

PROVIDENCE OF GOD #1

SPIRITUAL DREAMS

I have been asked on several occasions about dreams. How do I know if it is from God or not? Thus we will attempt to address this subject.

Dreams occur of course when we are asleep. Thus dreams are out of our control. We cannot plan a dream. Thus while we are asleep the mind is open for imagery and emotion.

1. The source of the dream determines its validity.

a. Business-

ECC 5:3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;

b. The devil-

JER 29:8 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that [be] in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

ZEC 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because [there was] no shepherd.

Dreams that torment are not from God but a spirit of fear.

c. God

GEN 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night.....

GEN 31:24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night.....

2. A spiritual dream was most common with kings or leaders.

. Gen 20 3,6 King Abimelech is warned of not sleeping with Sarah, Abram's wife.

. Gen 41 7 King Pharaoh is troubled by a dream that would be interpreted by Joseph.

. 1Ki 3 5 It is in a dream that God ask Solomon "What shall I give thee?"
It was in a dream that God promised wisdom and wealth.

. Dnl 2 3-45 King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream interpreted by Daniel that dealt with the end of time.

. Dnl 7 1 Daniel has a dream (he is second to the king) in the first year of reign of Belshazzar concerning the rise and fall of antichrist.

Having this understanding we should pray for our president that he will have a dream of spiritual significance that would guide him into the will of God for our nation.

3. A spiritual dream is for the purpose of guidance and protection.
(providence)

a. Joseph the stepfather of Jesus.

Mat 1 20 Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife that what has happened to her is of the Holy Ghost.

Mat 2 12,13 The wise men are warned to return home another way.
Joseph is told to flee go Egypt for safety.

Mat 2 19, 22 Joseph is told to return to Israel that Herod was dead.

b. Jacob

GEN 31:11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, [saying],
Jacob: And I said, Here [am] I.

GEN 31:12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle [are] ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

GEN 31:13 I [am] the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, [and] where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

c. Joseph- Gen 37 5, 9 Dream of being elevated above his brothers for the purpose of being their protector and provider. He would protect a nation from hunger.

d. Butler and Baker in Gen 40 8 have dreams that Joseph will interpret That will bring him eventually before Pharaoh.

e. Mat 27 19 Pilot's wife is warned of Jesus and tells her husband

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

4. Spiritual dreams were given to prophets.

NUM 12:6 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.

JER 23:28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.....

Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, Jeremiah, are all considered to be prophets.

Up to this point we have been in the Old Covenant. Yet dreams are a profound part of today.

5. Dreams will be a sign of the last days.

JOE 2:28 ¶ 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:

JOE 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

JOE 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

JOE 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

JOE 2:32 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: ...

When the Spirit was poured out in the upper room Peter referred to Joel.

ACS 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

ACS 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

ACS 2:14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all [ye] that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

ACS 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is [but] the third hour of the day.

ACS 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

ACS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

ACS 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

ACS 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

ACS 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

ACS 2:21 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

We are the last day church. We are priest and kings. Dreams should and will become more and more of a part of our lives as we approach the coming of the Lord.