

## How do we know that our vision is from God?

1. God-given vision is something, which has existed with God in precise definition and clarity from the beginning of time.
2. God-given vision is not something abstract or nebulous, something that is what people term 'visionary' or mystical.
3. God-given vision is quite definite, distinct and real in the mind and intentions of God.
4. God-given vision is not an afterthought. It is not something subsequent to eventualities, because of things having arisen unexpectedly - a kind of alternative to what God originally meant.
5. God-given vision is not a substitute for His original plan. It is not an emergency action because of a situation unforeseen.
6. God-given vision has its roots outside of time and circumstance - outside of eventualities, contingencies or emergencies.
7. God-given vision has purpose. Purpose governs all, and the purpose is the substance of God-given vision. It therefore requires a vision of God's purpose in greater fullness, not in part. The purpose comprehends all parts.
8. God-given vision has a clear motive (no hidden agendas). Sufficient motive demands sufficient vision, and we must see much more than that which is immediately before our eyes.
9. God-given vision is never given in completeness at any one time. Such vision is always subject to enlargement. This does not involve a change of vision (unless it is ours and not God's) but an enlargement of vision. It will always be developed and fulfilled through new phases.
10. God-given vision is spontaneous, and therefore, it just happens. We wake up to realise that we have moved into a new realm or position, and no amount of additional earthly resource can meet the need - only God.
11. God-given vision is unchangeable. So we may find that although things may be taking a new and different shape, the purpose of God has not changed. We may be presented with His vision in new and more advanced aspects, but it is only what God originally purposed.
12. God-given vision requires further prophetic vision. Periods of retreat and waiting upon Him in prayer is a necessity. Without renewed vision there can so easily be a leakage of spiritual power.