

#42 THE DREAM.....

The following dream was given to me immediately preceding my move to another location to enter into a time of intercession in much solitude.

I am driving a car with four persons in it, and appear to be showing these people around the island on which I live. After finishing the tour, I find myself walking down to the edge of a beach and gazing out over the ocean.

The scene changes and I am now elsewhere in a mountainous region. I notice my feet are bleeding! I come to a small country store. Looking around the store, I see an object that catches my attention in a display area. It is a model of a mountain about two feet high. The mountain is composed of beings, beings which cover and shape the mountain completely. The beings are humans, demons and angels. At the top of the mountain stands the Lord Jesus. He appears to have His right arm, hand and index finger extended in a pointing motion. I have the impression that Christ is giving directions to someone.

My driving four persons in a car symbolizes my teaching four groups on this island. My coming to the end of that tour was just that---an indication of that work's coming to an end. As I look over the ocean I am aware that my new direction lies across that sea. The country store in the mountains speaks of the new area where I will soon be living. The model of the mountain was twofold in meaning---literal and symbolic. Literal, for I would be living in the Rocky Mountains and symbolic, as I would deal more in the spiritual unseen mountains. These mountains would be battlefields with which to reckon.

God, to take us deeper must at times separate us from all! We will be called aside alone to be taught our new lessons. Moses, Elijah, Paul and even Christ went through these hidden years. It is often the hidden, mundane years of sameness and seemingly inactive states that drive us closer to God. We are hedged in by the Lord and seem unable to break free. Waiting, inactivity and boredom have a way of molding us into useful vessels. In the dream my feet were bleeding. This speaks of suffering. Yes, it is suffering at times to wait, long suffering to wait for years to see any outward fruit of our hidden times. In deeper waters we must be moved by God---not by man or man's need of us or our ministry! Suffering is often being able to minister, but being forbidden to do so. Obedience is better than sacrifice or working out of our own wills.

Jesus is not mentioned for eighteen years of His life. From twelve to thirty years of age we hear nothing, but He did the Father's will even then! Much of our time is spent in preparing us for ministry. It is far better to actually minister in the Spirit and be profitable to Him for a few short years than to spend a lifetime doing much work in our natural strength! Time, waiting and inactivity take their toll on our flesh. Friends, Christians and even ministers often misunderstand what God is doing, and thus they create more suffering for us. Those who move deeper often move alone. These my friends, are real pioneers! The same ones who fight our endeavors and tell us we have missed God's plan are often the ones who later follow the paths that God has us pioneer.

That mountain of beings symbolizes our spiritual warfare. At the top of all spiritual beings is Christ our Lord. Under Him is a vast army of angels, demons and human spirits that are warring to obtain victory! Christ stands at the top ready to give us, the members of His body, direction and guidance as needed. Though we often are not aware of it, angels are sent to help and protect us at given times. Demons also are sent from the devil to hinder and harm us if they can. Humans are frequently the unwilling or willing servants of God and of the devil. Much of the providential workings of God are carried out by His Holy Spirit through angels and Christians.

Above all these spiritual beings is Christ directing the trusting believer's life. He will give guidance and discernment to us in spiritual matters. Christ stands at the top having all wisdom and knowledge concerning our spiritual battles. Nothing takes Him by surprise nor will it take us by surprise if we are yielded to His Spirit and guided by Him. He will lead us on that narrow path and, even when it appears dark, He will give us the light we need to move ever upward. We will be led forth with His light or by His voice, and we will trust and obey Him.