

# Christian Dreams and Visions

Based on Scripture and The Holy Spirit and  
not on psychology and pseudo-science

***"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:***

***And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out of my spirit"*** (Joel 2:28-29)

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# Introduction

## The calling of God into the great outpouring of His Spirit

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1983, four years after my "*born again*" conversion, I had my first opportunity to teach a discipleship group in a church in the town of Chandigarh in North India. Up to now I was quite familiar with the particular way in which the Holy Spirit has been teaching me directly for the last four years. I had never taught in this way before and so on the night before my first discipleship lecture I decided to ask the Lord if I should teach in this way. The Lord replied in the dream that I was going to relate to this way of ministry. Since then, **this way of teaching has developed and matured into what is now the primary calling of *Daystar Ministry*.**

## The river of oil and water

"There was a requirement from the sovereign God for me to take the bucket of oil from the woman that was standing before me. I was to take the bucket and pour it all into the dry well before which we were standing. Not really understanding but obedient, I took the bucket of oil from the woman and began to pour it into the dry well. I observed how the oil spread over the dry bottom of the well and I marveled at the amount of oil that was in the bucket.

As the oil was poured, rain descended from the heavens. I observed the last drops of oil dropping into the well. Oil and water mixed together in the well. A tap seemed to open like the opening of a motorized irrigation pipe and oil poured into the well. The rain was very heavy and soon a flooded river was flowing in the area.

The well of oil was now in the midst of the river and oil was flowing from it into the river. There was a continual flow of oil from the irrigation pipe and **there was a continual overflowing of oil from the well into the river. The rain just kept pouring down.**"

Scriptural references: Isaiah 44:3-4, Job 29:3-6, Joel 2:28-29

## Interpretation of the dream

### Vocabulary

Paula	- myself or the prophetic ministry in The Church.
The woman	- my spirit or the spirit of The Church.
The bucket of oil	- the unction or anointing of the Holy Ghost.
The dry well	- the spiritual condition of believers who are not directly taught and led of the Spirit of God.

- To take the bucket from the woman and pour the oil into the dry well meant that **I was to teach to fill the spiritual dryness of believers with the unction of the Holy One, in order that they be directly taught and led of the Spirit.**

- The oil spreading over the dry bottom of the well spoke of the reality of the direct teaching and leading of the Holy Spirit coming into the lives of the disciples.
- The heavy rain from heaven that followed the pouring of the oil, spoke of the opening up of the heavens to the people of God for the abundant life of Heavenly Communion.
- The oil mixing with the water in the well spoke of the disciples receiving the blessings of heavenly communion by the anointing or unction of the Holy Ghost.

***"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1Jn.2:27).***

- The subsequent motorized pouring out of the oil into the well and the continual heavy rain that resulted in a river of oil and water, spoke of the divine escalation of the riches of heavenly communion that are of the blessings of God in heavenly places.

*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:** (2Pet 1:19)*

***"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,***

*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Eph. 1:18-19).*

- This river of oil and water will be flowing out from the recipient believers in this work of the ministry.

*"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water"** (Jn.7:37-38).*

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## Chapter 1

# The History of God's Communion With Man Before The Law

## Oneness of communion in the Garden of Eden

When we read from the book of Genesis about natural creation and then about the creation of man, we sense the blissful oneness of the fellowship and communion of God with man. God had planted a garden to the east in Eden and there He placed man. The Creator God's will was done in all of creation including man in the beginning. This ideal situation represented the will and purpose of God in all of creation.

**The fellowship and communion of God and man in the Garden of Eden represented the oneness between the spiritual realm of heaven and the natural realm of earth.** This situation was a shadow or a typology of the ultimate oneness of heaven and earth that God had planned to be fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

*"Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*

*That in the dispensation of the fullness of times **he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him**" (Eph. 1:9-10).*

*Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to **reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.***

## Within the divine nature of free will is the key to oneness of communion with God

Freewill came into focus when God gave man a commandment, rule or law. Without law there is no freewill to chose to obey or not to obey. It appears that the inherent power of the freewill given to man needed to be in harmony with God. Freewill in its fundamental form has to do with choosing to be in harmony with God, or choosing to be in disharmony with Him. Choosing to be in harmony with the Creator God amounts to choosing to be made in the image and likeness of the Godhead, which is, in fact, choosing to live forever. This has got to be the most important issue with regards to the life of created man on the Creator God's earth!

The freewill to choose to believe and to obey God in order to be made into the image and likeness of God and live for ever, is given of God to every person, to

every family and to every government of every nation, tribe and language. For this reason the *"gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come"* (Mt.24:14). **Inherent in freewill is the power to choose life and death** (Gen.2:16-17) and the power to command all of God's creation (Gen.1:26-28).

It is the power of freewill that mankind has to be able to choose between life and death which is at the core of the serpent's jealousy and anger at mankind's position. Satan the serpent has seen and lived in the divine and unfathomable glory of God's heavens, but through the misplacement of his freewill he chose the darkness of sin and death. Satan and his fallen angels have no power to choose life, just as humans after physical death no longer have the power of this choice.

*Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

The jealousy and wrath of Satan, the *"god of this world,"* is always found in his attempts to control or to have power over the freewill of man. His lust is to be as God (Isa.14:13-15) and he, therefore, lusts to possess the will of man. **The ultimate worship of God by beings with freewill is the surrendering of their will to Him.** God in Jesus Christ gives us the freewill to give our will to Him.

*Luk 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

*Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Satan, in his power in the sinful flesh of man, will always seek to take it by force if it is not freely given to him. This forceful control of free will finds manifestation in religions, governments, organizations and in the marriage and family institution. **There is that which worketh unto bondage, destruction and death, and there is that which sets free** (Jn.8:36). It is with this light of illumination that we can understand much of the forces behind the psychology, philosophy and ideology of the different types of governments and the different types of human and marriage relationships throughout mankind's history.

## Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and lost natural man's chance to live forever

The fact that God allowed the serpent's presence to be in the Garden to test man's free will, points to a crucial process in the creation of man into the image and likeness of God. Genesis chapter 3 tells us that Adam and Eve chose to capitulate to the suggestion of the serpent to choose disobedience and death rather than to choose obedience to their Creator. Adam and Eve lost natural man's chance to live for ever (Gen.3:22-24). **Since their fall into the darkness of sin and death in disobedience, the longevity of man decreased to 969 years (Gen.5:27) and then to 120 years (Gen.6:3).**

With the rift between man and God caused by Adam's sin, the oneness of the fellowship and communion of God with man, as represented by the Garden of Eden, was severed. The disharmony led to a distancing of the fellowship of man with God.

Because of the inherent wickedness of the nature of sin, this fellowship could only deteriorate over time.

## The deterioration of man's communion with God

After being thrust out of the Garden of Eden, God still communed directly with the Adam family (Gen.4 ). Over time, however, the wickedness of man grew and so did his alienation from the worship of God and from the fellowship of God. Gross wickedness reached a stage where God had to intervene in the affairs of man. In its corruption and violence, the earth was judged by flood (Gen.6). **This hopeless trend unto self destruction, which is at the very core of the nature of sin, is the curse of death** which was the result of the eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen.2:16-17).

When God intervened with judgement to cleanse the heart and mind of the human race so as to prolong its longevity in the earth, **He had to have a man with a righteous and pure heart towards Him to begin a fresh generation of humanity.** Noah was the man for such an endeavour, but the curse of sin and death that flesh and blood humanity had inherited in Adam was not addressed. However, in His love for His own creation, God promised that He would no longer cause the waters to become a flood to destroy all flesh (Gen.9:8-17).

## The endless cycle of deterioration unto self destruction and death

But the curse of sin and death in mankind could not be addressed by fallen man. However God, under the Old Testament Covenant, chose His intervention to be in the form of providing a man through whom He would point humanity to Himself. But again this could only result in an endless cycle of restoration unto God and the inevitable deterioration into the darkness of sin, self destruction and death. This was the weakness of the Old Testament Covenant. This is the cycle of bondage to sin and death which draws away from the light of God into the darkness of the world. **There is no rest, peace and goodness for humanity until this curse in Adam or in the flesh is resolved.** In addressing this truth the Preacher wrote:

*"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.*

*What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?*

*One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh...*

*The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl.1:2-9).*

## God established His chosen race in Abraham for His plan of salvation from sin and death

When the descendants of Noah and his sons also deteriorated into the darkness of sin and alienation from the Creator, God appointed a man for His purpose and did not destroy the rest of humanity. **Through this man God was going to raise up a**

**chosen race of humanity through whom God was going to outwork His plan for addressing the curse of sin and death in Adam or in humanity.** This man's name was Abram or Abraham. In the natural he was the father of Israel and the father of the Jews but in a spiritual connotation he was the father of faith.

God spoke to Abraham in person and directed him specifically because of God's important calling upon his life. Abraham had to be established in the reality of God and His promise and Abraham believed and trusted in God. Similarly, God also established His reality and promise with Abraham's seed, Isaac and Jacob. To this end and because of their obedience, God called Himself "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

## God's communion in the era of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

This was the era of God's promise of blessing to the descendants of Abraham who were to be given a promised land on earth (Gen.12:7). The blessing of Abraham was also for the blessing of "*all families of the earth.*" The promise was to Abraham's seed which we understand to be the Lord Jesus Christ (Gen.12:7, Gal.3:16).

**Because we, the Church, live in the time of the fulfillment of the promise of Abraham in Jesus Christ we become interested in the ways in which God spoke to the people in this era.** We would expect that God would be speaking to us in similar ways.

### ***God spoke directly to Abraham and divinely protected him***

God spoke to Abraham directly in the beginning (Gen.12:1-7), so we would expect that this is the highest level of communion that we can have with God. We also notice that Abraham and Sarah, possessors of God's word of promise, were divinely protected and blessed of God in everything that they did (Gen.12:14-20).

In Christ Jesus we are also possessors of God's word of promise and God would also divinely protect us.

### ***God spoke to Abraham in a vision***

After Abraham had dwelt in the promised land of Canaan God spoke to him in a vision (Gen.15:1-21). This was the first time since Genesis that vision was used as the medium of God's communion with man. In this vision Abraham was able to converse with God.

We should therefore be able to converse with God in a vision induced by Him.

### ***God spoke to Hagar through the medium of the angel of the Lord***

When Hagar fled from Abraham's wife into the wilderness the angel of the Lord appeared unto her and spoke the word of God (Gen.16:6-12). This was the first time, since Genesis, that the angel of the Lord appeared to be the medium of God's word to humanity. God was still appearing to Abraham to speak directly to him (Gen.17:1-22).

We would expect God's angels to be appearing to believers and to be ministering God's will to us also (Heb.1:13-14).

### ***The Lord and two angels appeared in the form of three men to converse with Abraham***

As people of God's Church we are so familiar with reading, teaching and preaching that *"without faith it is impossible to please God."* Right now, even as you read on, we are challenged by the possibility of the Lord and His angels appearing to fellowship and commune with us. God sees the hungry hearts and He has promised to fill the hungry (Mt.5:6). As God pours out more of the rains of His Spirit upon all flesh, such manifestations of the Lord and of the angels would become more familiar to the saints. We may as well expect these things to happen as we press in to possess all that God has promised for us (Heb.13:1-2). As these things occurred in the era of Abraham (Gen.18 and Gen.19), so they will happen in the Church era.

### ***God spoke to a Gentile, Abimelech king of Gerar, in a dream***

In the era of Abraham and for the first time since Genesis, God spoke in a dream. In the dream Abimelech actually had a crisis conversation with God (Gen.20:1-7).

In the present outpouring of the rains of God's Spirit, non-Christians and Christians are all going to be hearing from God and even conversing with Him in dreams and visions ( Joel 2:28-29). I am looking forward to the time when secular leaders of nations and tribes and corporations will be hearing from God in dreams! The nations are going to learn that The Church constitutes God's separated and anointed people.

*"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,*

*Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm" (1Chr.16:21-22).*

### ***The angel of the Lord called out to Hagar and to Abraham out of heaven***

When Sarah and Abraham cast out Hagar and her son into the wilderness of Beersheba, the angel of the Lord spoke to her out of heaven (Gen.21:17). When God tested Abraham concerning sacrificing his son Isaac, his act of obedience was stayed by the voice of the angel of the Lord out of heaven (Gen.22:11,15).

We should also expect to be hearing the voice of the angel of the Lord speaking to us out of heaven.

### ***The work of the invisible angel of the Lord in answering the prayers of Abraham and his eldest servant***

When Abraham instructed his servant concerning a wife for Isaac, he vocalized that the Lord God of heaven will send his angel before his servant on his errand (Gen.24:7). It was evident that the angel of the Lord did go with the servant to cause his prayers to be answered (Gen.24:11-27).

We can similarly expect to be seeing the working of the invisible angel of the Lord in our circumstances when we are doing the will of the Lord.

### ***Isaac and Rebekah enquired of the Lord and He answered them***

After Abraham died Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife who was barren and God made Rebekah to conceive. When Rebekah found that she had a twin struggling within her, she went to enquire of the Lord. The Lord answered her directly in a word of prophecy (Gen.25:21-23).

As people of the promises of God in Christ Jesus, we should not hesitate to enquire of God concerning the things of our lives in Christ. We should also press in to God for direct answers to our enquiries (1Jn.5:14-15).

### ***The Lord appeared unto Isaac to instruct him***

The Lord appeared unto Isaac in Gerar and established His covenant of promise in Abraham (Gen.26:2-5). The Lord appeared unto Isaac again in Beersheba by night and comforted him because Abimelech had sent him away from Gerar.

### ***Isaac gave the first recorded words of divine personal prophecy given by flesh and blood***

By stealth Jacob obtained the personal prophecy and the blessing it ministered that Isaac meant for Esau (Gen.27:26-29). Isaac went on to prophesy over Esau's life also (Gen.27:39-40). God's covenant of promise and the blessing and ability thereof that was given to Abraham and his seed was in Isaac. Isaac prophesied out of the divine ability of the word of the covenant of God that was in him.

The blessing of the word of the covenant given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob finds its New Testament counterpart in the gift of the Holy Spirit which is given to believers in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:37-40, Jn.16:7-15). In the Holy Spirit are our divine ability and power to do the will of God in our lives (1Cor.12:1-11). The things of heaven is communicated in the earth through Him (Eph.2:18-19, 1Cor.2:9-13) and in him we see and commune with heaven in dreams, visions and prophecy (Acts 2:17-18).

### ***God spoke to Jacob in a dream***

On his way from Beersheba to Haran Jacob stopped to sleep. There he had a dream in which God spoke and established His covenant with him. Jacob called the name of that place, Bethel.

### ***The angel of the Lord spoke to Jacob in a dream to instruct him***

When it was time for Jacob to return to the land of his fathers the angel of the Lord spoke to him in a dream to comfort him and to instruct him (Gen.31:10-13).

### ***God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream***

When Laban, father of Rachael and Leah, pursued the fleeing Jacob, God came to Laban by night in a dream. God instructed Laban not to speak unkindly to the man who possessed the blessing of the word of His covenant (Gen.31:20-24).

### ***The angels of God met Jacob***

On his way home Jacob was met by a host of God's angels. Because of this meeting Jacob called the name of that place Mahanaim, meaning 'two camps' (Gen.32:2).

### ***Jacob wrestled with a heavenly being***

Jacob was concerned about his reception by his brother Esau and he had taken and sent his family and all that he had over the ford Jabbok by night. He was alone when a man wrestled with him until the break of day. Jacob would not let the man go until he had given him a blessing. The man prophesied and said:

*"Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" (Gen.32:28).*

### ***God appeared unto Jacob***

God appeared unto Jacob when he came out of Padanaram and blessed him with the word of promise upon his life (Gen.35:9-13). After speaking to Jacob *"God went up from him in the place where He talked with him"* (Gen.35:13).

## **God's first use of the medium of the language of dreams, visions and prophecy**

Up to now God had been speaking directly to people in the ways described in chapter one. He had been speaking directly to people also in His spoken word in dreams and visions. **The era of Joseph, however, introduced a new way in which God spoke to people. This was the way or the medium of the language of dreams, visions and prophecy.** It was the hidden language of symbolism, metaphor, parable, typology, analogy, allegory and the like, in which God hid the actual message that He was speaking to people. God's hidden messages in the language of dreams, visions and prophecy now required an extra function which was not there when He spoke plainly to the people. This is the extra function of interpretation.

We find that there are degrees of difficulty associated with the interpretation of the language of dreams and visions. Some dreams and visions use language that require no interpretation at all. Others absolutely need God Himself to interpret them. These are normally the ones that are treasures of detail of divine revelation knowledge. These often reveal the divine secrets of things to come before they take place.

### ***Joseph's dreams of the sheaves, sun, moon and stars***

*"...we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about and made obeisance to my sheaf" (Gen.37:7).*

*"...behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me" (Gen.37:9).*

These were Joseph's first dreams and they needed no special interpretation for his brothers and parents. When God first begins to show things to people in dreams and visions, He often uses language that is easily interpreted.

### ***Pharaoh's butler and baker's dreams***

Pharaoh was angry with his chief butler and chief baker and he put them in the prison where Joseph was given charge over them. On the same night each of them received a dream (Gen.40). These dreams were not easy to interpret and Joseph had to wait on God for their interpretations (Gen.40:8).

*"And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you" (Gen.40:8).*

### ***Pharaoh's dreams***

As it was with Joseph's first dreams, Pharaoh had two dreams and both of them had the same meaning (Gen.41:1-32). No wise men nor magicians in the whole of Egypt could interpret the dreams except Joseph (Gen.41:8). Pharaoh recognized the Spirit of God and divine wisdom in Joseph and promoted him accordingly (Gen.41:38-40). Joseph was thereby used of God for His purpose concerning His chosen people in Abraham (Gen.45:7-8).

### ***Jacob's word of prophecy and blessing upon Ephraim, Manasseh and his sons***

Jacob laid hands on Ephraim and Manasseh and prophesied over their lives (Gen.48:14-22). He also prophesied over all his sons and blessed them before he died (Gen.49).

This ended the era of the fathers of Israel who were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This was the era of God's word and covenant of promise which was before the era of The Law. In Christ Jesus we live in the era of the fulfillment of God's word and covenant of promise. How much more, therefore, should we be in fellowship and communion with God and with heaven through the manifestations of the Lord and angels, and in dreams, visions and prophecy.

## **Freedom from bondage to religion in the outpouring of God's Spirit to fulfill His covenant of promise to commune intimately with His people**

*"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your*

*old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*

*And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit” (Joel 2:28-29)*

**It is clear that the Promised Land for God’s people is the knowledge of God Himself and the direct teaching and leading of His Spirit into His purposes in Christ Jesus.**

*“After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I [am] thy shield, [and] thy exceeding great reward” (Gen 15:1).*

*“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power” (Eph 1:17-19)*

**In the knowledge of God and in the communion of the Holy Ghost is freedom from bondage to the dictates and religion of men.**

*“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*

*For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.*

*Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.*

*For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit” (Jer 17:5-8)*

# Definitions of Dreams and Visions

For the purpose of this book and for the purpose of the preservation of the supernatural ability of God in dreams and visions, **I am going to attempt to define dreams and visions according to their strict scriptural meaning and application.**

## Definition of a dream

**A dream is a movie-like succession of images, events and dialogue that a person receives or experiences during the sleep state of unconsciousness. It may also be called a succession of visions that one receives during sleep.** In this respect the Bible also refers to dreams as, "*visions of the night*" ( *Gen.46:2*), "*the visions of my dream*" ( *Dan.4:9*) and "*the visions of mine head in my bed*" ( *Dan.4:10*). Things, events, dialogue and beings of the realm of the spirit may be made manifest to people through dreams.

## Definition of a vision

**A vision is an image, picture or short dream that is introduced into the conscious mind or into a trance state or dream, which is not actually present at that place or time. It is also the manifestation upon the natural senses of spiritual things and spiritual beings which are normally invisible to the natural eyes and inaudible to the natural ears.** Here a vision is that which one sees and experiences in the realm of the spirit or from the realm of the spirit.

Dreams and visions according to the above definitions have supernatural spiritual origins. Dreams and visions of the Lord God come from the spiritual Kingdom of Light ( *Ez.1:1*, *2Chr.26:5* ). **Dreams and visions can also come from the spiritual Kingdom of Darkness and from the human spirit which is in darkness** ( *James 3:14-16*, *Jer.23:16-18*, *25-32*, *Gen.6:5*).

## The different states in which we receive visions

When the Bible speaks of dreams, it is talking about the medium of communication between God and men in the sleep state of unconsciousness. It is not talking about its modern popular usage which has to do with one's desire in life or what one wishes to do and achieve in life. **Dreams come to us from God when we are asleep but visions can come to us at different times, whether we be asleep or**

**awake or in between when going into sleep or when waking out of sleep. We can also receive visions when we are in a trance state.**

## Visions received during full consciousness

Visions may be received when we are fully conscious. This may occur during times of worship, prayer and devotion. It may also happen while you are walking or driving in your car. **I would like to emphasize here that we are talking about actual visions experienced from the realm of the spirit and which are independent of our will or our own imagination.**

### ***Biblical examples***

Ezekiel often received visions of the Lord when the heavens opened.

*"Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God" (Ez. 1:1)*

**At times our interaction with the realm of the spirit can be so real that we would hesitate to call it a mere vision.** The Apostle Paul (formerly called Saul) certainly experienced the realm of the spirit with all his physical senses on his way to Damascus.

*"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:*

*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Acts 9:3-4).*

### ***Personal example***

I was taking some data on a legume/grass compatibility experiment on an agricultural research station in March 1979. I was close to a busy highway and there were two loud tractors working nearby. As I finished a short prayer for some folks that I had been witnessing to, everything went strangely quiet and all I could hear was munching sounds coming from behind me. I turned around and saw a green and lush grass/legume paddock into which a large number of sheep had been loosed for grazing. I then saw that the noise I was hearing was the sound of the sheep chewing the vegetation. As soon as this chewing noise was resolved in my mind, I heard a firm male voice speak from behind me. **The voice said, "Feed my sheep."**

I instinctively turned around but there was no one behind me. Only now could I hear the noise of the highway and the tractors again. I then realized that the Lord God had spoken to me and joy flooded my being. I had been desperately asking God to speak to me since I became a Christian a few weeks before today.

## Visions received in between sleeping and waking

It appears that this state of semi-consciousness can be a state of heightened sensitivity to the realm of the spirit in which we can see and hear spiritual beings and see spiritual things. **I have seen and heard from both the dark side and the light side in this state.**

### ***Personal example***

This was a vision received on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1984, declaring a major and precious move or work of God which He was birthing into The Church (pregnant woman).

While I was praying in tongues and waiting on sleep, I had a vision of a pregnant woman who was sitting at the top of the steps that led to a high house in the air.

I was at the bottom of the steps and I wondered about the woman giving birth. Right at that time a silver coin fell from above and I actually ducked physically to avoid it. I heard the coin land and it sounded as if it landed on a pile of other coins.

*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field" (Mt. 13:44).*

## Visions received during trance states

The trance state is normally the state in which we are fully conscious but our physical body is arrested or paralyzed so that we have no control of it. Trance states are usually supernaturally induced by the presence of a powerful spiritual being.

### ***Biblical examples***

*"And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:*

*He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:" (Num.24:3-4).*

At times one can experience the intrusion of a spiritual being to awaken us out of deep sleep and into a trance state. **In a trance state one can see his actual surroundings but superimposed into it are things, beings and events from the spiritual realm. One may even interact with and play a role in this realm as in a kind of virtual reality experience.**

*"And he (Peter) became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,*

*And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:" (Acts 10:10-11).*

Other scriptural references: Zechariah 4:1, Acts 22:7-21

When there is a manifestation from the kingdom of darkness, we can arise in the level of our faith and confidence and we can impose our will and not be dominated.

## ***Personal example***

While sleeping soundly on a night in December 1980, I was suddenly shaken awake by someone who had taken a hold of my arm. Rather than waking into full consciousness, I went into a trance state. I was fully conscious but I was not able to command my body. I managed to reach out and feel the arm on me. It felt just like flesh and bone. I then tried to reach the light switch above me but this was unsuccessful. There was the noise of electrical crackling and roaring in the atmosphere like static electricity which put heavy pressure upon my ears and head.

I took in the view of my room. I saw the windows and the curtains and the street light from outside illuminating my room. Suddenly a crystal finger like a stalagmite, materialized from my window and came towards me pointing at and then touching my forehead. The electrical roaring and crackling of the atmosphere intensified with the materialization of the crystal finger. The finger retreated to the window before coming again and pointing towards my forehead. It did this the third time.

When the crystal finger disappeared I struggled to snap myself out of the trance but I couldn't. **A scripture finally came into my mind which said, "Be still and know that I am God." Immediately I came out of the trance.**

This was a dramatic vision in which I knew that I had a particular calling of God. Daystar Ministry represents the current fulfillment of this particular calling.

## Visions received in dreams

During a dream we may look and see a vision materialize which does not belong to the place, event or time of the dream.

### ***Scriptural example***

*"In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men,*

*Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.*

*Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:*

*It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying..." (Job 4:13-16).*

### ***Personal example***

In my first individual assignment to go and minister in a town in India on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1983, I received the following dream in which a vision appeared. The vision revealed the state of the church that I was going to speak in. It was not until I had arrived at the town that I learnt that I was also going to take some meetings at an African students' church. The state of the host church proved to be extremely politicized, tense, divided, oppressive, intimidatory and verging on self destruction. The pastor, after enquiring of the Lord from me and receiving God's word of comfort and counsel, left the church within a couple of weeks after my visit.

In the dream I had come to this Indian town to visit. I went in and out of two halls. I saw Africans in one of the halls. I then went sight seeing to the outskirts of the town.

I came to this place and took in the scenery. I looked upon the highland and the lowland and then focused on a valley. As I looked at the valley, a vision materialized in the valley.

At first I saw a large and high wall of bricks. Then I saw a huge gaping hole in the wall. I saw a mass of activity in front of the wall which was broken down.

As I pondered on the vision I saw that the mass of activity was a countless mass of people flowing through the gaping hole into the enclosure.

Then I found myself walking along the top of the wall and looking in. In the middle of the enclosure I saw a great altar made of straw and stubble that was burning. Amongst the straw and stubble of the altar were dead human bodies.

While the fire was still raging, about three or four Indians were using a hose pipe to try and put out the fire, as if to rescue something. The hose pipe was so small compared to the fire but the water from the hose was miraculously effective. The fire was put out before the straw and stubble were fully burnt out.

Someone was speaking on behalf of the firefighters. He was addressing the people present. The firefighters had pulled out some bodies from the altar of straw and laid them out on the ground.

The speaker told the people to look closely at the faces of the bodies. He said that the expression of the faces reflected the condition of their lives when they died. There was loneliness and fear on their faces.

As the people started to leave, I realized that they had paid money to come in to see this show. They had tickets to show the official at the entrance of the wall when they went out.

Scriptural reference:

*"Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the Lord have spoken it" (Ez.21:32).*

## Visions received out of the body

**This kind of vision is perhaps more appropriately described as experienced rather than received. In this experience of the realm of the spirit, we appear to be fully conscious and able to see, hear, speak and make decisions.** It has been in this state that some have visited heaven and hell and have come back into their bodies to continue living in this world.

### ***Scriptural examples***

*"It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.*

*I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven..." (2Cor.12:1-2).*

*"Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me" (Ez.11:24).*

*"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.*

*And immediately I was in the spirit..." (Rev.4:1-2).*

### **Personal example**

Early on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> June 1985 I woke up and could not go to sleep. I sat up on my bed, prayed and talked to the Lord.

*"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:*

*When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.*

*Because thou hast been my help, therefore IN THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS will I rejoice" (Ps.63:5-7).*

After a good while, I began to feel tired. Suddenly, I felt a presence beside me and my body heightened in alertness. The air was heavy with static electricity and there was pressure against my ears and head. I had felt this presence before and I knew that I was being beckoned to come. It was now just a matter of yielding myself and I would be in the spirit and in the power of this being.

I verbally entrusted myself to Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit just to make sure that the presence was of God. I then let go my resistance and my control. As soon as I let go, I went flying out of the window and over our suburb like a bird. I could see the houses, the streets and the street lights.

Suddenly, I was flying over a typical town in India. I saw the open air market places and the buildings made of clay bricks. Buffaloes, cows and other animals roamed the streets.

I then entered a large building in this town. I looked over a fairly barren room and I consciously tried to memorize it for future reference. I figured that I may actually come to this place in the future in flesh and blood.

I went through a walkway into a larger room. Here a seminar was being conducted. Then I left and I was flying back home. When flying close to the ground at great speed, things got so blurred and I got dizzy. I then consciously soared up higher. I finally got back into my body lying on the bed. I could actually feel the weight of my body when I first got in. After a short time I didn't feel the weight any more.

**This was one of a few callings to go and conduct seminars in India and particularly in a town called Ranchi in the state of Bihar.** This calling began to be fulfilled in 1989 and is still continuing to be fulfilled.

### ***The example of John of Lycus***

The prophet and hermit, John of Lycus, was born in 304 AD and died in 394 AD. Before his death, his dwelling place consisted of three cells built on top of a mountain. He did not eat bread or anything cooked by fire. Later in life he only ate dried vegetables and herbs.

His counsel was sought by all. The believing Emperor Theodosius came to him on several occasions and things were often revealed to him before they happened. John would refuse to see women as part of his spiritual hermit lifestyle. A tribune came on behalf of his wife and requested an interview.

"The tribune proved persistent and returned again and again to try and persuade John. Discerning the faith of the woman he said to her husband, 'I will appear unto her in dream this night, but she must never try in addition to see my face in the body.' The tribune made known to his wife the words of John.

That night she saw the prophet himself come to her, and he said, 'What have I to do with you, woman? Why do you eagerly desire to see my face? Am I a prophet or a righteous man? I am a sinner and a man of passions even as you are, but behold I have prayed for you, and for your husband, and for your dwelling, that even as you have believed, so may it be unto you. Therefore go in peace.

When the woman woke up she related to her husband the words of the prophet and described his form and appearance, and she offered her thanks to the prophet through her husband. When he next saw John, before the husband could speak, he was told: 'Behold your request is completed, I have seen your wife and fulfilled her petition, and you must never see my face again, but go in peace'."

(Page 6, Proclaim No.5, John of Lycus, by Graham Perrins. Published by Springwood Trust, 127 Springwood, Llanedeyrn, Cardiff, Great Britain)

# The Availability and Language of Dreams and Visions

## Dreams and visions given to the prophets of the Old Testament

In the Old Testament God communicated to His people in dreams and visions primarily through His prophets.

*"And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream" (Num.12:6).*

*"I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets" (Hosea 12:10).*

In God's New Testament promise in Christ Jesus, He promised to pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh. This outpouring will be accompanied by God-originated and God-inspired prophecy, dreams and visions. This reveals that the Church becomes prophetic and then apostolic when God pours out of His Spirit. Here the saints, whether children or adults, are going to have a measure of the prophetic. **Apostolic and prophetic people hear God directly, walk with Him and do His will.**

Joel 2:28-29

Job 33:14-16

## The quickening of your faith in dreams and visions of God

**As with every truth of God , faith in dreams and visions come by hearing and hearing by the word of God.** One must therefore familiarize oneself with the scriptures concerning dreams and visions so that his desire to hear from God in this way is fueled by the promise of the word of God. It is for this reason that our literature will always have scriptural references where ever possible. Our faith, trust and confidence must always be in the divine integrity of the word of God. **It is when God ignites our faith in the written truth and promise of dreams and visions that we become partakers of the blessings therein.**

Seeking and desiring to hear God directly and credibly had become an obsession in the early weeks of my conversion. About a month after I was saved in February 1979, I reasoned that the best way for me to hear God was in dreams and visions.

In this way my own conscious thoughts would not get in the way from hearing genuinely from the Lord. I prayed and reasoned with the Lord accordingly. Almost immediately I began to receive dreams and visions of the Lord. I had been loosed into the Holy Spirit's discipleship for the operation of dreams and visions as a means of communion with God. I had been given a key of the kingdom to open up the truth and the application of dreams and visions of God.

Mark 11:24

Mt.16:19

## The language of dreams and visions

**The language of the Spirit in dreams and visions is the hidden language of symbolism, metaphors, typology, analogy, allegory and parables that make up a significant part of the Bible.** It is the language of the hidden things of God requiring divine revelation, insight and interpretation. In this way it may also be referred to as the language of "*the hidden manna*" (Rev.2:17). In the Spirit of revelation which is currently coming upon the Prophetic Church, this language of dreams and visions is being readily used of God to speak to His people.

*"And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the (Holy) Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess (Holy) Spirit] (1Cor.2:13 Amplified Bible).*

## God's calling into the understanding of the language of symbolism in a dream

In a dream in 1981, I was asked to go and take a meeting at a church. I did not have time to prepare anything but I just went. The people had filled the church by the time I arrived. We progressed through praise and worship and then I was called up to minister. As I walked up I was totally trusting the Holy Spirit to reveal things to teach as I just opened my mouth. This was the way of ministering that I had cultivated in my walk with the Holy Ghost. I was confident that all will be well because the Holy Spirit has always been faithful.

Being young in the ministry I was quite excited and was very enthusiastic to get going in ministering by the revelation of God. I asked the Lord for a scripture and I got Mark 11:10 in my mind. I then asked for someone in the congregation to stand up and read Mark 11:10. No one volunteered so I asked again. Still no one stood up. I pointed to a man and asked him to read the scripture. He replied that he didn't have a Bible. I pointed to another person and he said that he couldn't read. I was getting apprehensive about the progress of the meeting by now. I spied out a lady with her Bible opened so I asked her to read the passage. She made out to read but she fell silent with a curious look on her face as if she couldn't read it.

In desperation I picked up my Bible, turned to Mark 11:10 to read and I was astounded. I couldn't read the Bible either. Instead of seeing words in the Bible I was seeing symbols, rather like the hieroglyphic writing system on walls of ancient Egypt. Prominent were the faces of a lamb, an ox, a lion, an eagle and a man.

## The meaning of the dream

**The meaning of the dream had to do with the revelation of God or the revelation of Jesus Christ from the hidden language of the symbolism of the Bible and especially from the Old Testament.** This language may also be called the language of the Spirit because it is only the Holy Spirit who can accurately reveal the meaning of the hidden things of God. This is also the language of the books of the prophets and the language of dreams and visions.

**The dream also represented God's calling for me to be involved in the ministry of the hidden language of the Spirit.** This calling was so dramatic in my life that when my son was born in 1986, he was named according to the names involved in Mark 11:10. My son is called, David Mark Cavu and every time I see him I am reminded of my calling into the ministry of dreams, visions and prophecy.

*"Now we have not received the spirit (that belongs to) the world, but the (Holy) Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts (of divine favour and blessing so freely and lavishly) bestowed on us by God.*

*And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the (Holy) Spirit, COMBINING AND INTERPRETING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS WITH SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE [to those who possess the (Holy) Spirit]" (1Cor.2:12-13, Amplified Bible).*

God can often speak to us in some details in dreams and visions. Because of the mystery of the language of the Spirit that is involved, only those desperate disciples who hunger and thirst after the reality of the communion of God will possess the blessing of God's Spirit of revelation. Carnal or naturally minded Christians will not be able to discern the Spirit of the Lord in dreams and visions, just as the Jews were not able to discern the Spirit of God that was in Jesus Christ.

*"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: **for they are foolishness unto him:** neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1Cor.2:14).*

*"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?"*

*He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Mt.13: 10-11).*

## God draws us close to Him in the ministry of dreams and visions

He who seeks with all his heart to hear from God in dreams and visions will find God's communion. If we seek we shall find, according to the word of God's promise. **We will find that so often the messages of God are like treasure hidden in the field of the language of our dreams and visions.**

Because interpretation comes from God Himself, I have discerned that God's communion in the realm of dreams and visions is also designed to bring His people to come and be wholly dependent on Him. **When we do get a dream or vision**

**from God, it is like a carrot that is designed for us to come even closer to Him to ask and to receive of the interpretation.** As in the teaching of the scriptures, the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truths of the word of God coming to us in dreams and visions.

*"Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;*

*But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days..." (Daniel 2:27-28).*

Many Christians miss God's attempts to speak to them intimately because they do not understand the language of the Spirit in the symbolism and parables of dreams and visions. **Being predominantly naturally minded in our alienation from the Holy Spirit, we become like the disciples before the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and before the baptism of the Spirit at Pentecost. Here, when Jesus spoke in symbolism and metaphors or parables, the disciples were simply lost or blind.**

*"And he (Jesus) charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.*

*And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.*

*And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? PERCEIVE YE NOT YET, neither understand? HAVE YE YOUR HEART YET HARDENED?*

*Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not? And do ye not remember?" (Mark 8:15-18).*

*"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.*

*In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;*

*Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealet their instruction" (Job 33:14-16).*

## The advantage of authentication in the language of symbolism, metaphors and parables

**Within the language of symbolism, metaphors and parables, one has the opportunity to assess whether a dream or a vision has its origin in God or otherwise.** Embodied in the language and vocabulary of dreams and visions of God is the richness or quality of the words of the Lord. We can also discern the spirit of holiness and righteousness in the vocabulary of the words of God (Jn.6:63). Spirits of darkness cannot possess these qualities of the kingdom of light. They betray themselves in the lightness and unholiness of their words, and also in the darkness of the spirit of their words.

*"Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord" (Jer.23:32).*

**That which is of the spirit of darkness bears fruit unto blindness and deafness to God. This invariably cultivates pride, selfishness, jealousy, hatred and division in the church and in family relationships.** These things are of the kingdom of darkness and not of the kingdom of God. In their self-centeredness and not God-centeredness, they hinder the life, freedom and expression of the kingdom of God within individuals, within the family and within the church congregation.

*"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: THEY SPEAK A VISION OF THEIR OWN HEART, and not of the mouth of the Lord.*

*They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after THE IMAGINATION OF HIS OWN HEART, No evil shall come unto you" (Jer.23:16-17).*

*"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.*

*This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.*

*For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (James 3:14-16).*

**Are we honest and brave enough to examine our hearts and the life of our churches in this light of God? A turn around from our present position, in the spirit of repentance, may yet prove to be the breakthrough that our churches need most of all, so that the outpouring of God's Spirit be not hindered.**

*"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2Cor.13:5).*

# Revelation of God in Dreams and Visions

## God can reveal Himself to us

We have seen how God spoke to His people in the Old Testament by the prophets who communed with God in dreams and visions. **In the outpouring of the Spirit of God in the New Testament, all Christians can operate in this prophetic ability so that ultimately, we can all commune with God to some credible degree.**

*"For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.*

*And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets" (1Cor.14:31-32).*

Just as God revealed Himself to the prophets of the Old Testament in dreams and visions, so He is revealing Himself to His prophetic people in the present outpouring of His Spirit. This often has to do with God's calling and God's word of promise for our lives so that we may do His will and purpose. **Soon, the churches will realize that the only credible apostles and prophets are those to whom God has appeared and actually called them into the work of the ministry.**

## God can reveal to us the secrets of things to come

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was troubled greatly by the dreams that he had forgotten. He was prepared to slay all the wise men of the kingdom if none of them could make known to him both the dreams and the interpretation. Daniel came to the rescue when he and his companions entreated God concerning this secret. **God chose to reveal the secret unto Daniel in a vision of the night (Dan.2:19). Under the circumstances, when Daniel received the divine revelation, he was simply ecstatic and broke out in praise.**

*"I thank thee, and praise thee,  
O thou God of my fathers,  
who hast given me wisdom and might,  
and hast made known unto me now  
what we desired of thee:  
for thou hast now made known unto us  
the king's matter" (Dan.2:23).*

**I have found that it is when we are involved in the work of the ministry of the gospel of Christ, that God would readily show us things to come in the line of the work that He has called us to do.** When we are doing His will, He will delight to communicate with us so that we can know the reality of actually walking with Him.

This is a blessing that every believer in Jesus Christ, who is filled with the prophetic Spirit of promise, can enjoy.

*"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath" (Matt 13:12).*

*"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:.. and HE WILL SHOW YOU THINGS TO COME" (Jn. 16:13).*

Amos 3:7

Rev.1:1-2

Dan.2:19-23

Gen.20:1-7

God will show us things to come for instruction, warning, comfort and for the encouragement of our faith towards Him.

## Things to come in the Church

### ***Jesus is coming soon***

In April 1987 I was recruited to pastor a church which had gone through problems, financial difficulties and a split. The remnant was also divided into groups and most lacked a sound foundation to their Christian lives. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April I received a dream on things that were to come in this particular church. In the same dream, as if for encouragement, I also got a message about the coming of Jesus Christ.

In the dream, the dominant group was portrayed as a Mafia group that operated from their underground hideout. They were out to get me with their weapons. A leader from the group emerged with a cane knife from their hideout and began to chase me around this building. While running from him I turned a corner and was suddenly confronted by this brilliant white light. The panic of running faded in the glory of the presence of this light. I could make out the form of a man in the light and figured that **this was an angel. He said, "Jesus is coming soon,"** and disappeared.

After this dream things began to happen with the group that openly betrayed their intentions of working against me. They waited until two senior members of the church had gone on holidays before they called for a meeting for a vote of confidence in the pastor. Because the required number was now in their favour, they were successful in voting me out and in the process split the church. I was unfazed by all their activities because of the dream. They went off to start their own church which did not last long. At this time of writing, most of them have backslidden and some have suffered marriage breakups. I pray that God will restore them into the fold of God's separated people.

## Things to come in the nations

If we are watching for the fulfillment of the word of God in the nations and are ministering accordingly, God may reveal to us secrets of things to come concerning the nations.

### ***The Gulf War***

In writing a magazine in Nov.1990 called, 'Grace Printout,' I shared a dream which I received on the 1st of May 1985. It foretold the event of The Gulf War which took place in January 1991.

In the dream I was observing the aftermath of a war in Asia somewhere. There was extensive destruction in the city. Plans were being made for reconstruction and re-establishment. The officials involved were from different countries. There were three officials from the USA who had a strong obligation due to their involvement in the war itself. I heard another official from Australia making plans for a great involvement in industrial input and aid.

I was observing the cleaning up and the reconstruction. At one place most of the buildings were intact and only needed to be strengthened and renovated. At another place there was clearing of rubbish and rubble. I was operating a robotic tank which was clearing up land mines. The whole city was like a hospital or hostel with unified organization in food, bedding and clothing etc. for the people, families and children.

I walked over to a public rotating notice board in a public place. There the events of the war and the causes of the war were written down. I only noticed that the last events prior to the war were the rapid rise in the value of the Australian and American dollars, the rise in interest rates and the rise in petrol prices.

In June 1991's issue of the magazine I reported in detail about the accuracy of the details of this dream from the headlines of newspapers. *The Business Australian* of 15.1.91 declared, 'Greenback soars as deadline nears.' *The Australian* of 11.2.91 proclaimed, 'Australia has role in post-war process: Hawke.' *The Courier Mail* of 30.3.91 pronounced, 'Mines pose a threat to Gulf nations.' *The Australian* of 18.4.91 said, 'Tragedy spurred US action.'

Interestingly, this was the first war ever to be fully covered by television on both sides of the warring factions, courtesy of the CNN American television network. This war was to be viewed by all nations of the world. In the dream, this was the rotating public notice board in a public place declaring the causes and events of the war.

## Things to come in the churches being visited

Ministers traveling to minister in other churches with which they are unfamiliar can readily receive from God divine insights into situations there in dreams and visions. This can often lead to receptivity to a word of wisdom to bring peace and healing to a negatively festering situation.

### ***The division that was undermining a large church***

I had a dream on a train while traveling to take a leadership seminar at a town called Ranchi in India. In the dream I was witnessing very intensive fighting between clans. Demonic influence and power was being manifest and I was astounded by the intensity of the rivalry.

On the night before I completed my teaching on the ability of all spiritual Christians to hear from God in dreams and visions, I asked the Lord for an intimate and specific word of knowledge on the host church in Ranchi. I wanted something substantial which I could use as an illustration and witness to the reality of our ability

to hear intimately from God. I then received a dream which confirmed the dream that I had on the train and which contained much more detail.

As I concluded my teaching on the next day, I told the people that I had asked the Lord for a specific word on the host church. The word of knowledge from the dream spoke of three leaders who were involved in rivalry and fighting against the senior pastor and his faithful elders. One of the leaders was not well educated but was skillful in his work. Another leader was of a soft and calm disposition. The third was of a fair complexion, had great potential and confidence and had publicly made plans for what he would build.

The division and rivalry was causing the church morale to spiral downwards. Followers of the three men were involved in church activities but darkness had come upon them to begin to turn them against the senior pastor and his faithful elders. But I saw reconciliation where certain groups came together and said, "Although we have had our differences and have been fighting, we are brothers."

As I was relating this dream, my interpreter's voice first began to falter as his heart began to weep. He was the senior pastor. His words came slowly as he tried his best to faithfully interpret for me. By this time the whole assembly of just over a hundred leaders were also sobbing. Then the whole place broke out into uncontrolled weeping and wailing before the Lord. My interpreter could no longer speak and I held my tongue. This was not the time to speak. The Holy Spirit was moving sovereignly over the people in a way that I have never witnessed before.

The weeping and wailing before the Lord went on for about ten to fifteen minutes before I began to pray for a complete work of healing and reconciliation in the midst of the weeping and the wailing. It was sometime before my interpreter could regain his voice to follow me. The Lord had done a wonderful divine work of healing, reconciliation and restoration. Furthermore, **God poured out of His Spirit and many people began to receive dreams and visions from that day forth.**

### ***Letter of appreciation for the convention and seminar***

Following the leadership seminar, the leader for the Ranchi church wrote a letter to my senior pastor in Brisbane:

"We had a feasting of the Spiritual Manna from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.93 in Ranchi A.O.G. Church. It was a time of great refreshing and inspiration during the ministering of Brother Paula Cavu in the seminar. He led us through deep teaching concerning dreams and visions backed up by the word of God. He encouraged everyone of us to hear directly from God, for which he explained dream and vision is a convenient means. He is out to proclaim the advent of a Prophetic Church which will be equipped with all spiritual gifts and fruits of the Spirit during the last Church era.

He has a discernment of spirit which he used here for admonition and edification of the church. By the end of the seminar many started receiving dreams and visions. Many were written down and still there were many just verbally told.

Everybody felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during whole of seminar. Though it was not a suitable time for seminar in natural sense, it was God's appointed time to bless us. We wish he comes back again next year. We will try to include other churches also by having the seminar in large scale."

## ***The Lord appeared to a lady in a vision and confirmed the teaching from the seminar***

I had been teaching at the leadership seminar on how all believers can hear God directly and intimately for themselves. It didn't matter whether they were white or black, educated or uneducated, or whether they were from a village or from a town. All believers were worthy and could partake of the hidden manna in the scriptures and in dreams and visions because it is the Holy Spirit who reveals them unto us (1Cor.2:7-13).

A recently converted Hindu lady was staying with her family in the servant's quarters of the house I was staying in. The family was converted to Christianity in their village and they were subsequently forced out of the village. The lady was a very quiet and humble person and was always faithful in all that she did. She had been attending the seminar with the lady of the house.

She woke up on this particular morning and decided to get up and pray. As she was praying, she saw a vision which astounded her. She saw a great harvest of golden grain on the ground. As she looked upon it, she saw a golden throne coming down from heaven and was placed on the top of the grain harvest. Then she saw Jesus Christ, dressed in a brilliant white garment, coming down from heaven to be seated on the golden throne.

**Jesus had a golden pot** which He offered to the lady. She hesitated and said that she was not worthy. **Jesus said, "Daughter, take and eat."** The lady then began to say that she was from the village, she was poor and that she was not educated. Jesus repeated, "Daughter, take and eat," and then the vision left her.

There was a big commotion outside the window when I was having breakfast. The lady of the house then rushed in with the lady who got the vision. They were both excited and crying when they related the vision to me. I related to them how the Lord had appeared to the lady to confirm the teaching at the seminar yesterday. The golden pot contained the manna that was hidden in the ark of the covenant, together with the two tablets of The Law, in the Tabernacle (Heb.9:4). **This spoke of the hidden manna of Old Testament scriptures as well as the hidden manna of symbolism and metaphors of prophecies, dreams and visions.** The lady shared the vision at the Sunday church service and the whole congregation was in awe and wonder at this special visitation to a quiet and humble lady.

## ***Word of knowledge and healing***

On the night before preaching at a particular church, I received a dream about how the Holy Spirit was going to move quite freely. In the dream, a person came over to me at the back row of the church and asked me for prayer. The person had a long strand of hair coming out of a very tender area of his face for which he was publicly embarrassed. This spoke of a very tender situation in the person's life for which he has not been able to hide his embarrassment. At the end of preaching I called for the person and described his situation. The person did not respond.

I was talking to someone in the back row after the meeting when a man came and asked for prayer. He said that he was the one I was calling at the end of the message but he was too embarrassed to come forward. He confessed that his wife left him while they were Christians and that this has been a tender source of

embarrassment for him over the last year. While praying for him, the healing presence of God touched him in a wonderful way.

The ability to hear from God in dreams, visions and prophecy is not confined to ministers. Members of the church, including children, may be moved upon by God in dreams and visions to be shown things to come. This is fulfillment of the word of the promise of God that I "*will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit*" (Joel 2:28-29).

## God's instruction and guidance in dreams and visions

In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, God instructed and led His people extensively in dreams and visions.

Job 33:14-16

Gen.31:11-13,24

Gen.20:1-7

Acts 16:9

Mt.2:12-13, 19-20

### ***Begin a home church for Daystar Ministry***

On the night of 18.8.94, I received a dream where I was instructed to begin a home church at our house at Kenmore and that God would draw the people that He wanted in the ministry. We were to have our meeting on Sunday afternoon when certain ones on shift work would be able to attend. The Lord revealed that the light of His reality in the suburb was insufficient and that He had equipped us with the ministry of two flood lights. These spoke of the ministry of the revelation of the reality of God in dreams and visions.

The Lord also gave a sign that this instruction was of Him. At the time of the starting of the home church, a tree in our front yard would have little lights over it like the lights on a Christmas tree. When our first Sunday service concluded and everyone had gone home, our family decided to go down the road for some Kentucky fried chicken. It was dark when we returned and as we walked into the house my eight year old son exclaimed that there were lights on our tree. I then remembered the dream and walked outside to investigate. There were no supernatural lights but a combination of moisture, the street light and the angle from which we were standing caused the matured and transparent wings of the seeds to reflect the street light causing them to shine like little lights on a Christmas tree. I had never noticed this before and have not seen it again, despite deliberately looking at the tree at about the same time in the last two years.

# Answers to Enquiries in Dreams and Visions

## Communicating with God in dreams and visions

This is a most real and exciting way in which we can communicate with God. **We talk to Him in prayer, ask for specific guidance, and He answers in dreams and visions when we are asleep.** This way of hearing God significantly addresses the problem of presumption in susceptible hearts and minds with regards to hearing God in the conscious state. There is, however, the area of correct interpretation of dreams and visions but this will be addressed later in this book. It is sufficient to say here that it is the Holy Spirit who perfectly interprets the dreams and visions that He gives to us.

## Biblical examples of God's people receiving answers to enquiries in dreams and visions

God responded to the prayers of Gideon and King Solomon in dreams.

Judges 7:13-15

1Kings 3:4-15

1Kings 9:2-9

## Personal examples

### ***Derek's enquiry concerning an academic teaching position in two United States universities***

Derek is a dedicated Christian and he was about to finish his doctorate degree in Mathematics in July 1996. By the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, he had not received any offers from the universities to which he had submitted his application forms. He was now waiting for a reply from two universities in the USA and was wondering whether he should get going with the formalities and preparation needed to get his family over there. He felt that the Lord may be guiding him there. He rang me and asked me to pray about his situation.

On the night of Derek's request I received two dreams one after the other. The second dream was a sign from the Lord that the first dream regarding Derek's request was a "thus saith the Lord." In the second dream I was being accused of not keeping the school hall, which we used for Sunday services, clean and tidy. I was very frustrated because I knew of the effort we put in to keep the hall tidy. My frustration was so much that I woke up. I had slept in and right on 8:45am the phone rang. It was the school registrar who wanted to register the complaint of the teacher in charge of the hall. The teacher in charge had complained that food and drinks

had been consumed in the hall. I told the registrar that we do not have food and drinks in the hall. We were not the only ones using the hall.

Having established that this was a sign from the Lord, I went about writing and interpreting the first dream. It had to do with Derek not having the positions in the USA which he thought he may get and how he would be doing some tutoring work for a time. The dream also spoke about how Derek and family would be sharing of the same spiritual food that my own family was eating. Derek's family live in another Australian city called Canberra and my family live in Brisbane. The only way in which they could be sharing intimately of the same spiritual food as us is through Daystar Ministry going on the Internet. The dream has proven accurate.

## We can have dialogue with God in a vision or in a dream

Abraham was able to have a conversation with God in a vision and King Solomon had dialogue with God in a dream.

Gen.15:1-17            1Kings 3:5-15

We can also have a conversation with God in dreams and visions.

### ***Dialogue with God concerning my calling to missions involvement in India***

In the early morning of Sunday 7.9.80, I had a dramatic dream in which I was looking at a map of India whose outline was lit and a light was shining from the location of Delhi. Recently an Australian missionary in India had spoken in our local church concerning his work in India. He was based in New Delhi. The overwhelming feeling in the dream was that God was telling me to go to India. I had only become a born again Christian in February of 1979 and I really felt that I was not qualified for such a calling.

I began to tell the Lord why His calling for India was not possible. I said that I had not even read the Bible once through and that I had not been to Bible college. I asked Him about the hundreds of people in our local church who have been going to church for years. **God said, "It is not you that goeth but I."** This answer astounded me because I figured that I was the one who was going to leave my job and career. I was the one that was going to catch the plane to fly over there. In short, the Lord and I were just not on the same wavelength.

Being a young Christian, it took me a couple of days to work out what God meant in the statement. When the meaning dawned on me, I was so relieved. The Lord was looking for a willing vessel through whom He would do His will. I cried out to God and said that if this was the case then He can send me anywhere and I will go. All the work and responsibility will be on God Himself and this suited me just fine because I did not trust in myself. I totally trust God and on that basis where ever He tells me to go I will go and whatever He tells me to do I will do. This has been a fundamental philosophy in my life and it is a fundamental philosophy for Daystar Ministry.

# God can show us in dreams and visions that he has heard our prayers

When God speaks to us in this way, it is a great blessing indeed because of the following word of promise:

*"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:*

*And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1Jn.5:14-15).*

**God can let us know that He has heard us by telling us in dreams and visions. We can then confidently and prophetically proclaim that our petition will be given of God even before God fulfills our petition.** This is better than the general or presumptuous empty prophecies which we can often indulge in and never really expect a divinely supernatural answer for.

## ***Teacher of a local church school wins court case***

The parents of a student took the teacher who disciplined their child to court. A man in our prophetic discipleship group, Peter, was also a teacher in the same school. He reported to us that the teacher was going to front up to court in a couple of days. At about this time a couple of reports had been published in the newspapers concerning teachers who have been dealt with because of unacceptable discipline of students.

We then decided to intercede for this teacher and specifically ask God to talk to us on that night in dreams and visions concerning this teacher. This was an ideal discipleship exercise for the folks. God did speak to us on that night and said that folks should pray in pairs according to Matthew 18:19. The next day we got husbands and wives to pray together and Peter told the teachers in the school to also pray accordingly. We knew that if we did what the Lord told us to do then we have our petition. The teacher went to court and was freed from the accusation.

# God can confirm His instructions to us in dreams and visions

**Not only could God show us that he has heard our prayers in dreams and visions, He can also confirm His instructions to us in dreams and visions.**

Many of us would be like Gideon who needed substantial confirmation before he gave of himself to God's instruction for a supernatural witness of God's power. Not only did God give supernatural signs, He also confirmed Gideon's victory over the enemy through a dream (Judges 7:9-15).

**God can address important things and important activities in the life of the local church, the family and the individual in dreams and visions.** To hear from God substantially in this way is the very life, enthusiasm and motivation of Daystar Ministry. We are anointed for and committed to the discipleship of Christians to be blessed with the communion of God in the knowledge of the Holy Ghost, and in heavenly communication in dreams and visions.

# The instruction of God for Daystar Ministry to be released at a certain time to set the church free into the liberty of the knowledge of God

## ***Dream about setting the ass free received while ministering in India in 1982***

### Scene 1

I was standing on the seashore made of huge boulders that jutted into the sea. The sea was so windy and rough that I thought no boat could sail with the sea in that condition. Suddenly and to my astonishment, right in front of me an animal that was like a cow or an ass came out of the sea and onto the rock boulders. It had its two front legs tied with a short length of rope like some Indian villages do with their cows and horses to restrict their mobility and keep them in their property. I wanted to go and set the ass free but I knew that I did not have the liberty to do so as if it belonged to someone else.

### Scene 2

Immediately the scene changed and I was now standing on a sandy seashore at low tide. The sea was so calm and serene. A little distance ahead of me and by the edge of the water I saw a black ass that had come out of the sea. It was standing still with its front legs tied with a short length of rope. A group of about four white missionaries were standing around the animal and I wondered why they didn't set the ass free.

I then walked up to the ass, knelt down before its front legs and took out my pocket knife in order to cut the rope and set the animal free. When I brought the blade of my pocket knife to the rope I saw that the rope was so thick that there was no way I was going to be able to cut it. However, **when the blade of my knife touched the rope it easily sliced through it like a knife through butter.** I saw that the rope had been cut supernaturally by an extremely sharp knife.

### Interpretation.

Presently the particular calling of God in Daystar Ministry (dreamer) has not been given God's go ahead (rough sea where no boat could sail) to go forth and set the church (ass) free from bondage (rope tying two front legs) to religion and tradition. However, the time is coming when God will give Daystar Ministry the go ahead to go forth and minister to set the church free into the liberty of knowing God to be directly taught and led of His Spirit. **This began to be fulfilled from the early 1990's** and reached out effectively to the nations through the Internet from 1996.

# Other Purposes of God in Dreams and Visions

## Setting in place God's plan and purpose for your life

**We have found that God can reveal or confirm a person's gifting and calling for the work of the ministry in dreams and visions.** Through the revelations and instructions of God in dreams and visions, God's plan for Joseph's life was set in motion.

Gen.37

Gen.40

Gen.41

**In the same way, God's guidance in our lives can be fulfilled when we hear and obey Him in dreams and visions.** This is true of the individual, the family and the local church. My life and the life of the folks of Daystar Ministry have been significantly guided in this way. All the folks in Daystar, including the children, have heard from the Lord in dreams and visions but there are certain ones who move more readily in this way than others.

It was the Lord who instructed a few of us through dreams to move our Sunday home meetings from our house to a High School hall close by. Even before we started using the hall, we were shown how we were going to encounter some opposition from within the school. We were also shown how another Pentecostal church group was going to move in with us in the same school hall, but that they will move on in a while. These things came to pass and we rejoiced in the Lord's intimacy and accuracy of communion with us.

Through dreams and circumstances we were led to reduce to a team ministry in order for me to work full time on the Internet. During this time the Daystar Team was to be in fellowship with a church in the suburb of Inala that I had never seen before. The team has functioned as a credible and verifiable prophetic voice in this church over the years and I was chosen to be an elder. The Internet ministry proved to be so demanding that I worked day and night solidly for three years. It still hasn't slowed down much by the beginning of the new millennium. **Yes, God's intimate teaching and leading is the daily bread that we need in order to be always inspired and motivated to do the work of the ministry. Spiritually, we cannot live without it.**

*"But he (Jesus) answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mt.4:4).*

# The Lord can shepherd each one through dreams and visions

**One of the greatest blessings in the enablement of the members of the assembly to hear from God in dreams and visions, is the fact that God can then intimately shepherd each individual and family.** When God corrects directly through dreams and visions, the folks tend to take significantly greater attention than correction through the pastor or eldership. There have been some cases where I would not have been able to correct certain ones if they had not heard from the Lord directly in dreams. When the Lord reveals to us our weaknesses and sin, He chastises and humbles us but then He strengthens us also to overcome.

*"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent"*  
(Rev.3:18-19).

Job 33:15-17      Pr.3:11-12

**When the Lord shepherds the flock, the church assembly becomes a place of rest in God. Then the peace and joy of the kingdom of God is seen in the families and in the church gatherings.**

**Everything is not continually rosy but the longer the people age in the ministry and the longer the ministry itself ages and matures, the greater is our possession of the grace, liberty, peace and joy of the kingdom of God.** We must be intimately taught and led of the Spirit of God so that we can take great strides in our possession of the Promised Land.

*"For the kingdom of God is not in meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost"* (Rom.14:17).

## Identifying the powerful spirits over nations and towns

**In dreams and visions, the Lord can reveal the nature of the spirits that exist and are active in a person, family, community or nation.** Unto Daniel was revealed the prince of the kingdom of Persia who withstood the angel of the Lord for 21 days, while he was on his way to deliver God's message to Daniel (Dan.10:12-14).

We may assume from the following two incidents with prominent demons that the saints are going to be confronting principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world. We are being prepared for the great and final battle between Jesus Christ's hosts of light and Satan's forces of darkness.

Eph.6:12      Jude 14-15      Rev.19:11-16

### ***The spirit over the town of Moree***

I had arrived at the town of Moree with my family for a funeral on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1992. While asleep at night in a motel I was suddenly awakened into a trance. I could see the actual room and furniture by the outside light of the motel, but there was a black curtain by the corner of the room which did not belong to natural reality.

By the movement behind the veil I knew that there was someone behind it. Suddenly a majestic man, about eight feet tall, stepped out from behind the veil. His skin was bright yellowish in colour and he was dressed as a gentleman from the era of Robin Hood but rather like a pirate. He looked towards me as if he was presenting himself in the way of that era.

Just for a fleeting moment, I wondered whether he was an angel of the Lord. But then I got suspicious and said, "Who are you?" The man did not say anything and he walked towards me. I asked again more urgently, "Who are you?" The man then stretched out his hand for me to kiss in the way that royalty of the era would be greeted by their subjects.

Immediately I realized that he was not an angel but a demon principality of the area. The power of the demon began to affect me by intensifying my trance state of physical paralysis. But I was strong and I was angry at his intrusion. In my paralysis and under his power I was not able to speak. I could not fight him verbally. However, in my anger based on the understanding of my position in Christ, **I mentally visualized the name of Jesus written in capital letters across the demon's forehead.** I then just "inwardly" walked towards him defiantly, intensifying the JESUS letters across his forehead. I felt him weaken and so I mentally told him to get out.

The demon disappeared smartly and I broke out of the trance shouting, "Out!" My shout was so loud that I woke my wife out of sleep. She asked sleepily, "What's the matter?" I answered, "Nothing," and we went back to sleep. I figured that I would tell her about it in the morning at breakfast. The principality portrayed the thief (pirate) and his defining character and hold over the town (John 10:10).

### ***The spirit over the town of Yamba***

My family and another family from our church assembly arrived at the coastal town of Yamba on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 1995. We booked into a motel for a couple of days of recreational fishing. On the first night, I was awakened by the presence of a spiritual power. I opened my eyes and saw the actual room, the beds and the furniture by the outside light of the motel. As I wondered in my mind concerning the identity of the spiritual presence, a plural voice announced, "Jannes!" I waged spiritual strength against the presence in the name of Jesus and it left quite readily.

When I discussed the experience with our friends the next morning, we remembered that Jannes was one of the two that withstood Moses, as stated in the second epistle of Paul to Timothy. We assumed that a principality spirit over Yamba was called Jannes and he would be powerfully withstanding any work of the ministry that comes in to be established in this town. His fruit in the community and the churches would be towards resistance of the truth, corruption of the minds and counterfeit concerning the faith (2Tim.3:8).

# The training arena for spiritual battle in dreams and visions

We have found that it is quite common for Christians to experience spiritual battle with demons in dreams and visions. Here, we are subjected to varying degrees of struggle with different manifestations of demons. The demons may appear as humans, animals and quite commonly as snakes. **Learning to overcome and cast out demons in our dreams and visions constitute a learning and equipping process for spiritual battle. When we overcome in our dreams and visions, we are built up in faith, wisdom and authority in spiritual warfare.**

Sometimes, warfare with demons in dreams and visions may be actual events in the realm of the spirit. These are often followed by great victories over bondage to spiritual forces in lives, circumstances and communities. Warfare in dreams and visions often represent the wars of the Promised Land or *"the wars of Canaan."* For those coming out of an occult background and who are being trained and equipped for spiritual warfare, the Lord may leave some demonic access to you so that He may teach you to war against them.

*"Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;*

*Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof" (Judges 3:1-2).*

Ps.18:34

1Pet.5:8-9

Eph.6:10-18

## ***Breaking through the power of a demon***

On one occasion I was lying in bed at about midday and about to fall asleep when I heard someone in the adjoining room. The person was very restless and he moved around as if he was disturbed. I thought that it might have been Stephen who also lived in the house.

The person then opened the door to my room and I saw Stephen standing there with a suitcase. I sensed evil and knew that it was not Stephen but a demonic spirit. The power of the demon immediately snared me into the physical paralysis of a kind of trance state. I struggled against this power to break the snare of this trance.

I remembered the scripture, Mark 11:23, that I had been reading about in K.E.Hagan's book called, *'What Faith Is'*. I decided to appropriate it under these circumstances just as Hagan did. I then mentally recited that I had been delivered from the power of darkness by my faith in Jesus Christ. I then struggled to break out of the trance but my eyes just opened a little. I was able to see my actual room in the daylight but my eye lids closed quickly as if under a heavy weight.

I then slowly but deliberately declared in my mind that in Jesus Christ I had been delivered from the power of the devil. I believed it and have received it and that I was thanking and praising God for it. Furthermore, I pronounced that I didn't care what the devil was doing because I was just going to ignore him and his symptoms. As I said this I felt an increasing pressure being applied to the back of my shoulders. The demon was applying force to pin me down. I struggled again in the knowledge

of my authority over the devil in Jesus Christ. I opened my eyes to break the trance but they quickly closed again.

I then just ignored the devil and the increasing weight on my shoulder and turned all my attention and faith to Mark 11:23. I mentally pronounced that if God said it then it was the truth and therefore I was delivered. I said it again expecting with all my heart and conviction to break through the snare of the trance. **I began to thank and praise God for the power of His word. I then struggled again and was able to break through the power of the devil.**

### ***Revelation of the work of demons in church***

I received this visionary experience in a midday dream after certain ones that were visiting our church group were confronted by their church leader concerning water baptism. Certain ones had been baptized and the leader had moved to take control and to prevent a lady from being water baptized by full immersion.

I was in a room at a school. I was a cleaner and I was cleaning up. I opened the door to the adjacent room and was surprised to see a woman vacuuming the floor. No one was supposed to be here because I was the cleaner. Suddenly she faded and vanished before my very eyes. I then knew that demons were resident here.

Feeling full of faith and authority I declared, "In the name of Jesus speak." There was silence so I repeated, "In the name of Jesus speak." A voice from the wall then said, "We are here." I could sense that the voice didn't want to speak but I had the authority and power in the name of Jesus.

I then asked, "What are you doing here?" Again I could sense in the quietness that the demons were reluctant to reveal themselves. After a short silence a voice from the wall said, "We are building a temple." I was surprised at this answer so I asked authoritatively, **"What kind of temple are you building?" After another reluctant short pause a voice from the ceiling answered, "A temple of darkness."**

I then exerted power and authority in my voice and declared, "I bind your work in this place and I destroy the temple you are building. In the name of Jesus I command you to leave and go to the place that the Spirit of God will now send you to." I then woke up feeling bright and refreshed.

## **God can use dreams and visions to send us to people in need**

The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision to *"go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth..."* (Acts 9:11).

### ***Walking the page of a road map to pray for a child***

In a dream one night I was following the big arrow signs along the roads that I was walking along. I felt a compulsion and an urgency to hurry. Even though I was walking down the roads, I could see the whole area like a page from the City Roads Directory. I saw The Wesley Hospital and the roads in the area that I was quite familiar with. The arrows along the roads finally brought me to a house in a

particular street and I immediately recognized it as belonging to a lady and her daughter who had recently been coming to our church.

When I woke up early the next morning, I decided to go straight away and see the woman and her daughter, even before I had breakfast. I arrived at their door and knocked. The lady opened the door and exclaimed, "How did you know?" I said, "Know what?" She then told me that her child had this terrible ear ache through the night and she had been calling out to Jesus and she was also calling out my name. I told her about my dream and then we prayed for her daughter. She was healed.

### ***Visionary experience of a lady dying of cancer***

Margaret was brought down from the North Coast to The Wesley Hospital for diagnosis and treatment for lung cancer. I went to see her as soon as she arrived. A close lady friend of hers from the same church at the North Coast had shared with me a couple of dreams about how her life on earth was at an end. I basically told her that she may as well get her house in order. At the end of the day the doctors told the family that she only had about two days to live.

On the night of Margaret's second day at Wesley Hospital, I was sleeping at home when I had what I would venture to call a visionary experience. This experience was so real that I felt that I was going through the events literally. In great panic I was intensely struggling against the fact that my soul was slipping away from my body in physical death. I did not want to let myself slip away and I pleaded with God not to let me die. During the struggle I began wondering about how my death would impact on my family. The intensity of my emotions was so great that I awoke out of sleep.

As I wondered about the experience and waited on the Lord for an explanation, I **immediately realized that I had experienced what Margaret was actually experiencing at that very moment in the hospital.** I prayed for her and felt that God was going to give her a little longer to live.

I woke up the next morning and decided to go and see Margaret straight after breakfast. When I saw her I related my intense experience to her. I then asked her if that was what she had experienced during the night. Tears flowed down her cheeks as she nodded in agreement. I then shared with her about how God extended the life of King Hezekiah of Judah for fifteen years beyond the time that God had appointed (2Kings 20). Likewise, the Lord was going to extend her life for a little while longer. She died about two months later.

## **God may use dreams and visions to reveal or illustrate Biblical truths**

Dreams and visions were used extensively by God to speak His word of truth to the prophets and apostles of the Bible. **The Lord can also reveal to us or illustrate to us biblical truths in visions, dreams and prophecy.**

### ***Vision of the need to shed "the old man" and to put on "the new man" so that we can enter into the household of God***

After praying for our local church group I went to sleep. While asleep I had a dream which was more like a vision. This vision is quite self explanatory.

In the vision I saw a river with schools of fish swimming down stream. To the top side of the portion of the river I saw a gate or a narrow entrance. Standing at the gate I saw the form of Jesus Christ. I did not see Him clearly but I knew that it was Him. Jesus just seemed to be waiting patiently with much longing for the fish to enter in.

It was quite evident that most of the fish just swam past, not even perceiving the presence of the Lord. However, every now and then I observed that **a few fish would turn and swim to enter through the gate where Jesus was standing. An amazing thing happened as they turned. In turning, they actually shed their scales and swam towards the gate.** They would then swim through the gate into the enclosure that belonged to Jesus. There was the strong sense that this was Jesus, the Shepherd of the flock of God's people.

As I observed the schools of fish swimming down stream, I could see certain people from our local church group in certain fish. I could see that certain ones were double minded as to whether they should turn towards the gate or to just swim down stream.

## In a vision or dream God can give us a new song to sing

**On a few occasions I have heard a song in a dream which I have immediately sung into a tape recorder on awakening. I would have received the music and some of the words and it would be only a simple matter to complete the music and the words.** In the past I have lost a couple of songs that I thought I could remember, only to find out that I couldn't remember them. Songs received in dreams can be prophetic expressions of what the Spirit is saying to the churches at the time in which a song is given.

*"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Ps.40:3).*

## Chapter 7

# Realm of Deception in The In-between State of Sleep and Out Of Body Experience

## Divination and seducing spirits can masquerade as close family members

There are many mysteries in our sleep and dream states. Some folks sometimes find themselves lingering in between the sleep and wake states when going off to sleep or coming out of sleep. Strange things can happen in this in-between state. It may be that the realm of the spirit involving this in-between state is inhabited by the forces of darkness and deception. Here I am surmising that the first, second and third heavens alluded to in the scriptures correspond to different realms of the spirit.

In the in-between state of sleep folks can readily experience the presence and influence of the forces of darkness. In their inherent deceiving natures, the entities of darkness often masquerade as close family members and speak in exactly the same voice as the one they are misrepresenting. This can be quite intense involving many experiences at the hands of deceiving spirits such as spirits of divination and seducing spirits.

**Act 16:16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

**1Ti 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

We can expect the forces of darkness in the in-between state of sleep to be naturally their deceiving selves in this realm. If this is the same realm entered into by folks outside of Christ in out of the body phenomenon as in near death experiences, then it could explain the source of many deceiving experiences.

**2Co 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.  
**2Co 11:15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

## Deceptions in witchcraft and religions of the world

The complex and complicated deceptions of the spirit realm outside of salvation in Christ are such that it is best for the spiritually immature not to delve into them at all. No wonder God commanded His people not to delve into the realm of darkness, deception and death. We do wonder about the explanation of the ability of the witch of Endor to call up the spirit of the prophet Samuel at the request of King Saul in 1 Samuel chapter 28.

**Deu 18:9** When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

**Deu 18:10** There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

**Deu 18:11** Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

**Deu 18:12** For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Deceptions in the religions of the world become overwhelmingly intense and convincing in the realm of darkness, deception and death. Thus, in dreams, visions and out of the body experiences folks can experience pantheism, reincarnation, false light, false heaven, false prophets and false Christs etc.

**Mat 24:24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

**Mat 24:25** Behold, I have told you before.

**Eph 5:6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

**Eph 5:7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

**Eph 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

**Eph 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

**Eph 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

**Eph 5:11** AND HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE *THEM*.

**Eph 5:12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

**Eph 5:13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Sometimes folks who linger in the in-between state of sleep feel themselves being captured and would have to exert their will and apply spiritual warfare in order to break out of the realm and back into the wake state. Here, perhaps the deceptions serve to try and keep the subject in this realm. Sleep scientists would probably regard this as a sleep disorder.

The in-between state of sleep does not seem to be confined to activities of the forces of darkness. Experiences or visions involving the things of the kingdom of heaven can also operate here as in Christ and in the Holy Ghost, Christians can delve into all levels of the heavenly places.

**Eph 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**Eze 8:3** And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

# You must be born again

It is no wonder then that Jesus declared that each person must be born again of the Spirit of God in order to be translated from the realm of darkness, deception and death into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

## Christians dwell with Jesus in the third heaven

The scripture reveal that God dwells in the third heaven.

2Co 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2Co 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven.

2Co 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2Co 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

We understand that when Christians finally leave their bodies in physical death they go to be with the Lord in the third heaven where He dwells. That is, salvation involves being taken out of the spirit realm of darkness and deception and into the heaven where God dwells. Until salvation occurs in the heart of a person, any out of the body experience is not guaranteed to be in the realm of the spirit where the Lord dwells and is therefore given to the realm of darkness, deception and death.

2Co 5:6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

2Co 5:8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

### Chapter 8

# Interpretation

# of Dreams and Visions

## Guidelines to interpretation of dreams and visions

### 1. *Write it down*

**Write the dream or vision down as soon as possible, even before you attempt to interpret it. It must be written down exactly as received, not taking away from anything that was shown nor adding to it.** We need to write down whatever we see, hear, smell or taste as well as the feelings and emotions involved. If the dream causes one to wake up in the night then it is ideal to write it down before going back to sleep, particularly if the dream is a significant and detailed one. If you do not act on a significant dream or vision from God, you may be continually troubled in your spirit until you give it the attention it demands.

**If you forget a dream that you have received, the Holy Spirit may bring it back into your memory at some time during the day (Jn.14:26). Often we may see, hear or think of something that is associated with the dream which will then bring back the memory of it.** As you gain experience and mature in developing the ministry of dreams and visions, you will be able to remember them more readily. When you are awoken in the night after a dream, you will memorize it by going over it in your mind before you go back to sleep. This, however, is no guarantee that you will remember it the next morning and there is always the risk of not being able to recall some details about it.

### 2. *Write down the possible circumstances being addressed*

**God may speak to us in dreams and visions about the things that we have been praying about. He may address certain things that have been happening in the family, church group or church movement.** It is not unusual for the Lord to also speak to us about The Church in general and what He is doing in The Church. Obviously we will need to be able to identify what the dream or vision is speaking about. It is here that we can appreciate that when God gives a dream or vision, God also gives the correct interpretation. **The key is for us to know God in being familiar with the intimate communion of the Holy Spirit who gives the divine dreams and who helps us to interpret them.**

The Holy Spirit will quicken to us from the contents of the dream or vision what is being addressed. **My book, 'Heavenly Communion in the Conscious State,' disciples us in establishing and refining intimate communion with God which leads to the development and maturity in the interpretation of dreams and visions.**

### 3. *Establish whether the language has literal application or whether it is in symbolic and metaphoric language*

We can have dreams in which the actual people we see are the very people the dream or vision is about. **However, many times the person or people we see may**

**only be representing another person or others who are the actual subjects of the dream.** A dream may portray a well known acquaintance from the past whose character you are familiar with. Your acquaintance may only be in the place of someone who is new to the church and whose character the Lord is revealing to be like your friend from the past.

Often times the dreamer himself or herself may be portrayed in the dream as someone else that God is addressing. Here the dreamer sees, hears and feels the thoughts and emotions of the subject in vivid detail. In the Psalms that were prophetic of the details of the sufferings of Jesus on The Cross, David wrote them as if he was the one that was suffering. Thus a scene at a school that you attended could be talking about a situation in your local church (place of learning).

**The interpretation of such "*hidden manna*," whether they be from the Biblical books of the prophets or from dreams and visions is not for the carnal mind but for the spiritually minded.** The pragmatic carnal or natural mind will only regard such things as foolishness (1Cor.2:14). They do not comprehend that God deliberately hides hidden treasures of divine knowledge and ability (Deut.29:29). This is done so that only those who hunger after the righteousness and reality of Spiritual things will be filled.

*"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter"* (Pr.25:2).

*"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..."* (Jn.16:13).

All these spiritual things have to do with the secret things of God that only the Holy Spirit can lead us into (1Cor. 2:7-13). Those who do not know the Holy Spirit adequately cannot enter in to function progressively in this realm, but it is the inheritance of each believer in Christ to enter in.

#### **4. *Derive the basic message from the spirit of the dream or vision***

When you are interpreting a dream or vision, it is advisable to just derive the overall basic message first of all. It is in this first general assessment of the dream that one may be able to determine whether the dream is from God or from another source. Another source could be just ourselves, where our worries and concerns can give rise to dreams (Ecc.5:3). The other source is from the kingdom of darkness where they can have input into our dreams just as they can have input into our thoughts, depending on the availability of their access to us and our susceptibility to them.

The realm of the spirit that we can access through dreams and visions can be difficult to navigate. The Holy Spirit is the only Spirit of Truth that can guide us safely in the realm of the spirit and thus through the ministry of dreams and visions (Jn.16:13).

Deriving the overall basic message of a dream or vision often represents a safe and accurate interpretation when the dream or vision has details that are not easy to determine. Here, we perceive the spirit of the dream as we dwell on the words of the dream. **Rather than focusing on the literal details of the dream to derive the**

**meaning, we focus on the spirit behind the words of the dream in order to derive the meaning.** The words of Jesus may help us here when He said:

*"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (Jn.6:63).*

## **5. Work out the meaning of key words**

The words of a dream or vision may be termed, the vocabulary of the language of dreams and visions. With many dreams and visions from the Lord, the vocabulary can be worked out from their application in the bible. We merely look up the words in a bible concordance, study the appropriate scriptures and derive the meaning in the dream from these scriptures. The meanings are spiritually perceived or discerned from the Holy Spirit within us.

*"And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the (Holy) Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truth with spiritual language to those who possess the (Holy) Spirit" (1Cor.2:13, Amplified Bible).*

Gen.41:15-16

Dan.2:26-28

Pr.24:30-34

## **6. Look for section headings and patterns**

Sometimes a dream may contain more than one event or there may be a couple of different dreams received one after the other. **The different events or the different dreams on the one night may be a portrayal of the same message from God. Finding section headings and patterns will help in the interpretation of such dreams.** They should help to reveal whether the events are about one message or whether they are about different messages. **If there is a repetition of the same message, it is because the thing is established and it will take place soon.**

*"And for that dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass" (Gen.41:32).*

If we do not receive an interpretation to a dream or vision immediately, we could just commit things to the Lord and He will bring us the meaning at another time. Often the actual meaning may only come to us when the events addressed in the dream or vision are taking place.

Mt.11:12-14

Mal.4:5-6

**Sometimes certain instructions and events received in dreams and visions will not prove to mean anything until they take place.**

Jer.32:6-8

Some dreams and visions that we receive in the language of symbolism and metaphors are like the ones in the Bible. Here, every word and every detail have a sound meaning. **Often these dreams and visions are given to us substantially in the language that we find in the Bible. I call these pure visions and dreams.**

# A sign to establish that the message is from God

Sometimes God may include a sign in a dream or vision to reinforce the fact that the message was from God. The sign usually comes at the beginning of the dream. It is normally an event that is going to take place but it can also be an event that has taken place. The sign may even be an intimate insight into one's own life. The sign will always point to divine knowledge and it can be unrelated to the dream and its message.

*"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Lk.2:12).*

*"And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out" (1Kings 13:3).*

## The vocabulary and language of symbolism and metaphors are not rigid

Being spiritual, the vocabulary and language of dreams and visions are not rigid or static. Rather, the words are like a river that flows in the richness of flexibility and spontaneity of divine wisdom, knowledge and creativity.. **Therefore, there is no strict pattern or formula for interpreting the symbols, metaphors, shadows, typologies, analogies, allegories, parables, numbers and the colours that we would encounter in dreams and visions.**

**A word may have a different meaning in different dreams, just as a word in a scripture may have a different meaning in the context of another scripture.** For example, "*water*" (Jn.7:38) speaks of the Holy Spirit but the inference of water (Rom.6:4) speaks of death in the context of water baptism by full immersion. "*Water*" (Jn.3:5) can also speak of salvation. "*Fire*" (Jer.4:4) speaks of judgment at the hand of God, whereas "*fire*" (Mt.3:11) speaks of the blessing of power and purification in the Holy Ghost. The lists of biblical vocabulary and personal vocabulary of the language of dreams, visions and prophecy in chapter 9 and chapter 10 of this book, will bear credible witness to this truth.

# The heavenly things of the Spirit cannot be discerned by the natural mind

We will recall that many disciples who could not read the spirit of the words of Jesus (Jn.6:53-64), but could only focus on the literal meaning of His words, ultimately left him (Jn.6:64-69). Good ministers who experience the same thing should take note.

*"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (Jn.6:66).*

Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, also had the same problem of spiritual blindness when he sought Jesus for the meaning of being "*born again*" (Jn.3:7-13). He was totally confined to the natural mind of his carnality and he had no perception of spiritual things; a common dysfunction in the leadership of Judaism at the time.

*"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born again when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" (Jn.3:4).*

*"If I told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (Jn.3:12).*

Nicodemus and the disciples of the Lord who left him knew the scriptures and were supposed to be involved in the work of God. **However, they could not see spiritually in order to grasp the spiritual language of symbols, parables and metaphors.** The great multitudes that followed Jesus were also blinded to the language of the Spirit in the parables of Jesus (Mt.13:1-17). Unlike the disciples who followed Jesus totally and intimately, the multitudes were hearing, but they could not understand.

*"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?"*

*He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Mt.13:10-11).*

We have found the same problem of spiritual blindness outworking in the ministry of dreams and visions in the churches today. **Many are receiving communion from God in dreams and visions but the people are not able to discern God in them nor are they able to interpret them. Worse still, many ministers discourage the ministry of dreams and visions because it is a closed realm to them.** This situation is described accurately in the book of Job:

*"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.*

*In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;*

*Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealet their instruction" (Job 33:14-16).*

Again the exhortation is for Christians to seek to be directly and intimately taught and led of the Holy Ghost (Rom.8:14). This is what Daystar Ministry is all about, to teach every individual believer to intimately commune with the Holy Spirit. He is the

invisible one who perfectly reveals Jesus and the things of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God to us.

*"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

*All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (Jn.16:14-15).*

## Grow and develop in your interpretation ability in the Holy Ghost

**Just as we need to grow and develop in our interpretation and understanding of the scriptures in the Holy Spirit, so we need to grow and develop in our ability to interpret dreams and visions of God.** This is the same thing as saying that we need to grow and develop in intimately knowing the Holy Spirit and in intimately communing with Him. Only then can we be directly taught and led of God.

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom.8:14).*

**The ability to interpret dreams and visions of God is credible evidence that we walk in intimate "fellowship of the Spirit" (Phil.2:1). The Spirit of divine wisdom and revelation is in our knowledge of the Holy One (Eph.1:17).**

**Unlike many ministers and religious scribes today, Pharaoh recognized the Spirit of God in Joseph when Joseph was able to interpret his dreams.**

*"And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?"*

*And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*

*Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled..." (Gen.41:38-40).*

**King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon also recognized the Spirit of God with Daniel when Daniel was able to tell the king's forgotten dreams and the interpretations of them.**

*"The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.*

*Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon" (Dan.2:47-48).*

**The same Spirit of God that was in Joseph and Daniel in the Old Testament is now in all spiritual Christians under the New Testament Covenant in Christ Jesus (Acts 2:38-39).** It is a tragic thing when we ignore as priority the presence and reality of the Holy Spirit, and run to books, tapes and flesh and blood ministers to be our sole teachers and guides.

Is it sufficient for us to just talk about the Holy One and yet grieve Him in our ignorance of His presence and ministry? Concerning the Holy Ghost, we are fat in theory but anorexic in practicality. **It is time for us not to be conformed to the spirit of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may hear and prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Rom.12:2).** All spiritual Christians have the ability to be intimately taught and led of the Holy Spirit (1Jn.2:20,27).

*"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1Jn.2:27).*

## From milk level to meat level interpretation

Most of us begin with milk level interpretation. Here we are very dependent on familiar meanings to certain symbolism and have a list of symbols for reference. Most dreams and visions have pictures and symbolism from our culture, society and every day life. With these present in a dream or vision, a milk interpretation may not be safe at all. It is impossible to interpret all dreams reliably from any list of symbolism no matter how comprehensive it may be. **The lesson here is that we must be weaned from milk level interpretation and enter into meat level interpretation.**

*"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb 5:13-14)*

God has not meant for any list of symbolism to replace the teaching and leading of the Holy Spirit. **Ultimately, all accurate interpretation come from God! When the interpreter is totally reliant on God he is in trusted meat level interpretation mode.**

*Gen 40:8*

*And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.*

# The Priorities of Heavenly Communion

## The vast difference between the natural world and the spiritual world

The spiritual realm of the kingdom of heaven is just another realm of existence altogether and Christendom, through the centuries, has only had a little window of revelation into it. Jesus Christ gave us an indication of the vast difference between the natural universe and the spiritual universe when He told Nicodemus:

*"If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (Jn.3:12).*

Speaking by the unction of the Holy Ghost, the Apostle Paul titillated our heavenly expectations when he declared:

*"But as it is written,  
Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,  
neither have entered into the heart of man,  
the things which God hath prepared for them  
that love him.*

*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things,  
yea, the deep things of God.*

*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?  
even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1Cor.2:9-11).*

## We must be set free from natural mindedness and be renewed in the spirit of our minds

This is perhaps one of the most important challenges that is facing present day Christendom. **Are we willing to directly abandon ourselves to the invisible Holy Spirit's presence, teaching and leading so that we may possess a credible and functioning spiritual mind?**

*"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom.8:5-6).*

To fight "*the good fight of faith*" is also battling to daily crucify the carnal mind in order for the spiritual mind to predominate (Gal.5:16-17). Only then we may comprehend the things of the spirit (Rom.12:1-2) and grasp the vocabulary of the language of the spirit (Mt.13:16-17). **When we are spiritually minded, we cannot help but be spiritually alive in our heavenly communion and walk with God. This is because we possess the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the intimate knowledge of the Holy Spirit.**

*"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Eph.1:18-19).*

## The priority of the ages

We must bear in mind that, above all else, Jesus emphatically and unreservedly pointed His disciples and The Church to God in us and with us, which is The Holy Spirit of Truth. **With all due respect to the great Apostle Paul, the gospel priority of Jesus for His followers was not to be camped on the epistles of the apostles, but to be filled, taught and led of the Spirit of God.**

*"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever:*

*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (Jn.14:16-17).*

## The great stumbling block of the ages

Herein is the great stumbling block of the ages since the advent of Pentecost and the advent of the printing press. **Due to the gravitational pull of the flesh nature into religious idolatry, we have worshipped the letter of the word and any physical manifestation of the Spirit above the true worship of hearing and obeying the invisible God Himself.**

**We have worshipped the hardware and the software of programmed religious activities above seeking God until we make intimate and continual contact of communion with Him.** Perhaps this is God's time for a major paradigm shift in the collective mind and resolve of Christendom. No doubt this can only come by the grace of God in a major outpouring of His Spirit.

By no means am I lowering the eternal place of the written Scripture as the foremost written manifestation of heavenly authority in the earth. But it is the Spirit and Life of the Word of God, which will never pass away. The written letters and words of the book will pass away, just as your physical bible will grow old and deteriorate back into the dust of the earth. **If we accept that the word of God is spirit, then we must also accept that only the Holy Spirit can quicken it or make it alive for our consumption and assimilation.**

*"It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

*But there are some of you that believe not..." (Jn.6:63-64).*

It is for this reason that Jesus stopped His disciples from preaching until they had received Him who had the power to quicken all of God's Word, and thereby *"reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement"* (Jn.16:8).

*"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: BUT TARRY YE IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH"* (Lk.24:49).

## Hear ye Him!

As I am writing this I am receiving what I would regard as a word of prophecy or a word of wisdom:

**"Behold, the day approaches when the sons of God shall become manifested in the earth. And who are the sons of God? Have not the written scriptures declared that the sons of God are those that are taught and led of My Spirit? Were not Joshua and Caleb led of the Spirit of God within them, for they were not of the same spirit as the others?**

Who then shall be taught and led of My Spirit in these days? Who then shall dare to possess this land and gift of promise?

Are they not those who have taken up their crosses to follow the path of Jesus to Calvary? Wilt thou also be made to be rejected of apostate religion?

My sons are not born of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but they are born of My Spirit. These are they that are not of the bond woman of the flesh, but are of My only begotten Son! Hear ye Him!"

## God uses natural things to reveal the invisible things

**In the vocabulary of the language of the Spirit, the natural things that we see and are familiar with are used to represent the invisible things of the spiritual kingdom of God.**

*"For ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made - His handiworks. So (men) are without excuse - altogether without any defense or justification" (Rom.1:20, Amplified Bible).*

The very existence of ordered natural creation points to the Creator God, just as the existence of a wooden chair points to a carpenter and the existence of a house points to an architect and a builder. Every aspect of the construction of a house and every aspect of natural creation have a meaning and a purpose. **Often their**

**meanings and purposes are what God uses to reveal to us the realities of the things of the heavenly kingdom of God.**

Generally, the meaning and purpose for every aspect of natural creation is the same in every country of the world. For example, the sun speaks of light, day, warmth and life in every tribe of every nation. A tree bearing fruit speaks of fruitfulness whereas a tree without fruit can speak of barrenness. It is in this way that the language of the Spirit is universal.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

*Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*

*There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

*Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world..." (Ps.19:1-4)."*

## **God uses the new creation in Christ to reveal the image and likeness of the Creator**

The vain gods of the world use graven idols to represent them to the world but God has made the born again New Testament believer to reveal and manifest the image and likeness of God. The former is dead and vain whereas the latter is alive and will be perfected in spirit, soul and redeemed body.

## **Progression in levels of difficulty**

**There appear to be progressive levels of difficulty in the language of dreams and visions which translate to progressive levels of difficulty in interpretation.**

We note, for example, that Joseph's first two dreams were so easy to interpret (Gen.37), his brothers had no problem interpreting them. I cannot imagine that the brothers really believed that one day they would actually bow down to Joseph. We know from the story that they eventually did and thus the word of the Lord in the dreams was fulfilled.

The dreams that Joseph encountered later on in his life were not so easy to interpret. For example, all of the wise men of Egypt could not interpret Pharaoh's dreams except Joseph (Gen.41). Similarly, when we begin to receive dreams and visions of the Lord we may begin with easy vocabulary that the Spirit gives. However, it would not be long before we receive more challenging ones to interpret. **In the higher levels of difficulty the prophet will appreciate that only God can be trusted for interpretations. Here the prophet is totally reliant on the intimacy and accuracy of his communion with the Spirit of God.**

## God deliberately hides the treasures of His divine knowledge in the higher levels of difficulty

*"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter" (Pr.25:2).*

We can now understand that God has concealed much in the language and vocabulary of the Spirit in written Scripture. This is called, "*the hidden manna.*" The ability to partake of the hidden manna is directly related to the message and power of The Cross. Those who live by faith and receive the message of The Cross to be dead to sin, the world and the darkness thereof are overcomers.

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna..." (Rev.2:17).*

The hidden manna is not just that which is hidden in the language of the scriptures. It is that which is hidden in the words of the Lord, whether they be in the scriptures, in dreams and visions or in the prophecy of angels and men.

**Clearly, the understanding of the language and vocabulary of prophecy, dreams and visions is going to be a major key to open up the secrets of God that are hidden or veiled in His words.** God's apostles and prophets of the end time Church are going to be masters of the language and vocabulary of the Spirit. It is to them that secrets of the hidden manna of God will be revealed.

*"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).*

## Walking in the Spirit and growing towards maturity in heavenly communion

In the progressive levels of difficulty, I believe that God is expanding and refining our spiritual abilities and efficiencies in revelation insight and wisdom which are required for wholesome interpretation. **We must therefore continually exercise our discernment and perception in the Holy Ghost for the benefit of interpretation and for the benefit of discerning deception, error and evil.** Personally paraphrasing scriptures, psalms, hymns and spiritual songs in the meditative mode of heavenly communion with the Holy Ghost is crucial for our spiritual well being (Eph.5:18-21). Hereby we are progressing from milk to meat in our knowledge of God and we are growing and maturing in the reality and intimacy of our heavenly communion with the Lord.

*"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb.5:13-14).*

# A fundamental key to all revelation and insight into the things of God is The Cross

The preaching of the cross is the power of God unto salvation (1Cor.1:18). The preaching of the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom.1:16). With regards to the salvation of humanity, the preaching of the cross is synonymous to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The fundamental message of the gospel is that Jesus came down from heaven to die on The Cross so that He would bring to an end the curse of sin and death upon flesh and blood humanity. In His death and resurrection, all who believe in Him are also dead to sin and death in the flesh, but alive to the eternal purity of the divine nature of God in the Spirit (Rom.6:1-14).

When we take up our crosses daily (Lk.9:23-24) in order to walk in the ministry of the crucified flesh life in Christ ( Gal.5:19-23), we are not allowing stumbling blocks to block the highway of our heavenly communion with God. The works of the flesh are earthly, sensual and devilish but the communion that is from heaven *"is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy"* (James 3:15-17). **When we walk in credible and verifiable communion with the Spirit, our interpretation of scriptures, dreams, visions and prophecy will be safe.**

## Conditions to the fulfillment of God's words of promise in prophecy, dreams and visions

First we must genuinely hear from heaven in prophecy, dreams and visions and not from ourselves nor from the kingdom of darkness (Jer.23:16-18,30-32, James 3:15). **If the word of the Lord is a word of promise, then we must materialize our faith in obedience to the specific directions that He has given. When we walk in faith and obedience, we become reapers of God's promises and rewards.**

*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"* (Heb.11:6).

## The glorious Church will hear and do God's will

**Devoid of the reality of the Holy Spirit's teaching and leading, we cannot help but become like the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes who could not benefit from the direct presence and teaching of Jesus.** Under these circumstances, the genuine word of the Lord coming through God's chosen ministers will be like water upon a duck's back, rather than water upon a dry and thirsty land of promise.

**Like idolatry within Jerusalem and within the temple of God in apostate Israel of the Old Testament (2Kings 21:4-5), the genuine word of the Lord will only be lost amongst the other words of idolatry and apostasy that is within Christendom.** We must turn around and come back to the ministry of the death of The Cross that we may be partakers of its resurrection. Here, we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God so that we may not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds in the Holy Ghost. Then we shall prove that which is the good and acceptable and perfect will of

God (Rom.12:1-2). **This is the same as saying, then we shall hear the Lord credibly, commune with Him in Spirit and in truth and be able to do His bidding. In this way, we attain unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Jesus Christ!**

*John 6: 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

**The day is coming and is now here when God's people in the image of Christ will only speak and do that which they hear and see from heaven.** These will be the days when the glory of the Lord shall fill all the earth!

*"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (Jn.12:49-50)*

## The oneness of what the Spirit is saying to the churches

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches..."*  
(Rev.2:7).

In our Daystar Ministry meetings we have found that there is a general oneness in that which the Spirit is saying in prophetic preaching, home group Bible studies and in dreams and visions. We have also found agreement and greater blessing in what God is currently saying through prophetic ministries such as Rick Joyner of 'The Morning Star' prophetic bulletin. There is no particular way of hearing from the Lord that we can identify as always leading all of the others. **There have been times when we have been led from dreams and at other times we have been led from prophetic preaching. It is obvious to us that the same Spirit is speaking through the different ways in which we are able to hear from Heaven. This has become a source of inspiration to us because of the confidence that we have in the intimacy of our walk with the Lord.**

As I was writing the above passage yesterday I got a phone call from Linda Curie, a young lady who had started to attend Daystar Ministry in the last two to three months. She shared on how she had sought to hear from the Lord directly and how she had set aside books and tapes to seek to hear God intimately. She said that she has never ached so much to hear from the Lord. She had so much to learn as a young Christian and she longed to be able to answer all the questions her friends were asking her concerning her faith.

She was waking up from sleep one morning (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.1996) when she heard a male voice speak audibly to her. **The Lord said, "Be humble and patient, more is coming."** Well, you can imagine what this incident has done to her faith and to her joy and confidence in her walk with the Lord..

# Biblical Vocabulary

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## Dreams, Visions and Prophecy

### Biblical vocabulary and language of the Spirit

**Biblical vocabulary for the language of dreams, visions and prophecy is that which is used in the Bible.** The Old Testament scriptures are steeped in the language of symbolism, metaphors, typologies, analogies, allegories and parables which are of the language of dreams, visions and prophecy. This is also true of the parables of Jesus and of the book of Revelation.

In this chapter I am listing some of the Biblical vocabulary of the language of dreams, visions and prophecy that Daystar Ministry has encountered. The interpretations of Biblical words are just some of the possibilities. This list is only to help you grow and develop in the ministry of dreams, visions, prophecy and their interpretations. The Holy Spirit is the one you can safely trust to guide you into all the truths of dreams and visions of God. The Lord may use both the vocabulary of the Bible and your own personal vocabulary to speak to you in dreams and visions. A computerized and expanded version of the List compiled by Jim Black is freely available on Daystar's web site: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~daystar48/>

## Biblical Vocabulary

### Some common Old Testament examples

Egypt	- the world - the kingdom of darkness - the house of bondage (Ex.20:2)
Israel	- God's chosen people - the Church
Pharaoh	- god of this world, Satan
Moses	- deliverer, Jesus
Red sea	- separation, water baptism (1Cor.10:1-2)
Wilderness	- place of refinement, testings, trials, humility(Deut.8:2) - place of rebellion, provocation, murmuring (Num.14:27)
Golden calves	- gods that Christians in apostasy make for themselves (1Kings 12:28, Ex.32:4,8)
The Law	- God's unattainable standard to reveal sin in the flesh (Rom.7:13-14) - God's rod of judgement to bring flesh and blood to Jesus (Gal.3:23-25)

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| River Jordan   | - door to the Promised Land<br>- the Cross, death of Jesus   |
| Canaan         | - door to possession of the promises of God<br>- the promise of God, New Testament in Christ Jesus (Lev.25:38)<br>- the kingdom of heaven<br>- the resurrection life in Jesus        |
| Milk and honey | - the fulfillment of God's promise (Deut.11:11-15, 23-25)<br>- the abundant provision and blessings of God (Ex.3:7-8)<br>- abundant spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Eph.1:3) |

## The Tabernacle (Ex.25-27)

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| The Tabernacle | - the ministry of Jesus Christ<br>- The Church |
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### ***The Outer Court - things of brass***

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| Outer court  | - physical body, the flesh<br>- the visible outward nature (2Cor.4:16)        |
| Brazen altar | - The Cross<br>- offering of sinful flesh unto death (Rom.12:1-2)             |
| Brazen laver | - water baptism<br>- cleansing by washing in the Spirit's teaching (Eph.5:26) |

### ***The Holy Place - things of gold***

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| Table of bread   | - bread (gospel) for the people of God (Heb.9:1-2)              |
| Candlestick      | - the Spirit's illumination in teaching and leading (Heb.9:1-2) |
| Altar of incense | - the worship, praise and prayers of God's people               |
| The second veil  | - the barrier of sin imputed into the flesh of Jesus (Heb.9:3)  |

### ***The Holy of Holies - things of gold***

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| The censer         | - offering of the obedient life and blood of Jesus (Heb.9:4)  |
| The ark            | - presence of God, Jesus in flesh and blood (Jn.1:14 , Col.2:9)   |
| Pot of manna       | - Old Testament word of promise hid and fulfilled in Jesus (Heb.9:4)<br>- deep spiritual realities of heaven to be revealed to the last generation Church |
| Aaron's rod        | - only the authority and power of God's chosen will prosper   |
| Tablets of the Law | - The Law hid and fulfilled in Jesus  |

Cherubim	- representing all power of heaven over Jesus (Mt.26:53)
Mercy seat	- God's throne of grace and justice in Christ Jesus (Heb.9:5)

## Everything has meaning in the chosen things of God

The above examples of biblical vocabulary should give us an idea of the way in which God uses visible things that are made to represent spiritual truths in the kingdom of God. A study of the Tabernacle will show that everything about it had a profound meaning. What it was made of, the different rooms, the furniture, the colours and even the size and measurements of the building are all significant.

**Being able to extrapolate from God's use of things that are made to speak to us in dreams and visions is vital to our walk in heavenly communion. The spiritually minded will hear and more will be given to them (Mt.13:12, 16-17).**

*"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath" (Mt.13:12).*

**The carnal and naturally minded will regard the symbolic and metaphoric language of dreams, visions and prophecy as foolishness (Mt.13:13-15).**

*"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1Cor.2:14).*

## The Godhead

Jesus Christ	- Sun (Ps.84:11), the true Light (Jn.1:7-9) - Shepherd (Ps.23:1), Bridegroom (Mt.9:15) - Lion (Rev.5:5) - Rock (1Cor.10:4), Cornerstone (Eph.2:20), Anchor (Heb.6:19), Teacher (Jn.3:2), Helper (Ps.54:4) - Tree of life (Gen.2:9), Bread of life (Jn.6:35), seed of David (Jn.7:42)
The Holy Spirit	- River of living water (Jn.7:38) - Fire (Mt.3:11), Wind (Acts 2:2), Oil (Heb.1:9), - Rain (Joel 2:23), Wine (Mt.9:17) - Comforter (Jn.14:26), Friend (Pr.18:24), Teacher (Jn.14:26)
God the Father	- Father of lights (James 1:17)

## The Church

The Church	- Israel, Jerusalem, the Temple of God (Eph.2:19-22, 1Pet.2:9)
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- sheep and lambs of God's pasture (Ps.100:3)
- harvest of fish (Mt.13:47) or fruit of the earth (Jam.5:7)
- stars of heaven (Gen.15:5), the moon (Gen.1:16)
- tree of righteousness planted of God (Isa.61:3)
- a living stone of God's Temple (1Pet.2:4-5)
- sheep, lamb (Jn.21:15-17)
- seed of Abraham (Gal.3:29)

The believer

## Building

- House
  - nation, church, family (Ps.23:6)
  - kingdom of God
- Barn
  - kingdom of God (Mt.13:30)
- Door
  - entrance, the way, acceptance (Rev.3:20)
- Door or hole in wall
  - Divine revelation beyond barrier of natural ability
- Gates of brass
  - imprisonment in judgement (Ps.107:16)
- Bars of iron
  - imprisonment to a strong ruler (Ps.107:16)
- Wall
  - protection, comfort (Ez.13:14)
  - barrier of natural limitation to spiritual revelation
- Threshing floor
  - sifting, separation (Jer.51:33)
- Brick and mortar
  - hard bondage (Ex.1:14)

## Materials

- Gold
  - divinity, holiness, the riches of the glory of God (Rev.3:18)
- Silver
  - purity, cleanliness, righteousness (Ex.26:19)
- Brass
  - hardness of heart, judgement (Ez.9:2)
- Iron
  - strength, power (Rev.2:27)
- Jewels
  - God's refined people (Mal.3:17)
- Trumpet
  - divine proclamation, prophet (Joel 2:1)
- Crown of thorns
  - sufferings of Christ (Jn.19:5)
- Mountain
  - government, power (Isa.52:7)
  - highest position of a nation (Ez.17:23)
  - great obstacle (Mark 11:23)
- Destroying Mt.
  - conquering power (Jer.51:25)
- Burnt mountain
  - ruined power (Jer.51:25))
- Valley
  - place of fertility and fruitfulness
  - place of decision (Joel 3:14)
- Dust
  - place of humility in need (Ps.119:25)
  - dryness, deadness (Gen.3:14)
- Ground, dust
  - symbols of the curse (Gen.3:17,19)
  - state of being humbled (Isa.52:2-3)

# Vegetation

Garden	- God's people, church (Gen.2:8, 1Cor.3:9)
Green tree	- person in divine prosperous life (Ps.52:8)
Tree by a river	- strong believer in fellowship with the Spirit of God (Ps.1:3)
Leaf (green)	- health, vitality, healing (Rev.22:2)
Dry tree	- state of lifelessness (Ez.17:24)
Hay and stubble	- of the flesh, of the world (1Cor.3:12)
Wood	- the flesh, the world, The Cross (Gen.22:6)
Grass	- the flesh nature (1Pet.1:24)
Grass growing up	- arising of wickedness (Ps.90:5)
Grass in the field	- God's provision for food (Deut.11:15)
Inferior vine	- inferior government (Ez.17:6)
Briers, thorns	- pride, arrogance, rebellion (Ez.2:6)
Thistles, thorns	- symbols of the curse (Gen.3:18)

# Food

Food	- Word of God (Acts 14:17)
Meat	- Word of God (Heb.5:12-14)
Bread	- Word of God (Jn.6:41) - that which strengthens the heart (Ps.104:15) - temptation (Pr.6:26)
Corn	- Word of God (Joel 2:19)
Wheat	- Word of God, harvest of God's people (Joel 2:23-24)
Seed	- kingdom of God (Mt.13:31) - Word of God (Mt.13:19) - will of God (Ps.126:6)
Good seed	- God's people (Mt.13:38)
Tares	- them that do iniquity (Mt.13:38)
Fruit	- product (Gal.5:22)
Salt	- Godliness, the divine nature (Mt.5:13)

Cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic - teachings of the world not of heaven (Num.11:5)

# Drink

Water	- the Spirit of God (Jn.7:37-39) - death (Rom.6:3-4) - trouble (Ps.69:1-2) - salvation (Jn.3:5)
Milk	- basic principles of the gospel (Heb.5:12)
Wine	- joyfulness, rejoicing (Ps.104:15) - the new covenant of God (Mt.9:17)
Wine bottle/skin	- structure which expresses the new covenant
Winepress	- punishment, judgement of God (Rev.14:19)
Cup	- container of blessing (1Cor.11:25) - container of punishment, judgement (Ez.23:31)

- Oil
  - The Holy Spirit
  - anointing of God (Ex.30:25-31)
  - gladness (Ps.104:15)

## Armament and equipment

- Sword
  - Word of God (Eph.6:17)
  - God's appointed army unto judgement (Jer.47:6-7)
  - words of confrontation (Ps.64:3)
  - one who tells lies (Pr.25:18)
- Great sword
  - wars (Rev.6:4)
- Drawn sword
  - judgement of God being carried out (1Chr.21:16, 26-27)
- Arrow
  - the word of the Lord's deliverance (2Kings 13:17)
  - lies and deceit (Ps.120:2-4)
  - bitter words (Ps.64:3)
  - God's word unto affliction (Ez.5:16)
- Bow
  - the might of a nation (Jer.49:35)
  - verbal attack (Ps.64:3)
- Deceitful bow
  - unfaithful nation that misses the mark (Ps.78:57)
- Horn
  - power, strength (Jer.48:25)
- Breastplate
  - covering of righteousness (Eph.6:14)
- Belt/sash
  - Word of Truth (Eph.6:14)
- Shoes
  - gospel of peace (Eph.6:15)
- Shield
  - equipping with faith (Eph.6:16)
  - God's protection (Ps.3:3)
  - covering of God's favour (Ps.5:12)
- Helmet
  - understanding of God's salvation (Eph.6:17)
- Roman army
  - God's army (Eph.6:11-17)
- Reaper
  - angel (Mt.13:39)
- Hammer
  - destroying power (Jer.50:23)
  - power in God's word (Jer.23:29)
  - one who tells lies (Pr.25:18)
- Fire
  - power in God's word (Jer.23:29)
  - destruction and judgement (Jer.49:27)
  - trials, purging, refining (Rev.3:18)
- Furnace
  - place for purifying (Ez.22:18)
- Rod
  - striking force (Ps.110:2, Ez.7:11)
  - tool for the release of God's power (Ex.7:8-10)
  - God's authority (Rev.2:27)
- Beautiful rod
  - Self sufficient, unchanged nation (Jer.48:17)
- Chain
  - captivity (Ez.7:23)
- Staff
  - God's provision (Ez.4:16-17)
- Strong staff
  - strong, unchanged, self sufficient nation (Jer.48:17)
- Ladder
  - ascension into heavenly places
  - communion between heaven and earth (Gen.28:12-13)
- Net
  - place of captivity (Ps.66:11)
- Snare
  - temptation to capture (Pr.13:14)
- Poison
  - power of evil, demon power (Ps.58:4)

## Weather

Waters rising	- coming invasion (Jer.47:2)
Flood	- judgement of God (Gen.6:17)
Overflowing flood	- conquering destroying force (Jer.47:2-3)
Overflowing rain	- conquering invasion (Ez.13:11)
Waves of the sea	- judgement and destruction (Ez.26:3)
Winds	- power to cause major changes in the earth (Dan.7:2)
Stormy wind	- destructive assault (Ez.13:11)
	- persecution (Ps.83:15)
	- oppressive verbal attack (Ps.55:3,8)
	- difficult times (Job 1:19)
Whirlwind	- judgement and destruction (Jer.23:19)
Hailstones	- destruction (Ez.13:11), judgement (Josh.10:11)
Cloud, thick cloud	- presence of God (Ex.40:38, Ex.19:9)
	- chariot of the Lord (Ps.104:3)
Dark clouds	- darkness of judgement of the day of the Lord (Zeph.1:15)
(Bright sunny day)	- favour of God
	- all is well

## Animals

Lion	- Jesus (Rev.5:5, Ez.1:10)
	- sovereign king, conqueror (Jer.50:44)
	- overcomer (Num.23:24)
	- devourer (1Pet.5:8)
Eagle	- Jesus (Ez.1:10)
	- powerful conqueror (Ez.17:3)
Eagle's wings	- power of God's deliverance and provision (Ex.19:4)
Dove	- Holy Spirit (Lk.3:22)
	- gentleness, harmlessness (Mt.10:16)
Ox	- Jesus (Ez.1:10)
	- provider (1Cor.9:9)
Horn	- strength (Num.23:22)
Lamb	- Jesus (Jn.1:29)
	- child of God (Jn.21:15)
Sheep	- people of God (Jn.21:16)
	- obedient follower of the Lord (Jn.10:4)
Scattered sheep	- plundered dispersed people of God (Jer.50:17)
Serpent	- the tempter, devil, Satan (Gen.3:1)
	- demons (Lk.10:19)
	- wisdom (Mt.10:16)
Scorpions	- evil spirits (Lk.10:19)
Fox	- cunning, deceiving, lying nature (Ez.13:4)
Dogs	- enemy workers of iniquity (Ps.59:6)
	- enemies of the gospel (Phil.3:2)
	- homosexual (Deut. 23:17-18)
Dragons/jackals' dwelling	- desolate place (Jer.49:33)

## Human body

Body of Christ	- The Church (Eph.1:22-23)
Head	- Jesus (Eph.1:22) - leader, first (Eph.4:15)
Face	- attention, favour (Ez.7:22) - disfavour, judgement (Ez.25:2)
Arm	- power, strength (Jer.48:25)
Hand	- strength, power (Ps.144:7)
Right hand	- fellowship, friends (Ps.144:11) - champion, supporter (Ps.109:31)
Mouth	- words, speak (Jude 16)
Eye	- attention (Ez.7:4)
Many eyes	- omniscience, vision (Ez.10:12)
Hair	- corrupt flesh (Ez.5:1)
Legs	- strength (Ps.147:10)
Outstretched arm	- help, deliverance, salvation (Ps.136:12)
Strong hand	- demonstration of power (Ps.136:12)

## Colour vocabulary

Blue	- The Holy Spirit (Ex.35:23)
Green	- Life (Gen 2:9 ), Healing ( Rev 22:2)
Purple	- royalty (Jud.8:26)
Red	- forgiveness, cleansing (Heb.9:22) - justification (1Cor.11:25)
Red horse	- warfare; no peace (Rev.6:4)
Gold	- holiness (Rev.3:18) - The Holy Spirit (Num.8:4)
White	- purity, righteousness (Rev.3:18)
White horse	- champion of righteousness (Rev.19:11)
White horses	- army of righteousness (Rev.19:14)
Black	- opposite to white; sin, demons - judgment (Rev.6:12)
Darkness void	- Day of the Lord (Isa 13:6-13)
Black horse	- scarcity of food provision (Rev.6:5-6)
Ashy pale, gray	- colour of death
Pale horse	- the emptiness of death and hell (Rev.6:8)
Gray hair	- maturity (Pr.20:29)
Yellow	- infirmity; sin (Lev.13:30)
(Orange)	- new age and Eastern mysticism - of worldly psychology and worldly spirit)

## Number vocabulary

1	- unity (Jn.17:21) - beginning
2	- witness (1Tim.5:19) - division or separation (Heb.4:12)
3	- Godhead; divine perfection (Mt.28:19) - secure (Ecc.4:12)

	- witness (1Tim.5:19)
	- resurrection (1Ki 17:21, Luk 24:46)
4	- world, creative work (Ez.37:9)
5	- provision of the word of God (Lk.9:16)
	- five fold leadership provision of God (Eph.4:11)
6	- number of man (Rev.13:18)
	- will of man; flesh nature (Num.11:20-21)
	- works of man (Ex.20:9-10)
7	- completion, consummation, end (Gen 29:27, Rev.1:12)
	- ultimate victory, possession (Rev.11:15, 1 Kings 18:43)
8	- number of salvation (1Pet. 3:20)
	- circumcision of the flesh; liberty in spirit (Gen.17:12)
	- separation to God (Ex.22:30)
9	- finality (Mk.15:33-34)
10	- the Law covenant (Deut.4:13)
	- requirement of total obedience to God (Ex.20:1-17)
12	- government (Gen.49:28)
	- discipleship (Mt.10:1-6)
	- The Church, people of God (1Kings 18:31)
30	- launching out of ministry (Lk.3:23)
40	- probation (Deut.8:2)
	- period of judgement (Gen.7:4)
	- separation in preparation for ministry (Lk.4:1-2,14)
50	- Pentecost (Lev.23:16)
	- Jubilee, liberty (Lev.25:10-11)
70	- Transference of God's Spirit (Num.11:16-29)
120	- power, activity of The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:15)
	- separation of Spirit and flesh (Gen.6:3, Ecc.12:7)
150	- end of judgement by water (Gen.8:3)
300	- God's chosen army by reduction (Jud.7:6-7)
2,000	- Church Age to end in resurrection (Josh.3:4)
10,000	- God's army taught and led of God (Deut.33:2, Jude 14)
12,000	- Army of the Lord (Rev.7:5-8)
144,000	- typology quota for saved humanity (Rev.7:4)
cubit	- unit of time

# Personal Vocabulary in the language of Dreams, Visions and Prophecy

## Personal vocabulary and language of the Spirit

In His parables, Jesus used the life, environment, sociology and culture of the people of the time to speak of the spiritual things of heaven. This was also true of all the prophets of the Bible, both in the Old Testament and also in the New Testament. **In the same way, God would use our own lives, environment, sociology and culture to speak to us in dreams and visions. Because the Lord would use the uniqueness of our life, environment and culture when He speaks to us in dreams and visions, we may call this our personal language of the Spirit.** As we grow and develop in the communion of God in dreams and visions, we will also grow in our familiarity with the personal language of the Spirit that God would use to speak to us.

A mode of transport in the time of Moses and in the time of Jesus was the donkey. In our present culture God may not use a donkey but a car or even an airplane when He is referring to a mode of transport. The donkey belongs to the era of Biblical vocabulary whereas the car and plane belong to the period of twentieth century vocabulary. Instead of using the sword, spear, bow and arrow to represent things of warfare to us in the twentieth century, the Lord could alternatively use guns, bombs and missiles.

The school that you went to as a child may often come up in your dreams to represent the church or denomination that you first attended. The school may also represent the church you are now attending. The connecting thread for spiritual perception here is the fact that the school was our home of learning and our home church is our home of spiritual learning. A hospital could represent a church that is involved in healing and in caring for people. A warship could represent a church that wars against others in things like criticism. Your dad or your pastor in a dream could represent your heavenly Father. A natural sister in a dream could represent a spiritual sister from your local church.

A vehicle which can take you from place to place could come up in your dreams to represent your ministry which could also take you from place to place. A bicycle could speak of a small ministry whereas a bus would speak of a large ministry. A four wheel drive vehicle would speak of a groundbreaking and powerful ministry, whereas a train could speak of a great movement of the Spirit of God in the churches.

Buildings are often used to represent churches and our homes may represent our local church. We remember from the Tabernacle and Temple of God that every aspect of the house had a purpose and a meaning. The basic rooms and parts of a building also have purpose and meaning in dreams. The kitchen is the place for cooking meals and so it could represent the place of preparation for teaching and preaching. The dining room, which is the place of feeding, could stand for the actual ministry of teaching or preaching. The bedroom with the bed is the place of rest and it could represent the place and ministry of dreams and visions. The roof, glass window and verandah as places to look out could speak of revelation. The Lord may use both the vocabulary of the Bible and your own personal vocabulary to speak to you in dreams and visions.

The following list of examples of personal vocabulary should help you in understanding the Language of the Spirit. The list can help you begin to learn interpretation of your own dreams and visions from God. A computerized and expanded version of the List compiled by Jim Black is freely available on Daystar Ministry's web site: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~daystar48/>

## Personal Vocabulary

### Heavenly beings

God the Father

- your senior pastor
- your natural father
- your employer
- the head of a nation
- a superpower leader

God the Son

- a green tree
- a silver anchor
- a prominent man
- a being of light
- a son
- an employer's son
- owner of a business

The Holy Spirit

- a guardian
- a teacher
- senior pastor, elder
- an overseer, manager
- a friend and companion
- a guide
- a dove, an eagle
- a river, pool of water
- shower of rain
- fire
- oil

Angel

- a majestic man in white robe
- a being of light

Angels - a person with divine knowledge and wisdom  
- representation of faith, hope, love, pastor, prophet etc.

## Human beings

Father - in the place of God the Father  
- The Holy Spirit  
- authority

Mother - The Holy Spirit  
Brother - a spiritual brother in the local church  
- a pastor of a church

Sister - a spiritual sister in the home church  
- a companion church close by

Woman romantic - Business or investment proposition

Person from church - home church ministry  
- someone else from the home church

Self - home church ministry  
- someone else in the home church

Pastor and spouse - a couple in the home church  
Old man - the flesh nature in Adam  
- maturity and wisdom  
- The Holy Spirit

Child - the new creation in Christ  
- a new move of God  
- young Christian  
- immaturity

Baby - new Christian  
- a new move of God birthed into The Church  
- spiritual immaturity

Present friend - The Holy Spirit  
- someone in the home church

Past friend - someone in the home church  
- the old flesh nature  
- the old life

Policeman - representation of God's authority  
Tax man - the devourer

Rape - wide open access for demonic assault  
- forced indoctrination

Wedding - formation of ministry or work relationship  
Soldiers in Roman army uniform - Army of the Lord

# Buildings

Tower of stones	- The Church
Different architecture	- different denominations and groups
Tall high rise	- prophetic church of great revelation
Roof of high rise	- at the top level of revelation
Childhood home	- first church attended
	- present home church
Home	- home church
Work place	- home church
Work shed	- place of development and growth as in a discipleship group or seminar
Factory	- place of spiritual productivity
Black factory	- place of production of things of darkness
New house	- new church
Clean, bright house	- spiritually healthy church or home
Dirty, neglected house	- church or home in need of spiritual attention
Old dilapidated house	- church or home in spiritual poverty
Multiple levels building	- church with levels of progression towards a goal
Two storey house	- picture of the flesh and the spirit in a church or person
Ground level	- of the flesh
Upper level	- of the spirit

## Buildings for public activities

Hospital	- church with ministry of love, healing and caring
	- wounded church in need of healing
Recreational complex	- place of gathering, fellowship for Christians and churches
School, college complex	- church as a place of teaching and discipleship
New education complex	- a new move or work of the Spirit of God
Library	- place of knowledge and research in ministry
Classroom	- small group ministry within the church
Workshop	- place of training and equipping
Hotel, motel	- staying temporarily at this church

## Shops

Shopping center complex	- The Church embodying many churches (shops)
	- a denomination or large church organization
Shop	- place to acquire clothing and equipping for ministry
Music instrument shop	- place to acquire your particular gifting for ministry
Electronic shop	- place to acquire gifting for hearing and seeing from heaven
Good restaurant	- church with good teaching ministry
Fast food place	- popular, not nourishing, superficial and repetitive ministry

## House structure

Rock foundation	- church founded on the Rock, Jesus Christ
Sandy foundation	- church founded on religious, superficial, fleshly teaching
Roof	- heavenly revelation
Window, verandah	- insight and revelation
Window to dark void	- looking to day of the Lord (Isa 13:6-13)
Fence, wall	- protection
Front porch	- to do with outreach and evangelism of the church
Kitchen	- preparation for teaching and preaching
Dining room	- concerning teaching and preaching to the people
Lounge room	- relative to fellowship
Bed room	- to do with resting in God
	- relative to the ministry of dreams and visions
Wash room, shower	- to do with the ministry of cleansing
Garage	- ministry potential for outreach

## Furniture

Dining table	- place of feeding from the word of God
Wardrobe	- our equipping in spiritual garments
Mirror	- means for self examination
Washing machine	- cleansing ministry
Stained linen	- sexual sins
Silver eating utensils	- giftings for ministry
Bed	- relative to resting in God
	- to do with dreams and visions of sleep
Antique furniture	- blessed with quality and richness of God's equipping
Junk	- obstacles to the work of the ministry
All in order	- things going smoothly
Chaos	- disruption in the ministry
Circle	- will revert to the original

## Real estate

A city	- The Church
New housing estate	- new work, move of God in The Church or local assembly
New construction	- new work of the Spirit in the church
Renovation	- changes and renewal in the church
New land for purchase	- to do with a new area of ministry or a new beginning
Moving to a new suburb	- be involved in a church work in this suburb
Business owner	- Jesus Christ

# Communication

Radio	- to do with hearing God
Television	- relative to seeing dreams and visions of God
Computer	- to do with publications; ministry through the Internet
New telephone exchange	- equipping with new, better means of heavenly Communion
Telephone	- Means of communication with God
Telephone box	- Available means of communion with God
Headphone	- personal means of communion with God
Hearing aid	- God's equipping with ears that can hear Him
Electricity	- the power of God
Motor	- the power of God
Flag	- prayer ministry
Flag of mourning	- signal for an happening or an identification
	- signals death

# Travel

Vehicle	- church or personal ministry
New car	- new church or personal ministry
Old car	- old church or personal ministry
Opened roof car	- revelation ministry
Car crashing with another	- confrontation of ministries
A vehicle crashing	- a ministry coming to grief
Bicycle	- young or immature ministry
Bus	- sizable ministry
Four wheel drive	- ground breaking powerful ministry
Train	- a great movement of God or a great work of the Holy Spirit
Boat	- local church ministry
Sailing boat	- ministry in total reliance on the wind of the Spirit
Rowing boat	- ministry doing the works of men
Well preserved boat	- a truth or principle of God being restored to the churches
Jetty, wharf	- launching place for ministry
	- place of equipping
	- place of being tied to the things of the world
Hospital ship	- ministry given to healing, caring and restoration
Warship	- ministry given to warfare in hate, criticism and subversion
Slave ship	- ministry given to holding people in bondage to religious fleshliness
Holiday cruise ship	- ministry given to enticement through entertainment and worldly abandonment
Submarine	- one's hidden or secret agenda
	- being under situations and circumstances
Bridge	- the means for crossing over which is The Cross
Airplane	- a ministry that functions in heavenly or spiritual places
	- ministry trip
Rocket	- ministry going at speed and great power in the Spirit
Fighter plane	- ministry equipped for warfare in heavenly places

Parachute - equipping to overcome trials and tribulations of the world

## Road

Road, path - way or direction  
Straight smooth road - easy path immediately ahead  
Rough, gravel, pot holes - difficult and trying times in the present road  
Narrow, blocked, restricted - obstruction or opposition in the present path

Fallen trees, broken power lines across the road - do not go on this road  
- don't agree to proposition

River across the road - your present direction is blocked  
Dry path across the river - God's command to go forth

## Vegetation

Tree - saint or minister  
- local church  
Wild fruit trees - Christians outside New Testament Covenant  
Cultivated fruit trees - Christians inside NT Covenant  
Dead tree - death of a person or church  
Majestic green tree - the local church or the believer who is strong and healthy in the Holy Ghost  
- the Body of Christ  
Root - the source  
- the foundation  
Leaves - healing  
- religious profession  
Trunk - state of the heart  
Dead tree and branches - local church or believer who is dead to the Spirit of God  
Made of wood - of humanity or of the flesh  
Clump of trees - local church or a Christian gathering  
Jungle - overwhelming confusion  
Tree with forbidden fruit - do not accept this offer  
Flowers in bloom - portrayal of the glory of the Lord  
- people bringing praises to God in joy and peace  
Ripe fruit - person or people who are mature in the things of the Spirit of God  
Fruit of brass - people for judgement  
Smooth skinned orange fruit - person or people who have the favour of God  
Wrinkled skinned lemon fruit - person or people in disfavour with God  
Long grass - predominating flesh nature  
Mowed grass - flesh nature not predominant  
Over grown grass or weed - overtaken by the flesh and worldliness  
Debri - reject  
Broken rusty fence - overtaken by poverty in the things of the Spirit of God

Old fenced overgrown garden - religious traditionalism

## Land and soil

Good soil	- soft responsive hearts to the word of God
Compost	- quality enriching for spiritual life
Clay soil	- hardened hearts to God's word
Infertile overused soil	- boring repetitious, ritualistic traditionalism
Neglected, unwanted land	- unresponsiveness to the calling and conviction of the Holy Ghost
New garden bed	- new place of ministry or new addition to ministry
New cleared land	- new place of ministry
	- new work of the ministry
Land covered in root crops	- fruitful work of the ministry
Bare earth, dust	- symbols of the curse (Gen.3:17,19)
	- state of being humbled (Isa.52:2-3)
Quick sand	- sinking into death

## Topography

Mountain	- The Church
	- a new move or work of the Spirit of God
	- a great obstruction or opposition
Volcanoes	- great anger
On edge of cliff	- on the verge of falling away
Blue River	- the life and work of the Spirit of God
Island	- a church group

## Pertaining to the body

Baby or child	- a new move or work of God birthed into the churches
Old man	- maturity and wisdom
White or gray hair	- maturity and wisdom
Mouth	- speak or prophesy
Mouth deformity	- defective teaching or speech
Perverse speech	- given to exaggeration, imbalance and lies
Nose	- discernment or perception
Eyes	- omniscience
	- understanding
	- occult or freemasonry
Ear	- ability to hear or listen
Fist	- pertaining to the five headship ministries
Skeletons parading	- coming together of the Army of the Lord
Skeleton	- pertain to darkness and death
Operation to body	- equipping with things of the Spirit
State of sleep	- insensitivity to the work of the Spirit
Neat modern look	- a minister of the current work of God
A holy, wise and mature person	- an angel
Dwarf	- demon of the lower order
Giant	- powerful demon

Mad person	- a demon
	- inability to cope with the new
Pagan priest	- religious demon

## Animals

Horse	- a major move or work of God in the earth
Brown horse	- new or end time church order
Deer	- church leader
	- believer thirsty for God's direct communion
Ox	- hard worker
	- strength
Sheep	- believer
Lamb	- young believer
Goat	- foolish carnal Christians
	- false prophet
Pig	- uncleanness
	- new age
	- false teacher
Dog	- opposition or obstruction to the work of the ministry
	- false teacher
Ape or monkey	- demon
Snake or eel	- demon
Bruised head of a snake	- major blow against the powers of darkness
Crocodile	- strong expression of demonic power
Dragon, dinosaur	- demonic principalities and powers in high places of the kingdom of darkness
Elephant	- Heavy burden
	- Huge difficulty

## Birds

Eagle	- the Holy Spirit
	- the power of God
Eagle's claws	- in the power of God
Dove	- Holy Spirit
Flock of birds	- angels or the prophets

## Fish

Fish	- Christians or potential Christians
	- responsiveness to the work of the ministry
Big fish or fishes	- great responsiveness to the ministry
Red fish	- Christians covered in the blood of the Lamb
Blue fish	- Christians or potential Christians drawn by the Spirit

## Fishing

Sea	- people of the nations
Destructive tidal wave	- visitation of God's judgement
Rocky seashore, choppy sea	- ministry cannot go forth
Sandy seashore, calm sea	- condition for ministry to go forth
Fishing	- ministry activity
	- evangelism
Fishing net	- effective equipping or activity for ministry
Fishing tackle and line	- gifts and equipping for ministry
Tangled fishing line	- ministry with confused vision and direction
Bait	- that which God has called you to teach and do
Spear	- equipping in the Word of God

## Insects

Spiders	- enticing demonic presence
Red back spider	- enticement that poisons one's spiritual life
Swarm of locusts	- a destroying influence or power

## Food and drink

Food	- teaching or preaching
Morsel of food	- enticement to sell spiritual inheritance
Milk	- First principles teaching for new and young Christians
Meat	- teaching for the spiritually mature
Crabs and prawns	- desirable teaching in due season
Fruit and vegetables	- gifts and calling of God for ministry
Fresh bread	- the direct teaching of God from heaven
Mouldy bread	- stale repetitious teaching of mere flesh and blood
Bread with spices	- Eastern mysticism and New Age teaching
Stale food	- mere religious teaching lacking the breath of the Spirit
Fast take away food-	not nourishing and superficial teaching
Drink	- being filled and nourished by the Spirit of God
Pure strong drink	- mature and powerful things of the Spirit
Drinking alcoholic drink	- given to irrational behavior as in drunkenness
Pure clear water	- purity of communion and teaching of the Spirit
Muddy brown water	- adulterated spiritual life
Water or drink being cut off	- blessings of God being withheld

## Music

Orchestra	- ministries functioning in harmony
Music shop	- place of equipping in your calling and gifting
Musical instruments	- ministries or music
Trumpet or saxophone	- prophetic ministry
Trumpet	- prepare for battle
Drum	- a ministry that gathers people to come and hear God's word, like the prophetic ministry

## Sports

Sports field or court	- place of spiritual activity or place of ministry
Sports equipment	- means, talent or gifting for ministry
Sports uniform	- identification with a church or group
White head gear	- pure spiritual mind
Black head gear	- carnal fleshly mind
Race	- running in God's purpose and calling - calling to go forth in ministry
Opposition	- the enemy
Supernatural performance	- ministering in the power of God

## Weapons of war

Weapons of war	- equipping for spiritual warfare
Sword or knife	- the power of the Word of God
Arrow	- go forth - go in this direction
Electronic arrowhead	- going forth in the current equipping of God - ministry through the electronic medium; Internet
Spear	- going forth in the will and power of God
Rod or stick	- authority
Roman armour	- God's army
Army uniform	- army of the spirit of the world
Explosion	- major disruption - breakthrough
Crash	- disruption in one's spiritual life - confrontation
Chaos or ruin	- a catastrophe or crisis

## Tools

Money	- something of great value - the love of it is the root of evil
Silver coin	- of the kingdom of heaven
Tools	- means, talent or gifts for ministry
Rope	- means for bondage
Mattock	- ground breaking ministry for planting preparation
Axe	- means for judgment - equipping for clearing obstacles
Sickle	- equipping for harvest
Cane knife	- means for harvest
Candle	- teaching or truth

## Prayer

LORD, PLEASE TOUCH AND ANOINT THIS READER TO RECEIVE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HEAVENLY COMMUNION MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. AMEN!