



Dreams

Ecclesiastes 5:3 *For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

- a) This reveals that not all dreams come from the Lord. God speaks through dreams, but so does Satan. He perverts what God speaks to us through the Word; Satan will pervert the Word and try to speak through it.
- b) This reveals that as we are going through the business of the day, we can dream what we have been preoccupied with. Have you ever watched a movie and then dream about it right away?

If you do not understand what the dream means:

- a) Put it on the shelf
- b) Trash can

Stick with the Word. Let God lead you through the Word. This is desired way. Don't try to make something out every dream. Some dreams have no meaning. Some dreams have nothing to it, and we should not be awkward trying to make a thing out of every dream.

Be careful of being led by visions, dreams, Visitations, and Voices. If you are not grounded in the word; dreams, visions, voices can destroy you.

- o Many voices are not of God. Many people want to hear voices.
→ Not all voices are of God. If you are hearing voices all the time, you need to quit. You need to stop. Christians that seek to hear voices—go crazy.

I have heard of a person that claimed that the Holy Spirit was speaking to him non-stop to the point that he could not do anything. He could not keep his commitments and so forth. I can tell you for sure—that was not the Holy Spirit.

Audible voice Acts 9:4—Usually happens before going through a wreck.

Still small voice—1 Kings 19:12.

- o Angels

Do not be misled by angel exaltation. Guardian angels are not scriptural. Dispatching angels is not biblical. Colossians 2:18 → You are not to seek angels. They have no supernatural wisdom. You may see angels, but do not seek these. I do not seek angels and I have never seen an angel in my life except on TV or the Good news Bible which had pictures. Seeing angels is not more spiritual than not seeing them. There is not superiority about person because they see angels. I do not see angels, angels see me.

If your dream is not clear or vivid— there is probably nothing there. God does not communicate in blurs, but clearly. If you keep getting a dream multiple times, ask God if there is something there. Don't get weird about dreams.

God speaking through dreams

God's approach to dreams is positive, not negative. Bad dream, scary dreams are not from God.

- a) Direction/Guidance (Genesis 20:1-7)

- i) Most dreams are not direct guidance from the Lord. Do not just act on every dream, rather act on the written word.

- ii) Do you know a person who takes every dream and dissects it to mean something? Most of these believers are dream obsessed and they can end up becoming crazy. Stick with the word, not with the dream.

- iii) Don't make something out/meaning out of every dream. It makes you weird and crazy.

- b) Information

Genesis 37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren,

and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

c) Confirmation for decision making

d) Warning

i) Joseph, Mary, and Jesus the child

- o *Matthew 2:11-12 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.*

Joseph was warned through a dream. The Lord still warns people through dreams.

ii) Abimelech's dream

- o *Genesis 20:1-7 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.*

- Abraham was wrong
- Yet God rebuked Abimelech
- It was through a very clear dream. It was in form of a warning.

iii) Pilate's wife

Matthew 27:19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

All these knew right away what the Lord was communicating to them.

Fear and Terror from dreams

Ecclesiastes 5:7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God

- a) Some dreams a dream of fear. You dream very scary and or very frightening things.
 - i) You have authority over bad dreams. Don't accept dreams of torture, fear, and torment. The LORD does not use dreams to bring fear in your heart, sickness, death, lack. It's contrary to His nature.
 - ii) We can stop and cancel all the negative dreams. We should not be obsessed with dreams because they are not the primary way God speaks to us. They are secondary.

A Few dreams → that God has spoken to me through.

- 1) Dream about first child will be a girl and was instructed to name her Shalom.
- 2) Flying in a plane traveling to preach the gospel.
- 3) People in Africa following me while I was holding a flashlight.
- 4) A friend instructor was dealing with a major diagnosis from the doctor that was life threatening. He was out for almost

a year. During that time, when he had just gone to the hospital, I had a dream when he was totally healed and was back standing before the student body and teaching! I shared it with him, and I believe it encouraged him.

- 5) I had a dream about a friend who was being attacked by some people. They were trying to sue him and so forth. I called him and I found out that at that time his wife had an accident and was in hospital.
- 6) Dream when people were climbing a ladder and jumping down inside the promises of the wall fence. This was right when it was going on. They were robbing me the same time I was seeing that dream.

Books on dream interpretation are not biblical or scriptural guidance. One interpretation cannot be the same answer for everyone reading that book. All dreams don't fit into one book interpretation. It is not one size fits all.

Vision

1. Spiritual vision—eyes closed then you see. Seeing with the inner eyes—Acts 9.
2. Open vision—eyes open. Numbers 24:4; Peter saw an angel with his eyes open
3. Trance Acts 10:19—Lose track of where you are.

God speaks through dreams but this a secondary way. We should be predominately led by the Word, nothing more, nothing less.