE GROUND.

GENESIS 1:27-28



GENESIS 12

V. 1-3

THE LORD HAD SAID TO ABRAM, "GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU. I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU; I WILL MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE A BLESSING. I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU, AND WHOEVER CURSES YOU I

GENESIS 12:1-3

WILL CURSE; AND ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH WILL
BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU.”

GENESIS 12:1-3



MISTAKENLY, THE ISRAELITES HOARDED THEIR OPULENCE AS “BLESSING.” THEY SAW THE PROVISION AS AN END IN ITSELF, A GIFT FROM GOD TO BE INDULGED. THEY ALSO DREW SECURITY FROM IT. THEY TOOK PRIDE AND COMFORT IN BEING MORE POWERFUL THAN THE COUNTRIES AROUND THEM. THEY MEASURED SUCCESS BY HAVING MORE OF IT THAN THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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GOD REBUKED THEM FOR THEIR GREED, AND IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, BECAUSE HE VIEWED BLESSING QUITE DIFFERENTLY THAN THE ISRAELITES. GOD DID NOT INTEND FOR THE ISRAELITES TO PROSPER SIMPLY TO LUXURIATE IN IT. HE DID NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH WEALTH SIMPLY AS AN ASSURANCE OF SECURITY. AND HE DID NOT ALLOW THEM EASE OF LIFE SIMPLY TO

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GROW COMPLACENT. THE BLESSINGS OF GOD WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE STORED UP LIKE GRAIN. JUST AS ISRAEL WAS MEANT TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS, AND THE CHURCH A LIGHT IN THE WORLD, EVERYTHING WE ARE GIVEN HAS A GREATER PURPOSE. MAY WE STEWARD OUR BLESSINGS ACCORDINGLY.

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**WHO DO YOU
KNOW WHO
DOESN'T KNOW?**



**HOW DO YOU
GET THEM
AROUND GOD'S
PEOPLE?**

BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY
DISCIPLES, IF YOU **LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

JOHN 13:35





**HOW DO YOU
BRING GOD'S
PEOPLE TO THEM?**

