

DREAMS

PREAMBLE

This write up is not meant for those that like to skim through scriptures but for those that dig deep into the scriptures. For you to truly benefit from this discuss you must be ready and prepared to read, study and meditate on EVERY ONE of the scriptural verses contained therein. It is not for you to assume it but to read it yourself wherever they pop up. This write up is not a novel or just another good informational read but a digging deep kind of thing. If you do not generally like opening up scriptures to see what is written in it as listed this discuss will not benefit you maximally, please be advised. **Acts 17:10-12.**

INTRODUCTION

Dream is a phenomenon that everyone in the flesh experiences in one form or the other, knowingly or unknowingly to you. Its place in the end time agenda has not been explicitly defined nor understood by many today. This has led to ignorance in its modus operandi and loads of abuse by those that take advantage of such ignorance in order to make merchandise of people through it. This write up is an attempt to bring to light certain truths concerning dreams that seem to have been kept under wraps as it were.

Definition of dream: a series of images and feelings occurring in the mind during sleep.

Dream is an activity of the mind, the workings of the mind when a man is asleep.

WHERE DID DREAM ORIGINATE FROM?

This is a question that many never seem to ask nor have they sought to find out as it were, but which is very pertinent in dealing with the issue of dreams. Dreams take root from carnality and not from the Spirit. Dream has to do with the playing out of lusts, desires, fantasies; desiring what is not in your power to bring about but you might want by whatsoever means. Such falls under covetousness as it were. How did such desires originate or emanate?

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **Vr. 14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High.

Ezek 28:2 Thus saith the Lord God; because thine heart is lifted up and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

The Devil is the chief dreamer, fantasizing and living in a world of make-believe, where he sees himself as “God” and behaves deceptively as such, deluding himself and others who are led under his captivity. Satan is held captive by this age long dream of his that shall never come to pass, even though he holds unto it tenaciously until his very end.

II Thess 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means;.... **Vr. 4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Just like many that end up in the grave with their dreams, so also shall the Devil end up in the lake of fire with this his dream at the end.

DREAM AND SLEEP ARE BEDFELLOWS

Dream is synonymous with sleep. So if you want to know about “dream”, you can learn it from studying about “sleep” in the Bible.

Dream require for you to sleep (inactive/unconscious) before it can occur. So if you are not asleep you cannot dream. If you do not sleep, you cannot dream. **1 Thess 5:7-5; Gen 41:1,5,11.**

Rom 13:11,12 We are always being admonished to awake (or wake up) from sleep or slumber (whether spiritually speaking or not) why? Sleep majorly is for the sluggard and lazy/foolish (**Prov 6:6-11**). Works of darkness are majorly wrought in the night through dreams and otherwise, so beware and be warned (**Mtt 13:25**). Many have been entangled therein and are still being held in bondage thereby due to ignorance of this very fact, taking pride in their being dreamers even to their own shame and confusion.

Give not sleep to thine eyes nor slumber to thine eyelids. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter and as a bird from the hand of the fowler-**Prov 6:4,5.**

Many people unfortunately do not have mastery over sleep, they are slaves to sleep. They cannot do without sleep which they call their “beauty sleep” which they do not play with and so rarely engage in night vigil spiritual exercises. **Mtt 26:40**

There are spirits behind sleep generally, talk less of “the deep” kind of sleep(**Isa 29:10; Gen 2:21**). They can either cause your eyes to open thereafter (**Gen 28:11-17; Job 33:14-22**) or cause them to be closed.(**Job 4:12-21**)

Ps 121:3,4 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.(contrast with other gods- **I Kings 18:27**). You ought to be like your Father if you walk in the Spirit.

Ps 132:4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes or slumber to mine eyelids.

It is more of leisure to the spiritual man to sleep and dream but not to the carnal man whose sleep result in all manner of divers, corrupting dreams. The sleep of the righteous ought to be sweet in such a manner that by the Spirit in him he can be roused up from engaging in an unpleasant, defiling dream at any point in time during his sleep. The carnal man sleeps like one that is dead, totally oblivious of his surroundings, while the spiritual man sleeps like a watchman, always sober and alert as it were. This is really possible mainly if the Spirit is in control rather than the flesh of the man.

Note: The spirit of a man does not sleep only the flesh does (but sinners are spiritually asleep).”But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.”

Rom 8:9

IS DREAM A MEANS OF LEADING FOR THE CHRISTIAN?

Dream, prophecy, visions and the word of God are all ways that the Lord uses to minister or communicate to men. The primary and greatest of them all, for the N.T. saint, is the word of God which God uses as a means of communication either via the scriptures or by his Spirit, and also majorly as a means of leading – **Ps 119:105,9**.

Dreams, prophecy, visions will pass away and are prone to fail one time or the other but the word of God will not fail nor pass away and is forever settled in heaven. (**Mtt 24:35; I Cor 13:8-10; Ps 119:89**)

One cannot be said to truly be led by dreams but rather one can receive communication or message through it instead. There is a difference between “being led” and “receiving communication”. “Receiving communication” is a subset of “being led”. It more or less has to do with frequency of occurrence, the latter is meant to be on per second or continual basis while the former is on intermittent or on a need-to-know basis.

Dream actually is not a means of leading by God, as many believe it to be, but rather a means/medium of communication, especially to those that are given to it and treat/highly regard it as such. Any and everybody can dream whether he be a Believer or an Unbeliever, the same umbrella covers them as it were. In this our times, the difference between Christians and Unbelievers ought to be distinctively clear, but dream has yoked them together as it were—**II Cor 6:14**. It may interest you to note that dreams are not captured as one of the several gifts of the Holy Spirit nor is interpretation of dreams as one of the offices that N.T. ministers of God are called into. What we rather have are tongues and interpretation of tongues amongst others. **I Cor. 12:7-11**. Dreams are of the Old Testament dispensation and not primarily of the New

Testament. Dream is not a gift of the Spirit but that of the flesh. All manner of works of the flesh are carried on during dream episodes that men are made to engage in as the sleep.

True Christians (Spirit-baptized) are led by the Spirit of Christ- **Rom 8:14**, while Unbelievers are led by their dreams, which in their case actually, are unclean spirits manipulations in disguise- **Jude 1:8**. In short, Believers are led by the Spirit of Faith/belief while Unbelievers are led by the spirit of fear/unbelief/sight- **II Tim 1:7**. Heaven and Hell can communicate to men through dreams, but more often than not it is the latter that utilizes this medium most.

STATEMENT: Visions, dreams, etc are secondary intermittent medium of receiving communication from God. The primary means is by the word of God or by the Spirit of God. Why? **Jn 4:24; Jn 6:63; Num 12:8**.

Dreams are not the daily means of God's leading for the N.T. saints rather it is the word of God that is. **Ps 119:105**. If we needed to wait on dreams for our every moment or daily choices/decisions that we make in life, then we would have to wait for the night time to sleep, dream and afterwards seek for an interpreter of dreams, before we receive direction on what decision to make, way after the moment has passed for it. Instead dream is a medium of intermittent "communication" and not a means of "leading".

Our Master Jesus Christ was not led by dreams. How can, even God did not employ that medium in relating with Moses his servant (**Num 12:5-8**) talk less of His only begotten Son from heaven. And every one of us born of water and of the Spirit is a citizen of heaven no longer that of the earth as it were. God has been looking for such worshippers all this while, those that will relate with Him in spirit and in truth- **Jn 4:24**

Dream is a means of communication that anyone can partake of but not a means of leading for the sons of God, whom all creatures having been waiting to manifest- the difference between the two must be clear as it were. **Rom 8:14,19**

Stealing the word of God by the telling of dreams is a common tactics of the Devil which many are unaware of and fall for constantly- **Jer 23:30,32**. Do not be deceived, the coming to pass of a dream does not automatically make it from God- **Deu 13:1-7; 2 Tim 2:15**

God wants whether when we sleep or when we are awake to communicate to us and lead us continually by His Spirit, which He has given unto us for that purpose. **I Thess 5:10; I Cor 2:10,11**

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

QUESTION: Where you have the Word of God, a dream and a prophecy which seem to speak different things, which one of them would you be more inclined to hold unto and walk by?

Many most likely would choose the latter two options as it obtains today. Why? Because the words of Christ and the understanding thereof does not dwell in them richly. Why? Because today's Believers have itching ears- **2 Tim 4:3**

Rom 8:14- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (not as many are led by dreams).

For as many that are led by dreams are yet mere servants of God of the O.T. extraction not of the N.T. sonship. **Num 12:5-8**

If you think you receive heavenly communication via dream, you need the word of God still to guide and lead you daily unto the fulfillment of that dream. Many have dreams but they lack the word of God nor the Spirit of truth in them to guide them unto understanding it, talk less of fulfilling it and so the dream is truncated along the way.

To receive a dream is one thing, to walk in the divine path of fulfilling it to the very end is another thing, the in between is what matters the most. That is why the graveyard is the richest place on earth because many unfulfilled rich dreams are buried there with their owners who were dreamers.

DREAM AS A VERITABLE DOORWAY FOR THE ENEMY

Dream is one of the potent tool that the enemy uses, from without to defile, pollute and penetrate the within of the believer unawares to him due to his ignorance and lack of sensitivity as to its workings. As such it is an evil arrow that becomes a plant that is not planted by our heavenly Father within men – **Matt 15:10-20; Jude 1:8**

Our Lord Jesus used the parable of the Wheat and Tares to expose the tactics by which the enemy plant negative things in our lives without our being aware of it even so much that many assist the enemy in doing so without knowing. Many have been and are still held bound or captive by Satan through dreams. Unfortunately, religious leaders of today ignorantly teach and encourage Believers to dream on and to treat dream as a means of leading by God to their own detriment eventually.

Parable of the Wheat and Tares - **Matt 13:24-30**

Verse 24- The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field.

Verse 37,38- He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man, the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom.

Verse 25- but while men slept, (instead of watching and praying).

QUESTION: What normally happens when men sleep? They will begin to dream all sorts without any reservation or restrain.

Dream is a doorway into the life of a man when he is asleep. It's a channel that can allow traffic of both good and evil spirits at various times.

So while the Son of man sowed good seed, the enemy also sowed tares (evil seed) utilizing different medium (the good seed was sown through the word of God and revelations by the Spirit while men were awake; the evil seed through dreams as men slept).

Note: The Son of man sowed his seed while men were wide awake (and not sleeping) Why? because He is of the day and not of the night. He is of the light and not of darkness (**I Thess 5:5,8**), while the enemy is a thief, is of the night and of darkness. So while men are unguarded, unaware, complacent, wide open to trafficking of spirits, he steals in to plant. It is mainly in the dark of the night that your adversary the devil roameth about like a roaring lion seeking whom to devour, frightening men that sleep in their dreams, whom many cannot resist in the faith even at that unguarded period of their life- **I Pet 5:8, 9**.

And God allow both the wheat and the tares to grow together (until the end), depending on the one you give yourself to accept, obey and represent. **Mtt 13:29, 30; Rom 6:16**

STATEMENT: It is your duty and job to be able to discern between the two and which one you will believe and follow. Definitely you need the Spirit of God within you to be able to differentiate between the two. **I Jn 4:1; Matt 7:15; Jer 5:13**.

Thieves, robbers come in the night especially when men are in deep sleep, so that they would not be quickly and easily detected (at such times you don't know whether you are still dreaming or awake). **Lk 12:39; I Kings 3:19-22**. You even act out things and say out things in your dream state that you are not aware of. Many even go as far as sleep walking while dreaming.

Jer 23:18,22,29,30 It is easier to discern falsehood or error in a man through the word rather than through dreams he says he has received from the Lord. Dreams give room to wider scope/margin for deception than words; that is why the Devil uses it a lot. It is an open-ended kind of thing that opens a door that you cannot easily close, except you know the Truth (the Word of God) well which many do not. **2 Tim 3:7,8**

CAN DREAMS BE CAUSED OR INFLUENCED?

“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” - **Jer 29:8**

Subtle suggestions, thought manipulation, hypnotism, false counsels, negative testimonies, evil communications (via carnal movies/talk shows, worldly music), an idle mind, religious indoctrinations, etc are various means through which dreams can be caused unknowingly to you.

Eccl 5:3- For a dream cometh through the multitudes of(carnal or godly/spiritual? Which?) business and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words (same thing with a fool's dreams in the multitude of carnal lusts, impure cravings/desires and thoughts/fears).

For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities but fear the Lord - **Eccl 5:7.**

If you are a fearful person, that is, someone full of fears based on carnal stronghold (database/conscience of an idol-**I Cor 8:7**) then your dreams will also be fearful- **Job 3:25**. If you are hungry, your dreams will tend to be centered around food or if you are thirsty, around drink-**Isa 29:7,8**. Whatever you lust after or carnally desire you can actualize in your dreams, believing that nobody is seeing you and thereby continually polluting your spirit cum life thereby unknowingly. A lot of "Christians" indulge in all manner of fantasies in their dreams which cannot even be mentioned among Unbelievers if it were to be made manifest for all to see. They portray themselves as "Christians" while awake but are core Unbelievers in their dreams- this is an error known to God though unknown to fellow Christians.

Question: Have you ever wondered why it is that one suffering from malaria, for example, seems to experience all manner of rubbish dreams that when he is in good health he usually does not? Why?

Dream, invariably, is a medium of communication that can be generally influenced by both internal and external circumstances, situations, feelings, the five (5) carnal senses, tumults confronting and surrounding you, the state of your mind.

Dream is a risky and dangerous medium by which you lay spiritual foundations that are meant to last for a lifetime. Unfortunately, many marriages and life decisions that men have made are premised on such manipulated dreams.

Foundations laid upon dreams can be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand rather than on the solid rock, which is the Word of God- **Mtt 7:24-26**

Eccl 6:9- Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. [when you are awake, you see with your eyes open, but when you are asleep, you wander mentally in your carnal desires in dreams]

Dreams are mediums through which your conscious and subconscious fears are made manifest or revealed. The pattern of your dreams is an indication of the internal tumult that goes on within your inner man whether it be pure or impure, at times. **Ps 127:2**

So the kind of dreams you dream often can also be seen to be a reflection of your spiritual state of mind or well-being as it were. The enemy uses dreams to torment many in their sleep when he is at work in them via unclean spirits. **I Jn 4:18**

Dreams can destroy a man's tranquility and peace causing internal tumult- **Dan 4:4,5**.

STATEMENT: Dreams can be used to make people afraid and stir up all manner of thoughts in your head that will trouble you and make you uneasy. They are a veritable medium/tool through which fears can be sown in your life, your flesh defiled and your spirit corrupted thence also-**Jude 1:8**.

THE PLACE OF DREAMS IN THESE LAST DAYS- THE N.T. TIMES

The move of the gospel is carried out by various category of people- Sons, daughters, young men, old men, servants of God, hand maidens, etc all driven and enabled by the Spirit of God. Their Spirit-enablement is at different levels according to their several abilities.

Your Sons and your daughters shall prophecy

Your Young men shall see vision

Your Old men shall dream dreams

My Servants and my handmaidens shall prophecy.- Acts 2:17-18

In our current dispensation, dreams are really meant for old people - **Joel 2:28** (the category of people that have grown old and weary, dull, whose spiritual activity have waned or reduced but they still have the willingness to be active and alive contrary to what their body is telling them Example, Caleb (**Num 14:24; Josh 14:10-12; Eccl 12:1-5**). Old people that still want to operate like them of the O.T. times.

Dreams are for retired or retiring men of God even now in this Holy Ghost dispensation. It is being practiced by New Testament (N.T.) saints that operate as Old Testament (O.T.) saints, who are desirous of the old ways; they cling to dreams as a major means of guidance from God, unfortunately. Dreams have served their purpose during the Old Testament times and just like the Law, are meant to give way to the Spirit's operations in the lives of God's children today.

Dream, even as the Law, is not based on faith (**Gal 3:12**) but the Word of God is (**Rom 10:17**). And the Just shall live by faith. **Gal 3:11**

For whatsoever is not of faith is sin - **Rom 14:23**. Dream was allowed by God as a means of communication under the rule of the law of sin and death but is not as relevant as such under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Dream is for those that are under condemnation who still walk after the flesh though they say that they are in Christ, not for those that are in Christ who walk after the Spirit. **Rom 8:1,2**.

Dream as a means of guidance, today, is for those that have not yet crucified the old man- “your old men shall dream dreams”. You are admonished to put off the old man with his deeds and put on the new man, who is guided by the Spirit and not by dreams. **Colo 3:9,10; Rom 8:14**

For we walk by faith, not by sight – **II Cor. 5:7**. The act of dreaming is not “a faith walk” but “a sight walk”. Dream is among the old things that must pass away, for the new thing to take over – **II Cor. 5:17**. Hope in Christ has replaced dream in this dispensation. Hope is rooted on faith, but dream is not. Dream is like building on sand while hope is on the solid rock as it were. **Colo 1:27; Rom 8:24; Mtt 7:24-27**

If you are a true disciple of the Master our perfect example, you will notice that Christ was not led by dreams nor was it his means of communication with the Father; neither did his disciples after him operate thus. At best, the disciples received visions intermittently. One wonders whose steps today Born again dreamers are following that of Christ or O.T. servants like, Joseph the dreamer, or King Nebuchadnezzar or Pharaoh, etc. they are not our perfect examples.

The New Creature is not born or given birth to with/by dreams but by the Word of God and the Spirit of God (according to the will of God) **Jn 3:5-8, Jam 1:18**. God does not dream nor fantasize and neither should his true sons too, rather they can hope while yet on earth.

God in times past have revealed His will to man via different means- His word, which is the primary means (if you can be able to interpret it by His Spirit) visions, prophecies, dreams, (these are secondary means which are not direct but shrouded in mystery which needs to be unraveled still). Amongst the secondary means Dream is way down the rung of the ladder in our times as it were even behind visions and prophecies in the hierarchy. Dream was for the time of ignorance, shadow and darkness, but now the light has come and we need to come out of the shadows as it were. **I Pet 2:9; Jn 8:12**

From the Pentecost day manifestation of the Holy Ghost upon the Disciples of Christ, we did not see them operate by means of dreams, they had visions but not dreams from scriptural accounts available to us. “And the times of this ignorance God winked at” you too do not need to continue in it any longer, for the Spirit and truth has come by Christ Jesus to guide us into all truth.

Dreams are for old men that sleep often and are drawing closer to the grave/death with each passing day; they can afford to dream as much as they want to. **Eccl 12:1-7**

CONCLUSION

In the Old Testament times, God used to speak to men through

I Sam 28:6 (1) by dreams (2) by Urim (3) by prophets.

But in the New Testament the Lord speaketh

I Tim 4:1 Expressly by His Spirit (His word) unto men. Why?

Because His Spirit has come to dwell in the hearts of men (no longer on and off). So you are meant to hear from God whether you are sleeping or not.

I Jn 2:27 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.

Many have exalted dreams above the very Word of God in their lives. Such majority that holds unto dreams tenaciously you will discover have neither the words of Christ richly dwelling in them nor the understanding of it.

Christ's instruction to us is to WATCH and PRAY (not to SLEEP and DREAM). The former is a spiritual exercise that makes our willing spirit to be strong while the latter causes our flesh to be weak and yet exercise dominion over our spirit. Your spirit has to be strong, sober, alert and be able to exercise dominion over your flesh at all times. **Matt 26:41**

IPet 5 :8 Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about (through dreams) seeking whom he may devour:.

Vr 9 Whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

I Thess 5:6 let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.(**I Thess 5:4-10**)

The issue of Dream is quite vast and we shall continue in the second part of this dream talk, where we shall look at certain things like- possible dreams from God, the interplay between dreams, thoughts and visions, interpretation of dreams, statements on dreams, etc.

Do not be a "***Spirit-filled, tongue-talking, dream-led***" born again rather be a ***Spirit-led*** son of God instead. **Rom 8:14**

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