

#4 THE DREAM.....

I am sleeping yet am able to see myself lying on my bed looking about my room. I hear the shuffling of feet behind the head of my bed. Two spirits or demons are standing there, speaking to me repeatedly, "God is a liar and will not give you what He has promised you." I am so annoyed at their blasphemy but seem helpless to stop their piercing chatter. Suddenly I hear footsteps on the staircase and see a bright light coming up the stairs. As the presence arrives at the top of the steps the demons begin to panic and run away. I see no form but have an awareness of an angelic presence that produces a deep sense of peace. I then awaken to find my room filled with a very pleasant tranquility.

Demons will often tempt us to discouragement and unbelief. When we have resisted and withstood them with God's Word and promises they soon will be forced to flee. It also appears that we as believers have angels assigned to protect and help us in our earthly walk.

We must remember that whatever channel God uses to bless us, the devil can use to deceive or hinder us. It can be through dreams, visions, revelations, impressions, circumstances or through messages by preachers or teachers. It matters not the methods, the enemy will attempt to counterfeit them by adding to or subtracting from what we have received. Remember in the time of Christ's great testing by the devil, the adversary tried using the Word of God to cause our Lord to sin.

Why, my friends, even today our pulpits are filled with messengers inspired by the devil. When ministers spend more time proclaiming everything under the sun instead of teaching the Word and will of God they act as Satan's servants. I dare say most of our pulpits in America are infiltrated by wolves in sheep's clothing, men and women preaching anything but the true unadulterated Word of God. Many times the words proclaimed are not evil in themselves (like social action and such), but as ministers they are first and foremost called to serve the Lord and His kingdom and not their own interests or even the personal interests of the flock. A true minister of God speaks God's Word and does not compromise it for gain, fame or self-interest. Yes, I am forced to say Satan has his own in pulpits and on television to do his works. We must remember our spiritual enemy is a real person with a real army of earthly followers who do his bidding often with or without their knowledge. Let us not be shocked at this. Read II Corinthians 11:14-15:

"And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works."

Let us read God's Word often and seek Him to grace us in believing and obeying it. Otherwise, we will fall into the same deceptions as many have, being led astray by these cunning and deceitful wolves.