

Dreams and Visions - Jane Cheung

God is always speaking to us

In the Bible there are 2 forms of prophets the

Nabi - it means the bubbling up or flow or sudden inspiration: the one that hears in words voice . You may say I heard, this is what I perceive the Lord say. spiritual eyes

Seer - they receive revelation in a more visual way: the Lord showed me, I saw a picture, they have dreams, visions , mental pictures, ope visions, visitations (angelic) experiences in heavenly or unseen realms, trans transportation and translation.spiritual ears.

We have learned that God speaks through:

The **Logos** - written word of God

The **Rhema** - the inspired word from the written or through the gifts of the Spirit, Inner witness, the gift of discernment,Preaching/ Teaching, other people, nature,Bill board signs

Dreams, Visions, Spiritual Encounters

Dreams

- *important in understanding the revelation God is giving us

- *one third of the Bible deals with dreams , visions and their interpretation

- * if God is using this mode as a a way to communicate to us we need to learn His dream and symbol language

- * God speaks to us through pictures He gives us in our imagination

- * Sanctified Senses, eyes, ear, smell, taste, touch And imagination (call those things that be not as though they were... see it even before it is real)

- * God is pouring His Spirit out on all flesh in these Last Days. Read here the prophecy or the end-time out-pouring

- * Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:16-21 : it shall come to pass in the last days, says God , that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions , your old men shall dream dreams. And on my menservants and maidservants I will pour out My Spirit and they shall prophesy...

Numbers 12:6, 'the He said, Hear now my words: If there is a prophet among you I, the Lord, make Myself know to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.

Job 33:14-16 ‘ For God may speak in one way , or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men and seals their instruction.

Proverbs 25:2, “ It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

* **Dreams** are a series of thought, images or emotions or dialogue that one receive or experiences during ones’ sleep or unconscious state.

* God’s night parables or symbolic picture language

2 kinds literal and symbolic

Sources

1. From God
2. From satan
3. From our soul, spirit, body the business of the day (medication/drugs)

Types include:

1. Reveal truth to us in different areas of our life
2. Warning/ instruction or preparation for the future
3. they speak to potential events that can change through repentance
4. Reveal the future
5. Release profound prophetic /heavenly wisdom and knowledge
6. God’s plans, instructions, future events sealed in our spirit

Why dreams?

1. To reveal to us how to succeed (Genesis, 31 and 41)
2. To convict us of sin (Genesis 20:3)
3. For deliverance (Judges 7:13 Gideon and the barley loaf)
4. For protection (Matt 2:13)
5. Equipping the saints (Joel 2:28)
6. For encouragement (Judges 7:15)
7. For revelation (Matt 1:20)
8. To warn us (Job 33:15)

***Visions** - similar to dreams they can occur day or night time when you are awake. It seems to unfold like a movie in your mind.

They can occur quickly, you may lose perception of your surroundings. They consume you, you may be trance like.you could be translated into another time or place.

God is opening up our spiritual eyes to see what is taking place in the spiritual realm.

***Dark sayings:** on the surface there is no understanding but it comes as a riddle , or a parable and must be search out to receive the truth nod meaning

OT survey of Dreams -

Warnings - Genesis 20:3, 20:6. **Abimelech** took a married woman

The ability to get wealth - Genesis 31:10-13. **Jacob** and the spotted flock

Joseph - Genesis 37:18-24, 27-36; Psalm 105:17-22 (until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him).

*****God's top priority is to refine our character so we will be perfect, rooted and grounded in Love.**

Genesis 39, 40, 41 continue Joseph's story (including Pharaoh's dream of fat and thin cows, fat and thin grains of wheat)

Judges 7:13-15 **Gideon** (the camp of media ties given to him in battle)

Samuel 28:6-8 Saul was not answered from the Lord by a dream, Urim or a prophet so he consults a medium.(physics, mediums, witches, Wicca, new age are all counterfeits found in the occult)

1 Kings 3:5 Solomon's dream

Job 20:8 - He will fly away like a dream, and not be found; yes he will be carried away like a vision of the night

Ecclesiastes 5:3, 'For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words.

Proverbs 1:5-6 "A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the word of the scribe and their riddles."

Psalm 25:14 "The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant

The book of Daniel too much to share here.

NT survey of Dreams

Rev. 4:1-3. come up here..... the invitation of going through the door into a new realm of revelation... to show us things that will take place

Acts 2:17-21 the Joel 2:28-29 scripture

Matt. 13:10-11. Jesus taught in parables

1 Corinthians 14:25 the secrets of the heart revealed..

Matt 1:18-25 Birth of Jesus revealed to Joseph

Matt 2:12-15 Warning dream to Joseph flee to Egypt

Interpreting Dreams

1. Name, date and title your dream, record in your waking time (keep a notebook by your bed)
2. Write or draw your dream out in bullet point, outline, paragraph, diagram, web format
3. Record the main facts and eliminate unnecessary detail
4. Ask the Holy Spirit for insight and understanding through biblical imagery
5. does the dream symbol appear in the Bible? Look at the symbols collectively and see if they correlate.
6. Ask questions
7. Look for theme and essence the dream is communicating to you
8. Keep it simple is better than trying to complicate the dream
9. visualize the dream as you recall or rehearse the main symbols in the scenes or dream story

People:

1. Am I the focus, participating in the dream or just observing
2. Do I know the people in the dream personally, not all or just recognize them
3. What are the meanings of their names
4. What does that person represent to me
5. Do the people have a light or dark countenance

Emotions:

1. In the dream, am I (or others) happy, sad, remorseful, afraid... other types of feelings

Setting:

1. Does the dream take place at home, church, work, school or some other setting
2. Is it set in the pst, present or future tense

Objects:

1. What are the things or objects highlighted in the dream?
2. What is their function ?
3. what is their color?
4. Are they being used for some other purpose than for which they were designed?
5. Are they of a negative or a positive nature?

Animals:

1. Are they domestic, family pets, tamed or wild
2. What characteristics, attributes or functions do they perform?
3. Do I like and feel positive towards them or dislike and feel negative towards them?
4. Does this animal appear in the Bible?

Movement

1. am I (or others) flying, running, walking, standing, sitting, laying down, or some other type of actions

Behavior

1. Are my behavior and the behavior of others normal or considered strange and it of the ordinary?

Colors

1. Does the dream have bright and vivid rainbow colors or lack luster?

Numbers

1. how do the numbers appear in the dream correlate to the meaning of numbers in the scriptures
2. Do the numbers hold significance to yo personally such as a birth date, age, address or phone number

Conclusion

1. Submit to and learn how god communicates to us through signs and symbols. Learn His picture language.
2. Understand our dream vocabulary
 1. Symbol: something representing something else, a sounder part, association or a resemblance
 2. Type : share common traits or characteristics distinguishing them as a category, set or class. An event or happening in the OT that. Foreshadows another in the NT. Classify according to a particular type or design, to typify or represent.
 3. Shadow: a mirror image, a reflection opaque object that is not illuminated, slight indication or premonition, represented vaguely, mysteriously or prophetically veiled, to shad or shadow.
 4. Parable: a simple story that illustrates a large point or moral lesson. A dream, vision, riddle or mystery used to reveal a spiritual principle.

Resources

Dreams and Visions course 201 - Streams Ministry, Joh Paul Jackson
Dream Encounters - Barbie Breathitt: Breath of the Spirit Ministries, Inc
Dreams and Visions - Jane Hamon
Dream Language - James W and Michael Ann Goll
The Seer - James W Goll

