

#47 THE DREAM OR VISION?.....

The following was a vision or dream---I could not discern which at the time. I use these terms as I was resting, but never remember sleeping or waking.

Sword in hand, I am battling again with spirits! I am dressed in an outfit that causes me to think of Robin Hood. Before me is a large wall about twenty feet square composed of large, angry, evil, demonic faces. As I move toward the wall swinging my sword with supernatural strength, these hateful, evil faces---as one---retreat backwards. Now, where once this demonic wall stood, lies a large solid block of pure transparent gold.

The wall being squared and made of evil spirits symbolizes this: our enemy presents a force that is real and actual. Though spirits are unseen in the natural realm, they are powerful and very real in the spiritual realm. We must perceive that the spiritual realm is as real as any other dimension. The sword's being swung by supernatural power speaks of the Holy Spirit's empowering us to use His Word against our enemies. My being dressed as Robin Hood symbolizes that we are to rob the enemy of his treasures.

Our adversary's treasures also include objects of the natural realm that are needed by the saints. We must take back from the enemy many natural things, whether monies or objects, that are to be used for God's purposes. These items are impartial in themselves but can be valuable to the work of the kingdom. Money is not evil---money is neutral. It has no moral standing of its own. It is a source of good or evil according to the user's intent. Money can be used to support missionaries or buy Bibles and tracts. It can build churches and feed needy saints.

Paul said all things are pure in themselves. All natural objects in this world can be channels of good or evil according to their usage. No one would think of a Bible as being a tool of evil, but it can be and has been used for wickedness. Many a wolf in sheep's clothing and many a covetous minister has proclaimed some truth for selfish reasons. Why, false religions have perverted the Bible to damn many souls. Again, most things are neutral in themselves---it is the user who determines their good or evil.

The transparent gold signifies that which is good and pure, like the objects we take from the enemy and set apart for godly use. It is not that they retain any holiness or virtue in themselves---that is not the case. It may offend some but in the New Testament church age we have no sanctified objects. Church buildings, altars or any ritual objects are not holy or unholy. The only item mentioned as being holy and bearing the Spirit of God is the body of Christ, His true believers. The presence of God's Spirit comes into a place simply because two or more believers gather together to worship and fellowship. When those believers depart from that building it again becomes a place having no good or evil.