

**Longview Baptist Temple**  
**Adult Sunday School Lesson**  
**February 3, 2008**



**“Give Me A Vision”**  
**The Vision of God’s World Mission Plan**

**AIM:** To focus the members of the Longview Baptist Temple on our responsibility to support and send missionaries around the world for the purpose of propagating the Gospel.

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20**

**INTRODUCTION:** The definition of world missions is ensuring everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe. Why is it important for every believer to understand God’s world mission plan? Where does world missions fit into the life of the local church?

- I. **The Bible teaches the origin of world missions started in eternity in the heart of God**
  - a. The Bible reveals that missions is the very heart and character of God Himself. His nature makes missions invincible.
  - b. Missions is not an afterthought with God, but rather a part of His very essence.
    - i. His Holiness – The Bible reveals that God’s holiness is a very basic attribute of His nature. He alone could devise a means of establishing a fellowship and relationship with mankind who is inherently holy.
    - ii. His love – The holiness of God is indicative of the need and possibility of missions with His love providing the basis and power. God’s great love is active and ongoing. There is a reaching out by God toward man.
- II. **What does the Old Testament teach about World Missions?**
  - a. The Old Testament is principally a story of God’s chosen people, Israel, and their failure. As a nation, they were not functioning with the purpose for which they were brought into existence.
  - b. The Gentile nations were to be led to worship the Jehovah-God by the visible manifestation of the acts of God among the nation of Israel.
  - c. The Gentile nations were to “come and see” the acts of God among the nation of Israel. They were also, to share in the messianic hope of Israel. As a result of “coming and seeing”, many Gentiles became proselyte Jews.
- III. **The theme of missions in the New Testament**
  - a. Jesus Christ came to this earth:
    - i. To set an example for all people to follow.
    - ii. To seek and to save that which was lost.
    - iii. To teach people a better way of life.
    - iv. To call out a people for His name.
  - b. To provide a way for everyone to receive an abundant and everlasting life.
  - c. The birth of Jesus Christ:
    - i. Zacharius – Luke 1:76-79 “Give light to those sitting in darkness”
    - ii. Simeon – Luke 2:30-32 “A light to lighten the Gentiles”
    - iii. The Angels – Luke 2:9-14 “Good news of great joy to all people”
  - d. His Great Commission. Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:44-49, John 20:19-23, Acts 1:6-8
  - e. In the last forty days of ministry, Jesus gave commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen concerning world missions, Acts 1:2.

**CONCLUSION:** The assignment is clear. It is the duty of every believer, who is a part of a New Testament Church, to also be a meaningful part of a world team to preach the Gospel to everyone, everywhere. Those who become believers are to become a part of a New Testament church in their locale so they can become a part of the world mission’s team.