

#72 THE DREAM.....

First, I see written: "Isaiah 33:2."

Then I find myself in a drive-in restaurant where I am sitting at a food counter. I seem to be waiting to be served as the plate set before me is empty. In the background I hear music playing and it appears to be a song about the grace of God.

The first part of Isaiah 33:2 reads:

"O Jehovah, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee..."

The two key points in this dream are waiting and grace. We learn in this spiritual walk that much of our working and thinking has to do with waiting on and for God. To be able to wait effectively we must not only be helped by the Lord, but we must believe that He is gracious and will reward our waiting. Our proper waiting honors God and submits to His will. We reveal our faith and trust in Him by waiting His time and place to fulfill His promise.

If we wait on God with an attitude of impatience or with a feeling of being put out with His timing, we have not learned proper waiting. He will strengthen us in our waiting by giving us the grace to endure. The Lord will be gracious and give us that object desired when it is proper and right to give. We must remind ourselves that God does all in perfect wisdom and knowledge, and that all He does in or for us must not only have a good result in our spiritual walk, but serve His own glory and will also. All His giving is meant to be for our good yet, if we are asking or waiting with self interests, that thing desired will not work out for our good.

Our self-seeking, impatience or displeasure at His will and timing is a sure sign that whatever we are seeking is either not good for us, or that we are not ready for its reception. God will answer at His appointed time. That timing can not be moved closer if He has a set appointment, though it may be delayed if we have not learned what the Lord is attempting to teach us in it. It does take God's gracing to wait long for some answers, without giving up or becoming displeased with His ways. We must learn as little children to sit with our forks in hand ready for our plates to be filled. We wait for a hot, fully cooked meal, not a lukewarm, half-cooked portion which will be tasteless!