

Dream Keys

Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit is the current representative of the Godhead on the earth today.
- We are standing in the last days, which are marked by an outpouring of God's Spirit.
- The outpouring of Holy Spirit includes prophecy through dreams and visions.
- As Christians, some of us are prone "throw the baby out with the bath water" because we see the new age movement and psychoanalysis embrace dream interpretation for guidance.
- Old Testament prophets heard God's word as we do, through parable-type dreams and visions.
- Jesus' preferred teaching method was to use parables.

Insights

- Everyone dreams even though they may not recall their dreams.
- Dreams and visions are rhema words from God to build and strengthen faith.
- You can be strengthened in faith by hearing the dreams of others, like Gideon (Judges 7:13-15), who was strengthened in faith by hearing two enemy soldiers sharing a dream.
- Dreams and visions reveal secrets and answer questions on people's hearts.
- Dreams are powerful vehicle for God to warn and guide his people.
- It is not wise to disclose every dream or vision you receive because some people will not appreciate or understand what God has for your life.

Considerations

- There's a message from God in every dream.
- Rather than ignoring our dreams, it's healthier to realize that dreams are ways in which God communicates to us about our hearts.
- Dreams are not an end in themselves. They are to direct us into a deeper relationship with God.
- Metaphoric and literal elements can be combined in dreams.
- God, the devil, and our own hearts can influence the dreams we dream.
- Going to clairvoyants or palm readers or using tarot cards, astrology and New Age dream interpretation materials is effectively opening oneself up to counterfeit messages and deception.
- Dreams are a catalyst to awaken and revitalize a sensitivity and hunger within us for Holy Spirit.

Judge all Dream Interpretations:

- It is important to point out that there is no formula for interpreting dreams. It is more about cultivating a relationship with Holy Spirit than applying a series of rules for interpreting. This is because Holy Spirit is the Author and Interpreter of dreams.
- Is the interpretation in line with Scripture.
- If the interpretation is corrective, is it free of condemnation (James 2:17).
- If the interpretation is about future events/places/people/things is it encouraging and does it give you hope (Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 14:3).
- Is there an inward knowing that the interpretation is truth (John 14:26, 1 John 2:20, 27).
- Does the interpretation agree with what God has been saying to you through other avenues of guidance e.g. prayer, the bible, ministries, counselors, your passions, friends, family, mentors, etc.

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