

#45 #46 THE DREAMS.....

These two dreams came a few years apart, but both speak of similar things so I have included them here together.

First dream: I am sitting in a chair at a table with a large mirror in front of me. I am handling a gold crown and am ready to try it on. As I place it on my head I notice that the golden crown has seven crosses around its rim.

Second dream: I speak the following phrase out loud, "The cross and the crown are one!"

As stated before, there is no crown without the cross. Life comes by way of death. They are not to be divided in the sense of taking one without the other, for each completes the other. Grace must have its fruit. Faith must have its works. Man tries to keep them separate so as to excuse his duty to each. Seven is the number of perfection and completion in Scripture, thus the seven crosses on the golden crown speak of perfection. Perfect death will bring forth a perfect, pure, gold crown. Gold signifies that which is divine and pure. Crowns speak of victories, kingship and authority. Many try to wear crowns for which they have not been fitted. As faithful believers we obtain an overcomer's crown, but there are many other crowns offered to us. Look at Revelation 2:10:

"...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

What are the terms of that crown? It is faithfulness unto death. It is not for those who say "Lord, Lord" yet do not submit to His lordship.

Now read carefully Revelation 3:10-11 and heed its statements without attempting to add or subtract from them:

"Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown."

Notice the words "keep" and "hold fast." They speak of our responsibilities in this matter. We can be sure Christ will do His part, but He will not do our part also. He will keep us as He stated, but did you mark the condition of that keeping? The condition was that we keep His command to persevere! Christ does not warn without reason if there were no danger to be avoided. He tells us to hold fast that no one takes our crown. The implication here is the possibility that someone can do this. Remember, Satan is a thief and a destroyer who will steal or destroy our crowns if we allow him. We must not only hold on to our crowns but we must never waver nor backup during this spiritual pilgrimage.

Many talk of being called and chosen, but the same Scriptures speak of being faithful to the end also. If our position in Christ has no practical side, then we do well to examine ourselves to see if we are in the true faith. Surely no one can pluck us out of the Father's hands, but nothing is said of the soul's walking out of his own accord to live his own life again. Satan would seduce us this way. As we walk in the Spirit we have no fear but, if we remove ourselves from His will and way, we are then open to a great spiritual fall. Take heed, the apostle warns us, that when you think you are so strong, lest you fall!