

## INTRODUCTION

In order for the reader to have a clearer understanding of the purpose and intent of this book, certain explanations and definitions of terms are needed. As the title SPEAK TO HIM IN DREAMS implies, God's communications with a man through dreams are the basis for these writings. Over a period of twenty-plus years I have received many dreams from the Lord as I slept. I hope my readers will find herein encouragement and enlightenment for their spiritual walk to which all true believers are called.

I wish to state from the beginning that I believe in the written Word of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. It is the foundation by which all spiritual matters are judged. II Timothy 3:16 states:

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...” (KJV).

The book will follow this general order. A dream will be shared and its interpretation as I understand it. I will then expound and share some thoughts and teachings on these revelations. We will enter into some practical understanding by way of encouragement, teaching, admonishment, warning, comforting, exhortation and any other means needed to cause us to look more closely at our spiritual walk.

Now I would like to explain what I mean by the terms “dream” and “vision.” When the word dream is used it is just that, no more, no less. These dreams and revelations were mostly received while I was asleep. When the term vision is used it is to be understood as a seeing into the spirit realm while awake. I want the reader to understand that dreams and visions are **NOT** to be understood as impressions, daydreams or mental reflections.

Today in this world of many voices from the spirit world, we as Christians must be able to discern and distinguish the sources that produce them. Many spiritual revelations, dreams, visions, voices and signs are not from God. For every true revelation there are many counterfeit and false revelations. All true supernatural or spiritual revelations will pass the test of the Bible's revealed written truths.

In these last days there is and will be an onslaught of the occult and demonic forces. The Christian is faced with two dangers in dealing with these facts. One is to be fearful of spiritual revelations, thereby rejecting them all. The other is to believe everything we receive and open ourselves to error. The first state reminds me of the expression declared by many, “I do not go to church for there are too many hypocrites there!” My friends, we work and live around many hypocrites, so why should some in the church bother us? Just because some have betrayed our trust or friendship is no reason to never make friends again, now is it? Let us not throw out a good steak because of the bones. Instead, learn to discern what is of God and reject that which is not.

Therefore, when it comes to dreams and visions and special revelations, let us not resist and become fearful. For, my friends, God still can and does use many methods to give us spiritual insight. In the Old and New Testaments of the Bible He often used dreams, visions, voices and angels to reveal His ways. A good portion of the Bible was written and revealed by these methods. If we read carefully the New Testament (especially the book of Revelation) we find an increase in such methods used by God and the enemy as well. If we deny these methods we will also have to deny all other methods God

uses to help us in our spiritual walk. Like preachers, teachers and the other ministries named in the epistles, God chooses the method and means to speak to us.

We do well not to box in the Holy Spirit with our limited thinking. We must let God be God and let Him use whatever means and ways He chooses to help us in our spiritual pilgrimage. Methods will vary but the source must be God. Let us not stay on milk but try meat for a change. Yet let us be cautious not to believe everything, but do as the apostle John commanded us in I John 4:1:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

As a receiver of dreams I do not believe every dream, vision or revelation. Most of our dreams occur because we naturally spend much of our sleep dreaming. Many dreams come because our minds are agitated before retiring or we have eaten an assortment of strange and spicy foods. Let us remember all that comes through our minds is from three sources: Godly, demonic or human. We as Christians must learn to look behind the methods unto the sources. For example, some television and radio preachers may be of God, truly proclaiming His Word, while others may be wolves in sheep’s clothing using the Word for fame and gain. Some may even mix the two much to their own destruction and shame. If we would study our Bibles more carefully we would not be so easily taken in by such smooth talkers and deceivers. In all things let us sort out the true from the false, the nuggets from the ore, the gems from the rocks.

Finally, this book may be used as a devotional---a devotional, however, that may goad us more often than soothe us! Most of the dreams shared are in no particular order, and you will find different levels of understanding and thought. These dreams will be shared as God’s revelations to me, a method by which the Lord taught and added to my spiritual insight. May the reader consider that God still uses imperfect human vessels who often see only in part. At times some dreams will be placed together if they are very much alike. If so, as we would with scriptural verses, I will seek to come at them from different angles to make the best use of their applications. If the reader wishes to skip around from dream to dream, he will find it easy to do so in most cases. These cover many years of my life; some you may find as milk and some as meat.

May the Holy Spirit give you insight and understanding into all spiritual truth whether found in this book or the Bible or by any means He so desires to use. I hope you have, as I have, put your trust and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and for grace to serve Him as Lord of your life in this present age. In all of our weaknesses, faults and imperfections let us hold to this truth as found in Romans 5:8:

“But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”