

### #73 THE DREAM.....

*I am sitting and fishing on the edge of a river bank. Something tugs at my line, and I proceed to pull it up. There at the end of the line appears a cubed, solid block of gold. It is perfectly cubed and of purest gold.*

Fishing in this dream symbolizes our seeking answers to prayer. Gold often is a symbol in Scripture of that which is pure and of divine origin. We are frequently told in the Bible to seek wisdom the way we would search for rare, costly gold. As in the dream we are like fishermen. We are sitting on the bank and the object desired is under the water. It is unseen to us as what faith sees is unseen, yet we know it is down there. From our experiences or the experiences of past and present believers we know that answers to prayer are often there though unseen with our natural eyes.

Between us and the object desired are the fishing pole, the line, the hook and the bait. Like this fishing, spiritual fishing has its proper tools that are meant to produce a catch. Between faith and its actual manifestation are patience, hope, steadfastness, waiting and other God-given requirements. The fishing line can be compared to the faith we have been given and the trust we are to unite with it. The line that we see is our trust; the line under the water which is not seen is the faith that God gives. They are united as one, two and three threads are twined together to produce a strong line.

This fishing line with all its combination of helps is still not enough to catch fish. We must wait patiently until the fish comes by. Yes, in our spiritual fishing we must wait until the appointed time for results, and likewise must be alert---not sleeping or away from the fishing pole. Our alertness in observing is like our spiritual watching with expectancy. A time will come when a fish swims by and we must be ready to jerk and pull up the line and hook that fish. Spiritually, also, the appointed time will come and we need to be ready to receive the answer to that prayer or promise. Real-life fishing takes great patience and frequently much time.

In our spiritual pursuits lack of patience and proper attention to the necessary requirements can cause us to delay or abort the answer. As in fishing we may have to watch the surface of the water and its currents to detect any movement out of the ordinary---God may be sending us further confirmation and encouragement that something is there circling our hooks. If after great waiting we still receive no nibbles, we may have to check our bait. We may have to pray and wait before the Lord, doing what we have been given to do and asking Him to correct or enlighten us concerning hindrances to the catch.

This portion of Scripture found in Jeremiah 29:10-14 tells us much as to our seeking and praying. Read these verses in your Bible which I have paraphrased:

“...I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you...For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall you call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you...” (KJV).

What words of hope and promise to the soul that makes God his priority and seeks Him with a heart determined to find Him and His promises.