

#26 THE DREAM.....

I see two keys, one named “trust” and the other “self-denial”, which I am aware are spiritual keys to understanding. I also notice an object that looks like a chair. Across the top I observe the word “trust” again. Then I glance upward in the sky and see these words printed: “Keep looking up!”

Keys symbolize instruments used to unlock doors and locks. They are also a means of opening something to us. The chair speaks of an object on which to sit or rest. The keys and the chair signify to me that trust and self-denial are keys to a state of rest for the Christian. There can be no true trusting unless we are yielding to the Lord and denying our own will and ways. Trust is the human attitude of resting in the will of God. Self-denial is the human requirement of exchanging the fleshly for the divine. We will find it hard to trust the Lord for anything if we know that we are self-seeking in our requests and not in the Lord’s will.

God desires to channel His faith through us to accomplish His will. Faith comes peacefully to the Christ-centered soul. It does not have to be pumped up, talked up or confessed until one is blue in the face. These are mere human efforts trying to produce spiritual results. The trusting soul will find rest though there be outward conflict. Trusting hearts will find it easier to allow faith to move through them because they have no selfish motives, and desire only God’s perfect will.

In order for us to see more clearly into the spiritual realm, we must be freed from the bondage of the natural realm. Self-denial is the instrument for this. To allow God to work death in us will also allow Him to work His spiritual life in us. It is only by taking up our cross and denying self that we can produce spiritual fruit. Christ states this often.

Now the phrase “keep looking up” speaks of our spiritual attitude when we are in a state of trust and self-denial. The word “keep” means to continue; “looking” speaks of expecting, watching or focusing; “up” signifies the direction of our looking and trusting. God is the object of our faith and our source of all good things. Some answers to prayers will take long years of waiting and expectancy. Only a trusting and self-denying soul will be able to continue looking upward until the answer comes.