Be Thou My Vision: Part 1

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**Foundational Scripture:** Jer. 9:23-24

1. **Verse 1- Line 1 – *Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Life:***

* Vision: It’s a road map, indicating what one wants to become by setting a defined direction for their growth.
* God is our vision! (Jer. 9:23-24)
* God gives me direction in my life (Prov. 3:5-6) Apart from Him, I have no true, real, founded identity.
* *“O Lord of my heart.”* He is Lord of all, He is master of all. He is the Master of my heart, He is the Master of my life. The word master can be defined as one who has authority over another, He is skillful in all things, He is a conqueror, He is superior.
* Jesus holds and possesses these qualities and even beyond that. He should be our master. He needs to be our master. (Matt. 28:18; Col. 1:13-22; Rev. 12:11; 5).
* We are slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:17-18)
* Luke 6:46. *“Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say.”*
* God and God alone needs to be the center of our focus! Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Life!

1. **Verse 1- Line 2 – *Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art*:**
   * These words speak one great truth and hopes that nothing else is of importance to me except that which is God! The author fully describes this by enlisting all the things about God is in this hymn:
   * God is My Vision (Prov. 3:5-6)
   * God is the Lord of my heart (Luke 6:46)
   * God is My Everything (1 Cor. 15:10)
   * God is My Best Thought (Phil. 4:8-9)
   * God is My Light (John 8:12)
   * God is My Wisdom (Prov. 3:13-35)
   * God is My True Word (John 1:1-3; 14)
   * God is My Great Father (1 Jn. 3:1)
   * God is My Buckler (Eph. 6:14)
   * God is My Sword (Eph. 6:17)
   * God is My Dignity (Gal. 2:20)
   * God is My Delight (Jer. 9:23-24)
   * God is My Shelter (Psa. 46:1-3)
   * God is My High Tower (Psa. 46:1-3)
   * God is My Power (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:24)
   * God is My Inheritance (Matt. 6:19-21)
   * God is My First Place (Matt. 10:37-39)
   * God is The High King of Heaven (Rev. 4)
   * God is My Treasure (Psa. 19:10)
   * God is Heaven’s Bright Sun (Rev. 21:22-25)
   * God is Ruler of All (1 Tim. 6:15-16)
2. **Verse 1- Line 3 – *Thou my best thought, by day or by night*:**
   * God needs to be my best thought; my primary thought every day and every night.
   * I consult with God and look to God because He matters the most to me!
   * He means the most to me. He is my first love!
   * (Psa. 119:97-104) (Psa. 63)
3. **Verse 1- Line 4 – *Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*:**
   * Whether I rise from sleep, or lay down to rest, I understand and acknowledge that God is my Savior.
   * He is my Redeemer!
   * He is everything to me.
   * God’s presence is my light. He lights our pathways. He gives us a sense of safety and security. (Psa. 119:105)
   * I don’t have to fear darkness because He is my light. What a beautiful thing. (John 3:19-21)
4. **Conclusion:**

* May God be our Vision! May He be our road map, our defined direction for growth.
* Without God, life is meaningless and fruitless.