

#10 THE DREAM.....

The enemy comes again.....

I find myself on the shore of an ocean. As I look out over the waters I see a large object rising up from the surface. It is a giant, fierce-looking creature that appears much like a serpent. I move back up the beach keeping my eyes fixed on this beast now moving inland. As its body emerges from the water I see its length to be about two-hundred feet and its width about ten feet. I retreat quickly backwards and the beast rapidly begins to surround and encircle me, cutting off all avenues of escape. The creature glares at me, and I find to my surprise that I have a sword in my hand. Swiftly it advances, lifting its large head up in the air until its mouth is poised over my body. I look straight up into this large circular mouth lined with sharp teeth. The head and moving teeth lunge down to devour me. Suddenly, without fear and somewhat boldly I reach up with my free hand and grab this open mouth by one of its large sharp teeth. Using the sword in my other hand, I strike the serpent in the head as I violently shake the beast by its tooth. It soon lies quite dead at my feet.

The enemy of our souls often tries to present himself as being more powerful and fierce than he really is. Yet without God's grace and empowering we are no match for him. With the weapons that God has provided for us we can and must do battle with our spiritual foe, and we must fight to win. In the dream I found in my hand a sword. We know that in the Bible this object is symbolized as the Word of God. This is often the offensive weapon in our battles. I appeared to have a boldness in facing the enemy. Proverbs speaks of the righteous being bold as a lion. The New Testament reveals that Spirit-filled Christians are to have boldness in their lives. If we do not use the weapons provided us and do not walk in the Spirit, we have real reason to be fearful. Our enemies will destroy us when and if they can. Yet we have this assurance as Christians, that if God allows the enemy to attack us, then He has provided for our defense and victory. It says thus in Isaiah 59:19:

“...When the enemy shall come in like a flood (army), the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (KJV).