

## #28 THE DREAM.....

A third time I dream of two keys.

*I am looking for two keys in many cabinet drawers. I open one drawer and find layers of white cloth. As I'm lifting the layers my hand presses down and discovers the keys underneath. While pulling them out I notice strings of pearl necklaces lying on and between the cloths.*

From previous dreams the two keys symbolize trust and self-denial. The pearls again reveal these keys are priceless and of great value in our spiritual progress. If they have been lost or laid aside we must search diligently until we find them, for unless they are retrieved we can not advance in our spiritual walk. The white cloth which covers and undergirds the keys speaks of the righteousness of Christ providing these instruments for our use.

Trusting and self-denial join together as faith and works and sowing and reaping. We can not properly trust in the Lord as long as we hold onto our own will and desires. When we trust we are saying to God, "I leave it to You alone to work and do as You will." We are not trusting in God when we put our confidence in our flesh. The only cure for flesh is death---nailed to the cross and buried. Trusting and self-denial are fine companions and should not be separated. Trust relies on God's life and will; self-denial is the means of letting go of self so Christ can be held.

For the Lord to give me three dreams over a period of several years on these two keys simply reveals my need of them and my need to be reminded often.