

#33 THE DREAM.....

I am in a house looking at a picture in which are painted seven white doves. Waves of water are surging against the outside of the house, and the water begins to flow inside to cover the surface of the floor.

As I glance outside I see in the distant waters two great sailing ships about to enter battle with each other. Each has a standard or flag flying from its mast. I then find myself swinging a sword in battle on one of these ships as they pull abreast to engage in warfare. My whole purpose in this warfare is to capture the enemy's standard.

As I lie pondering these things I think of the seven doves and of the Scripture found in Isaiah 11:2 that explains the doves to me. He prophesies of Christ:

“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD...” (KJV).

Six attributes are revealed, yet the first phrase "spirit of the LORD" speaks of all that He is. Seven, the number most found in Scripture, speaks of the fullness of perfection. These same characteristics of Christ are given to us to fulfill our missions and charges. The dove speaks of the gentleness of the Holy Spirit. He comes in quietness often as a still, small wind, yet a powerful one. We must learn to yield to Him and let Him rest in us. We will then be empowered to do what God calls us to do.

Our spiritual houses will often come under attack. Jesus said the storms and winds and waters would beat upon that house---notice “would”, not “might”! If we walk in Him and in His Spirit we will remain standing when the storm passes by. Sometimes we are on the defensive; at other times we are called to offensively attack. The two ships symbolize the battle between good and evil, God's ways and the devil's ways. Satan's standard is deception, hate and evil; God's standard is truth, love and goodness.

Our standard is often represented by the name of Jesus Christ, that name which overcomes all. Let us battle to win and battle to bring down the devil's standard. Our weapon is always the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God without which we can not engage effectively in this spiritual walk and warfare. This sword will cut through any weapon the adversary launches against us. It is empowered by the Holy Spirit and given authority through the name of Jesus.