



Sunday September 06, 2009
Q-tips and some Chicken : Lessons from Two Dreams

Dreams – all of us have them. Like a movie that is played out in your sub-conscious.

There are some dreams that we have that are the result of the activity of our own sub-conscious mind, very often related to what we are going through in life.

Ecclesiasts 5:3 For a dream comes through much activity,

God speaks via dreams

Job 33:14-18

14 For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falls upon men, While slumbering on their beds,

16 Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction.

17 In order to turn man from his deed, And conceal pride from man,

18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit, And his life from perishing by the sword.

And then there are dreams that could be demonic in origin.

God speaks even to the unsaved in dreams.

Dreams from God can serve many purposes:

Warn, Correct, Guide, Encourage, Instruct, Reveal, etc.

Pharaoh in Egypt:

Genesis 41:28 This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Genesis 41:32 And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

About Interpreting Dreams

Many times God uses words, sentences, pictures or actions in a symbolic way. They mean something other than their literal sense. Therefore, we need to be careful in interpreting them. A wrong interpretation of a dream from God, could lead to wrong application, resulting in disaster!

Numbers 12:6-8

6 Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.

7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house.

8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

In interpreting dreams from God, one important guideline to follow is to use Biblical Imagery. First check, the images, colours, etc you see in your dream - what do they represent/mean in Scripture.

Journaling

I like to write down dreams and prophetic words that the Lord speaks in to my life.



Some dreams are personal – meant only for me personally. Something about what is going to happen, etc. etc.

Fri May 29, 2009 Tsunami and Windstorm

Saw my self in a beach resort. Other people in the resort were unknown to me. Suddenly there came a big tsunami from the sea and wiped everything and every one off except me. Following the tsunami were very strong winds that blew for quite some time. The main part of the dream was, that when the tsunami came and after that through out the blowing of the strong winds, I sat unmoved with my gaze totally fixed on heaven. My heart and my eyes were so totally fixed on heaven, that even when the strong winds were blowing and literally blew everything off, I sat in that place, on the ground totally unshaken, unmoved, unhurt – because I was so fixed on God above.

This morning I'd like to share two dreams which were instructive in nature –and some lessons from those dreams that might be useful for all of us.

Q-TIPS

Thursday July 02, 2009 Cleaning out the ear

As I was about to awake this morning, I had a short motion picture dream. I saw an ear and a hand pulling out dirt - big weeds, small stones, out of the ear. There were quite a few. First the big weed like things, they were in the ear. I did not even know about it until the finger went in and began to pull it and it came out so big. Surprising that some thing so big could be compressed in to an ear. Then a slightly larger stone. Finally the finger searched in the ear and a small stone came out. Then washed the ear clean with water. and the ear was fully clean.

I understood this dream having to do with spiritual hearing. I wondered why I saw only one ear in the dream and not two ears. Interestingly, in the NT, Jesus in some cases uses 'ear' in singular and not plural. (Matthew 10:27, Rev 2:7,11,17,29 3:6,13,22, 13:9). "He who has an ear, let him hear..."...referring to the capacity to hear spiritually.

Lessons:

To improve our spiritual hearing - we need to clean out our hearing by removing weeds, stones and dirt that clog up our ears and hinder our hearing.

- weeds - Mark 4:19 thorns, weeds represent cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches and lust for other things
- stones - Mark 4:17 stones represent afflictions and persecutions for the words sake
- dirt - removed by washing with the water of His Word.

SOME CHICKEN

Saturday September 05, 2009

Had a strange dream this night. There were three parts to this dream. In the first part I saw myself handling some thin small snakes. They were easy to handle. One of them slithered off and crawled away very fast. I caught the other one and smashed it head and threw it out of the window on to the road. In the next part of the dream I saw a very fierce venomous cobra in my way. It was very angry ready to attack. I was wondering for a moment why God was allowing this to come against me. Then I saw myself rolling a potted plant over the snake, and as the snake was trying to react to the 'surprise', I jumped over and crossed over the snake and continued in my journey. In the third part of the dream, I saw myself in what seemed like the first floor of a wooden house and I wanted to go down the wooden stairs but there was a huge snake, like a python or a anaconda – something of the size that could either swallow me or strangle me. I was wondering how to get past this. I then saw about 3-4 live chicken all arranged, with their legs tied, so they could not move. So I took one of these birds and threw them to the snake. It caught it and began to feed on it. And as it was doing so, I jumped over it and went on my way.

I woke up this morning trying to understand what all this meant. The meaning didn't come to me right away, so I kept it aside in my memory, hoping that the meaning of this would come to me at a later point.



We had our Pastors and Ministry Leaders gathering today at home, and when my turn came, I was sharing what I had learnt from Judges 20, earlier this week. Israel asking counsel from God and then going to battle against one of their own tribes, the Benjamites. Two times they faced defeat and on the third attempt, they had a “strategy” and saw the victory God had spoken to them. As I was sharing this – a light came on inside me, connecting my dream to the message from Judges 20. What God was indicating to me through the dream is that to over come (get past) what the devil is doing, we need to out-smart the devil. There are some devils that are easy to deal with. However there are other demonic forces that obstruct our path and all we need to do is out-smart the devil. Be wiser than the enemy. Use divine strategy to get past demonic powers that come in our way.

But now I began to ask two questions : Do we see this principle in Scripture? Does the Bible indicate anywhere, overcoming the devil by wisdom or divine strategy or any thing of out-smarting the devil? And second, how do we do this in practical life? As I kept these two questions in mind, intending to research them later, I realized that the Cross was a place where Christ triumphed over demonic powers (Colossians 2:14,15). The Cross was a place where God demonstrated both His Wisdom and Power (1 Corinthians 1:23,24). The wisdom of God was part of what overthrew the powers of darkness on the Cross.

Colossians 2:14,15

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

1 Corinthians 1:23,24

23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

This wisdom is given to the Church and is to be expressed through the Church.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Ephesians 3:8-11

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Prayer Time

Pray for God to help us clean our our hearing

Pray for God to help us receive wisdom to over come demonic powers

Pray for increased dreams and visions among people in the church

Pray for wrong kinds of dreams – nightmares, demonic oppression, to cease.

SALVATION CALL

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSIONS



- 1, Have people been having dreams lately – one or more could share their dreams, the meaning they derived and how they found it relevant/useful in daily life.
- 2, Discuss about how to discern and interpret dreams
- 3, Pray for healing for those with recurring bad dreams/nightmares – replace them with dreams that come from God.



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