

## #15 THE DREAM.....

*I find myself in a large room, and notice a man at the front who is teaching and holding a Bible in His hand. I perceive this person is the Lord Jesus. I appear to be hovering up in the air just behind the Lord. I can see the Bible open in His hands as He is teaching the people. I watch for awhile and then proceed to fly past the Lord to leave the room. Suddenly, the Bible seems to lift up of its own accord from His hands and hovers just in front of me preventing my departure.*

*The scene changes and I am now standing at an ocean's edge with a large pitcher in my hands. I begin to pour from the container what appears to be red wine into the waters. As I do this I speak three times the same word, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." I sense a great peace around me.*

The symbolism of my hovering behind the Lord and watching Him teach is this: I was to listen to Him and be guided by Him, for I must be His messenger. He knows the lessons we need to learn and there is a set time often for us to learn certain truths. Then we are ready to be sent out by Him. In the dream the Bible prevents me from leaving for the time is not right. We must study and absorb God's Word into our minds and spirits if it is going to do a true spiritual work in us. Head knowledge is not enough, we must let the Word become a part of our lives. Zeal without wisdom is of little value in our spiritual walk. In school as we learn certain truths and their applications we are then ready to move to higher levels. The same is true in the spiritual realm---we are then ready for more useful service in God's kingdom or vineyard.

The wine being poured forth from the pitcher into the water symbolizes this: the waters being mankind and the red wine representing the blood of Christ or the foundation of the true gospel message. The statement spoken three times symbolizes:

“...in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established”  
(Matthew 18:16 KJV).

Yes, God confirms truth this way.

In the Old and New Testaments much is spoken of the blood as Hebrews 9:22 reveals:

“...I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.”

As Christians we believe in the atonement of the blood of Jesus Christ. It is the blood which has purchased for us the gospel of peace. That is the gospel we must proclaim to the world. From the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, the blood is spoken of in word or symbolism. It all points to the cross of Jesus Christ and the pouring out of His blood and life for us. All we preach or teach of the Word must be built on that foundation---the blood and cross of Jesus Christ. It is simple but it is the rock of Christianity! Let us never separate Christ from the blood, the cross and the Word of God.