

## #61 THE DREAM.....

*I see two oxen grazing on top of a mountain peak. They are yoked together, yet one is different from the other. One looks normal but the other appears transparent. As my eyes begin to focus more clearly on this scene, I notice these words printed in the sky: "Mount up high."*

Concerning the two oxen---one is myself, and the other the Lord. He is the transparent one and I am yoked to Him as I am meant to be. We are told by Christ to take up His yoke in Matthew 11:29-30:

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

His ways and commands are light burdens for He graces us in them. If we walk after the flesh we will find His ways grievous. The natural man will not and can not submit to the law of Christ. He smooths our rough times with oil and gives peace during tribulation and affliction. He will make our afflictions and crosses bearable with His grace and help. The apostle Paul received a thorn, but he was also given great revelation and grace to deal with the suffering it caused him---so much that he rejoiced in his affliction.

We like the oxen must be yoked and trained. Oxen often symbolize the servant attitude, but also speak of perseverance and strength. As oxen are working, serving animals, so we are workers in God's vineyards and fields. He feeds and cares for us, but He desires our service as well. Christ will come along beside us in the person of the Holy Spirit to live, work and abide in and with us in our spiritual labors.

In the dream the oxen were grazing on a high mountain peak. The phrase "mount up high" usually refers to eagles. The connection between the eagle and the oxen is this: we fly up high as eagles to see more clearly in the heavens, but as oxen yoked with Christ we see more clearly for work and service here on earth. We need the high mountain view to enable us to walk deep down in the valleys.

Visions and revelations encourage us to minister and serve Him, not to feed our desire for manifestations which only puff up the ego. The eagle does not, no matter how high he flies, lose his focus of returning to earth. His high soaring does not cause him to forget that he is needed down below. Thus, we need the keen eyesight of the eagle which is discernment, yet we need the servant spirit of the ox---that will spend his strength for his master.

All knowledge, revelations and visions are to be put to practical use in laboring for the Lord, or else they are of no spiritual benefit. All that does not cause us to know, experience and serve God in a greater way is of no real lasting value. How sad a fact that many Bible students and many Christians never seem to rise up out of the low valleys. Many ministers and seminary students live and die never having weaned themselves from the milk of the Word. They are caught up in information and knowledge, yet so lacking in practical experience and true spiritual insight. Ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth applies to many in the church today. I say this not in criticism, but in sadness that so much wood, hay and stubble will be burned up one day.