

#60 THE DREAM.....

This dream was a warning to me which I must say, to my sad failure, I did not heed.

I am very weary and discouraged, and am being tempted to turn back from this spiritual walk with all its conflict. I see a man running in a race along a path on the mountain tops. Suddenly he stumbles and falls down the long muddy slopes. Then I see a young man on horseback who stops in his forward path and turns about in an opposite direction. This direction I knew was the enemies' territory.

This dream proved to be prophetic for me. I had gotten off the firm narrow path and had fallen down into the mire. I had allowed the enemy to cause me to descend into bitterness, resentment and distrust towards God. For weeks this state prevailed and I was soon faced with a decision. Shall I walk away from God and live my own life, or shall I confess and repent of my sinful attitude? I chose the latter and through God's grace and provision was able to recover ground and move on with Him.

The young man on the horse was the man I would have become had I not made peace with the Lord. God can and does show us events that will come to pass if we continue our present paths. God often gives prophetic warnings to nations or people to advise them to change their course or reap the consequences.

God will speak to a church or an intercessor of some coming judgment on a person or nation, but is not for us to sit back and watch. If we will place ourselves in the gap God may extend the period before He judges, or may not judge at all if that person or nation repents. Warnings are meant to alert us to dangers. Likewise, God's warnings are meant to alert souls of approaching judgments unless there is a change of direction. God may make that last warning known before His grace and patience come to an end and His justice must be upheld. Remember, before God destroyed the children of Israel for refusing to enter the promised land, He warned them many times! God is slow to judge, yet His long suffering has its limits. Those who find themselves in hell will have known God's long suffering well before their final judgment.