



## General Topics :: The "Ravid" Dream

### The "Ravid" Dream - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/5 22:11

If the Lord leads anyone to comment on the following, I would appreciate it very much:

The Dream:

I was standing in a long line of people - We were all lined up to receive Holy Communion. The next thing I saw was a great number of lines of people moving very quickly, but the place to receive Communion kept changing. There was great confusion and frustration in the lines. As the people would hear of a change of destination, they would rush forward and in all different directions forgetting all manner of order. They no longer cared if another person or entire line had been before them. The people in the other lines would just rush in whatever new direction they heard about, causing the people in the other lines to either catch up or to fall behind. I stayed in the line I started out in.

The line I was in finally reached the destination where Holy Communion was being ministered. It was surprising to see that our destination was located in a diner and that the Communion bread and wine were kept behind the diner counter.

As we approached the diner counter, there was a heavy-set priest sitting off to the side in a booth eating. He was dressed in traditional Catholic priest's garments and he would fling his arms wide and call loudly and impatiently to all of us to: "Help yourselves - Help yourselves!" Sometimes he would repeat this direction with his mouth full of food. "Help yourselves! Help yourselves!"

Now, the Communion implements were far enough behind the counter that, even with the people reaching and stretching forward, they could not reach the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was heartbreaking to watch the people. They had come so far just to receive Communion only to find a priest who had no desire or inclination to serve. That part of the dream ended there.

The next thing I saw was the following:

I was alone in a darkened room standing in a pool of light. Above me, in a darkened balcony, were three misshapen consuming heads. Their mouths were opened wide, consuming and ready to consume. As I observed these consuming heads, I heard a voice say "Ravid." I woke up and asked the Lord what Ravid meant, but did not receive an answer.

I searched the internet and found the following information on the name Ravid:

The word RAVID is from the Hebrew, meaning NECKLACE or CHAIN. Variant spelling - RABID - RAVEED - RABEED The letters are RESH BEIT YUD DALET. Taken together, and reading from right to left, they spell RAVID.

Each of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet has a special meaning and a story to tell. Here a few brief ones about the letters in this word:

RESH is the 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet and has a numerical value of 200. RESH makes a sound like the R in Radiant. RESH means BEGINNING or HEAD. When one spells out the letter RESH in Hebrew, it is RESH YUD SHIN. YUD and SHIN spell YESH - THERE IS. The letter RESH means BEGINNING. So it is possible to say that the RESH literally means THERE IS A BEGINNING.

BEIT is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet and its numerical value is 2. The meanings of BEIT are HOUSE, HOME, CONTAINER. The BEIT makes a sound like the B in Beautiful.

The Torah begins with the letter BEIT. It was chosen for this honor because it is closed on top, bottom and on the right. It is open on the left, the direction of the text, to teach us to look forward and not backward, in our daily lives.

The YUD is the 10th letter of the Hebrew alphabet and has a numerical value of 10. YUD makes a sound like the Y in Year. YUD is a simple point. It is the smallest letter in the alphabet and yet is frequently associated with the very large concept of EMANATION.

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DALET is the 4th letter of the alphabet, has a numerical value of 4, means DOOR and makes a sound like the D in Delight. The DALET has the shape of an open door.

Please . . . does anyone understand the RAVID part of this dream?

**Re: The "Ravid" Dream - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/6/5 23:58**

Hello Popcorn,

Welcome, hope you check out the site, there is a lot of resources here and a great message for starters: (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid282>) Ten Shekels and a Shirt

Was discussing something similar to this, regarding dreams, prophecys and the like just a few minutes ago. It seems there is any number of things that our brains are capable of, and sometimes it is just best to contemplate on these things for awhile, reflect on them without attempting to read too much into it all. If it's important enough surely the Lord would bring more to your attention.

**Re: The "Ravid" Dream, on: 2005/6/6 0:16**

Hi Popcorn,

I've had a look in Strong's online Hebrew dictionary and it would help, I think, if you could confirm how the word 'Ravid' was sounded out, as the (ra) at the beginning seems to have the pronunciation 'raw' in Hebrew. Is there a reason the Lord would speak to you in Hebrew?

**Re: The "Ravid" Dream - posted by Spitfire, on: 2005/6/6 7:46**

Quote:

-----The word RAVID is from the Hebrew, meaning NECKLACE or CHAIN. Variant spelling - RABID  
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It's interesting to me that the variant spelling is rabid. Maybe I'm crazy, but the first thing I would have thought of if I heard the word "Ravid" in a dream is "rabid", which means, mad, as in crazy. A rabid person has gone mad from a disease called Rabies, which affects the brain.

**Re: Chaos in God's house - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/6/6 10:35**

The overall impression I get is that of chaos - clearly a reflection of the spiritual condition within our churches. Man tries to make a tidy appearance, with its carefully controlled rituals, but underneath, from a spiritual perspective there resides all kinds of sin - greed, lack of brotherly love, shepherd who refuse to feed the sheep etc. This is reflected in the chaos.

The three consuming mouths could represent the forces of evil in the heavenly realms, or the areas of battle grounds of the enemy working against the Church - the mind, the church, and the heavenly places (Eph. 6:10ff) - where hungry forces are always working to consume the Church of Christ.

As far as the word, "ravid", I ask, is that the focus in this dream experience? If so, then perhaps God will make it clear with his Spirit, in his time. One must be careful not to get sidetracked by one unclear detail. Like studying scripture, we can get overly occupied with one uncertain detail, while sidetracking the overall, bigger picture. As we see the bigger picture, the details will fall into place. (at least, it has been that way for me)

I am wondering if God is using this dream experience to give you a burden for his Church - to lead you to weep, mourn, anguish over the deceived and lost.

I suggest you listen to this sermon, and see if it bears with your spirit:

A Call to Anguish by David Wilkerson

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=3843&commentView>

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 19:18**

Thank you for the insight of the Holy Spirit, Roadsign. The Lord has, indeed, placed a burden on my heart for His Church. I've been praying for the unity of the Church in Christ Jesus that He prayed we would have. My brothers and sisters in the Lord are very precious to me and I know we will be of one mind in Christ - calling the body of Christ together is my daily prayer.

Thank you, also, for directing me to "A Call To Anguish" by David Wilkerson. I've both listened to it and thanked God for it.

The three consuming heads that I saw represent the unholy trinity - defeated by the Blood of the Lamb before the foundation of the world. They don't worry me. I believe that they are already defeated and that we (the body of Christ) will overcome them by the Blood of the Lamb and by the Word of our testimony.

It's the lambs who don't have good shepherds that I worry about. Those are the ones who are being consumed. It's the unfaithful priests/ministers who are leading the lambs to the slaughter.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 19:29**

Hello, Dorcas:

It's my pleasure to confirm the pronunciation of "Ravid" - it was pronounced just like David, but with an R instead of a D.

I don't know why that word was spoken or why it was spoken in Hebrew - it was not a word I was familiar with so I checked many resources and lexicons and found out that it was a Hebrew word. If the Holy Spirit shows you something else about its origin, please share it with me.

Thanks.

**Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2005/6/6 19:40**

Okay I found that name Ravid on a website for baby names! It says that the origin is Hebrew and the meaning of Ravid is wanderer. Maybe in your dream it has something to do with these people wandering away from the truth. Or maybe more like sheep lead astray. It's funny that you had a dream with a strange word in it because the same thing happened to me a few months ago. I did find the word in the back of my husband's bible, but it was new to me.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 19:49**

Thank you, Crsschk. I've listened to "Ten Shekels And A Shirt" and all I can say to it is: AMEN!

I've been reflecting on that dream for a long time. As you can imagine, pastors don't want to hear it.

It took me a long time and a lot of prayer before I even had the confidence of the Lord's permission to post it here. If it's not from the Lord, let every word fall impotent to the ground and let absolutely NO fruit spring up from it. All I can do is what I've done. I've published what the Lord gave to me in a place where others can read it and run with it. If it is truly a message to the Church from Almighty God, then the Holy Spirit will bear witness with your spirit and God, Himself, will lead us to a place of life in Himself through His dear Son, Jesus.

The Lord, God, Omnipotent REIGNETH! Amen.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 19:56**

THANKS, Tinluke! Wanderer! My dear Sister in Christ - everything in me rose up when I read your post. Wanderer! Thank you, Lord!!! Thank you!

Tinluke, you can't imagine how much this means to me - I have tears in my eyes - that's it.

God bless you, dear heart. God bless you.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 20:04**

Hi, Spifire:

I've never been bitten by a rabid animal and certainly pray that I haven't gone mad. :-) However, if you think that may be the case, please place me on your heart and on your prayer list. Deception is abhorrent to me.

**Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2005/6/6 20:04**

I'm glad I could help! We will just give HIM the glory!! It took all of 30 second for me to find the name on the internet, but I knew when I read it that it was what you needed. :-D

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/6 20:22**

Oh, yes, Tinluke - all glory and power and dominion and honor be to our God and to His Christ! (I can still tell Him how much I appreciate you, though, can't I?)

**Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2005/6/6 20:33**

Absolutely! I'll take a compliment anytime...lol

**Re: No, No! - posted by Spitfire, on: 2005/6/7 7:11**

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Popcorn, please excuse me. I never meant to say that I think *you* are mad. I think the dream indicates something has gone mad in the church, ie, the priest. I witnessed to Tinluke's interpretation. Sorry for the misunderstanding. Love, Dian.

**Re: Dreams - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/6/7 10:34**

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Your honesty is endearing! Sorry for the penchant to overdose on caution and this goes a long way in clarifying. Have a few things that come from dreams that I keep written down, things borne out of prayer and the strange phenomenon of dozing off at times in the middle of... prefer to keep them usually 'in mind' and to just let what may come, come, often bec

ause there is just confusion as to meaning and often times *origins*. That is not to say anything more nor less. Hmmm, had something rather strange just last week, maybe will throw it out there for musing at some point.

The biggest danger that seems to be so rampant in our time is that (not here, in this case mind you) there seems to be so little reflection and a jump to exegete everything that crosses our mind, all the while forgetting so many other exhortations such as:

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

and the preceding verse's...

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Think there is more to this than meets the eye, even the seemingly 'good' can be used to cause confusion, disruption, divisiveness. Certainly the devil is not a master at deception by using the obvious, but the 'craftiness' which is so manifest in pitting brethren one against the other often times and that with a favorite tactic, to stir up the latent pride within.

Here is something that came across this morning as well. And with a caveat, this is in generalities here...

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"And the child Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days, and there was no revelation" (1 Samuel 3:1).

In every respect the times in which we live are comparable to 1 Samuel 3. A genuine word from God is rare, and there is no open vision. In other words, most of the people who see something do not have revelation to really know what they are seeing - hence, it remains closed, or worse, it is misinterpreted and becomes a delusion. There is an abundance of words, dreams, visions, and prophecies today, but I repeat: a GENUINE word from God is rare, and there is little REVELATION. Do you understand my meaning? And the priesthood as represented by Eli is old, fat, and blind: operating as always, still standing in the place of the priest, but already under judgment.

What is the problem? No one ministers to the Lord. Everyone is for themselves. Except for one child who ministers to the Lord - and THAT is the one to whom the Lord revealed Himself. There is no revelation apart from relationship. I learned this the hard way.

Chip Brogden  
<http://www.watchman.net/daily>

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/7 11:10**

Thank you, Dian. I had an inclination that that was the case. That's why I sent you a smiley face in my message. Still, please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

I'm looking forward to meeting you and all our Christian brothers and sisters at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Come, Lord, Jesus.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/7 12:04**

You're right to be cautious and to urge caution in matters like this, Chip. I thank you for that.

The Lord and His kingdom is what I seek first and I do bring every thought and imagination into captivity under the Blood of Jesus. It's very frightening to me to move out in my own imagination and say: "The Lord said . . ." God hates that and He will not allow such a thing or such a person to stand for very long. Oh, He'll give that person space and time to repent of that wickedness, but He won't wink at it or tell us not to worry about it. I just won't trample on the Blood of Christ - He is too precious to me to do that.

Even though God is my Father, I love and respect Him as a Mighty King who has absolute authority over my life. Chip, I don't have breath without Him and, what's more, I don't want breath without Him. I worship and adore Him with everything that is in me. It is truly my will that His Will be done in all things and in my life, even as it is done in Heaven.

When you mentioned Eli and Samuel in your note, I remembered asking the Lord about their situation. There was Eli (as you mentioned), old, fat, and blind: operating as always, still standing in the place of the priest, but already under judgment and with two sons who were evil and operating wickedly in the temple with their father's permission. He certainly didn't take them to task over their behavior. Samuel was the one who served the Lord, but he grew up in the atmosphere of Eli and Eli's evil sons. Although Samuel, himself, was faithful before God and God blessed him by not letting any of his words fall to the ground, Samuel also had sons who were evil. That's the very reason the people wanted a king - like everyone else had - they did not want to be ruled by Samuel's wicked sons.

I asked the Lord about it and it was made clear to me that THAT is why we have to guard what comes into our eyes and into our ears and into our hearts. Even though Samuel was faithful to God, he grew up viewing and hearing the unfaithfulness of Eli and his sons and it rubbed off. Samuel's growing up in that atmosphere had an effect on how Samuel would bring up his own sons.

So, I ask you - all of you: Is it divisive to bring unGodly behavior to the attention of our Brothers and Sisters in the Church (I include the Pastors in this)? It seems that, these days, any suggestion of rebuke or admonishment is viewed as divisive, accusatory - satanic - and not as a loving stroke that would bring us out of error. Of course we must do this with great caution, making certain our motives are in line with God's Word and taking the beam in our own eye out first. Nevertheless, when someone tells me something I need to hear to bring me out of error, I love them for it. It isn't an attack on me and I don't view it that way.

With all that said, the overall message of the dream was very clear to me. The only thing that was not clear to me was that one word - Ravid - and now even that has been made clear.

In Proverbs 25:2 it says: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Praise His Holy Name!

**Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/6/7 13:28**

After reading the original post, I wouldn't mind adding a couple of verses to the conversation. Both are from the fifth chapter of Ecclesiasties, verses three and seven, "For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; .... For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God."

Likewise the book of Hebrews begins by telling us that God used to speak to Israel's Fathers through prophets, but that in these last days God has spoken through Jesus Christ.

Given then, that dreams are typically the result of activity (rather than divinity), and that in the multitude of dreams there is vanity (emptiness), and given that God speaks to His church through Christ now, rather than through prophets - I make a point of being careful when it comes to handling dreams. In this case, I would be inclined to chalk it up as the vain wanderings of a busy mind, or, if one insists that it is of divine origin, then I would take it as a personal instruction - not for public consumption.

Grace and peace,

Dan  
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**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/7 14:01**

Hi, Dann.

I also found the following scriptures referring to dreams in the New Testament.

God bless you.

Matthew 1:20

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:19-21 (in Context) Matthew 1 (Whole Chapter)

Matthew 2:12

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:11-13 (in Context) Matthew 2 (Whole Chapter)

Matthew 2:13

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 2:12-14 (in Context) Matthew 2 (Whole Chapter)

Matthew 2:19

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

Matthew 2:18-20 (in Context) Matthew 2 (Whole Chapter)

Matthew 2:22

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

Matthew 2:21-23 (in Context) Matthew 2 (Whole Chapter)

Matthew 27:19

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

Matthew 27:18-20 (in Context) Matthew 27 (Whole Chapter)

Acts 2:17

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 2:16-18 (in Context) Acts 2 (Whole Chapter)

IN ADDITION: The whole book of Jude teaches us the danger of false teachers who have taken the way of Cain - doomed by Almighty God to be a wanderer - they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm - shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted - twice dead. (Jude 11-12)

**Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/6/7 16:59**

Thanks for the verses Popcorn.

I think we can all agree that the new covenant was hinted at long before Christ was born - and that even after Christ was born it wasn't established until Pentecost. I am sure that we all know that the "new covenant" doesn't begin in Matthew - but in Acts.

The references in Matthew to Joseph's dreams are therefore old covenant references and add no light to our current discussion. They are wonderful verses though - who couldn't love God's provision?

The reference to Pentecost however does have some bearing on this topic, and I am glad you brought it up. Joel's prop

hesy was fulfilled at Pentecost and was quoted by Peter so that no one could mistake the inauguration of the New Covenant. With such signs and wonders the Apostles were validated by God as having authority to pen the New Testament.

Once the canon was closed those opening words from the letter to the Hebrews made sense - God used to speak to the people through the prophets who received God's message in many ways - but now, at the end of the ages God was going to change things. From here on in God wasn't going to speak through prophets, now God was going to speak to His chosen ones through Jesus Christ - the living Word. We have received this "word" into a tome we call the new testament - a tome that has remained sufficient and unchanged for some 1900 years.

Now that we have God's final and completed message for the church in book format, we view any private revelation as either "suspect" or "private" - that is, it is either a false thing, or meant for personal use and not for the church.

I certainly acknowledge the presence of dreams in the text of the new testament, but not in such a way as to offer support to the notion that God is now giving direction to His church through dreams. God has already given direction to his Church through scripture. There was a time after Pentecost and prior to the closing of the canon of scripture where such prophetic dreaming would have been appropriate and even necessary - but the moment the canon closed, such dreams became superfluous.

I therefore do not hesitate to offer verses from scripture that remind us that dreams are, for the most part, empty, and generally come as a result of much activity (as opposed to divinity). I am not saying the dream wasn't from the Lord, it may well have been - but if it was it wasn't for the church. Your particular interpretation, however creative and novel wasn't a part of that dream - so I would be extra careful friend when I tell and retell it, to be certain that I don't interpret it for others. Neither Joseph nor Daniel was great enough to interpret their own dreams...

So I offer words of caution.

Dan  
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**Re:, on: 2005/6/7 17:11**

Ah! Popcorn and dann,

I want to put in a good word for dreams too. The Lord has spoken to me several times, through dreams.

Another point to make about dreams. In each of those in the post above, the information was directly relevant to the persons who had the dreams. Although the effect of obedience to the instruction they brought, had an everlasting implication for mankind, it was up to those who had the dream to be obedient to the truth which had been revealed to them.

This could be considered to be a damage limitation exercise (by God, or by us). Or, it is the natural consequence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit - in which there is no longer any need for one lone prophet or 'dreamer' to speak to the whole nation.

It is now, in the same way as the grace of God is available to each individual through Jesus Christ, that each individual to whom God reveals His word, by whatever means, is responsible to obey, on his own behalf.

When I started writing this, I was defending dreams. Now, I see I am suggesting the onus is on you, Popcorn, to be obedient to the Lord's revelation to you. I get the impression you would be headed that way, anyway, but would add this, that often confirmations follow, (when you are fully awake) which help complete the meaning of the revelation and the fulfillment of it - an unfolding of God's will in which to walk.

**Re:, on: 2005/6/7 17:20**

Hello dann,

We were posting at the same time, so I have more to say.

Quote:

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I don't know whether you realise or not, but your secular interpretation of dreams is completely rooted in rational philosophy.

There is interpretation of dreams in the Church today, in the same way as there is interpretation of tongues and prophecy. I agree with you on one point, though, as in my previous post, such are not necessarily for even the whole of a local church gathered (except as the edification of one member is bound to impact on all the others, in time).

On the other hand, I was present when a prophecy was given with great confidence by a member of the church I was attending, and it turned out to be relevant for the whole of the UK.

**Re: dreams - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/6/7 17:23**

What about Peter's dream in Acts 10?

I also have a lot of dreams, some of which I have thought were definitely from the Lord. Also, the probability that I and my daughter would have a dream on the same exact night describing Ezekiel 16 is pretty slim. We didn't even know anything about Ezekiel at the time.

I am also very cautious. I never want to be led astray. I would rather not take stock in our dreams but if the Lord is trying to show us something that we would otherwise be oblivious to.... ?

In Him, Chanin

**Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/6/7 17:29**

Quote:

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God bless you.

When I say "generally come as a result of much activity" - I am paraphrasing the NKJV of Ecclesiastes 5:3 where it says, "For a dream comes through much activity"

I appreciate your zeal.

Dan

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**Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/6/7 17:38**

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moreofHim wrote:  
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In my post I did point out that prior to the closing of the canon such revelation is not unheard of nor was it inappropriate.

Grace and peace,

Dan  
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**Re: the 'Ravid' dream, on: 2005/6/7 17:50**

Hi dann,

I'm not sure you can use something from Ecclesiastes, a book whose date and authorship are in question, to question the *experience* of believers after the New Testament type, just because nothing has been added to scripture for 1900 years. It may be better to take on board that Christians are still spoken to in dreams, just as Peter and Paul were.

When one is asleep, one may be *more* vulnerable to the Spirit, for certain types of revelation. Night-time may be one when a normally busy Christian's mind can be moved upon by God, because it is not night to Him, nor does our sleep hinder His Spirit from communicating with our spirits. After all, when one is asleep, one has least control over one's dreams. That's why when God speaks through them, it is kinda unmistakable. If it's 'mistakable', of course one is not in a hurry to attribute the dream to the moving of the Holy Spirit.

**Re: - posted by Popcorn (), on: 2005/6/7 18:05**

I'm so happy to have the Lord Jesus judge it and me and, in the Mighty Name of Jesus, I place both the dream and myself in His hands.

I firmly believe Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Grace and peace to you, too, in Jesus' Name.

**Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/6/8 13:02**

Quote:

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dorcass wrote:  
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Thank you Dorcas for sharing your feelings and intuition in this matter.

I appreciate your hesitation, though I do not share it. I am convinced that the bible is divinely authored, and trustworthy. I don't come to this conclusion frivolously, as might be imagined - but I take Paul's instruction to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16 to heart, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,"

Paul was speaking about the old testament (the New Testament wasn't fully written at the time, or fully available). Paul's instructions then are good for you and I. The old testament is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. Likewise Peter says plainly that it was the "Spirit of Christ" who was speaking through the old testament writers (c.f. 1 Peter 11). Given then that the book of Ecclesiastes was a part of the accepted old testament canon during the time of Christ, and certainly during the time that the new testament was being written - we can lay aside any notion that those old testament books are "questionable."

I likewise admire what Peter had to say about experience verse scripture (2 Peter 1:19). Peter, in describing the voice he heard from heaven while upon the mount of transfiguration with Christ, John, James, Moses and Elijah - says that he has something even more certain than this experience, the prophetic "word" confirmed - that is, old testament (scripture).

Rather than go by "feel" I walk by faith. Jeremiah 17:9 describes the heart as desperately wicked and deceitful - given that this is the word of Christ Himself (as Peter points out) I hesitate to exalt both feelings or personal experience above scripture - and in this case scripture makes a bold case against new revelation to the church.

This is how I understand scripture.

I have had what I believe was a vision from the Lord, and I know others who have as well. I am not saying that these things no longer happen - indeed, by no means do I suggest this. My only concern is that the children of God exercise discernment - that all things be done according to the Spirit -AND- according to scripture.

I have no desire to be contrary, or to stand out as "the guy" who wants to gainsay things just for the sake of gainsaying things :-)

I am by no means an expert in scripture - but I do examine all things under the light of scripture - and feel it is not only good - but even necessary to scrutinize all things thus.

For His glory,

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