

## #77 THE DREAM AND A SPOKEN WORD.....

*I see a large sailing ship and then find myself aboard steering at its helm. There are several other persons about me. The ship is headed for a rocky mountain in the midst of this body of water, and appears to be ready to run aground and crash. I turn loose the steering wheel with my right hand and lift my hand slowly upward as if to heaven. While doing this and maintaining a steady forward course, the ship begins to rise out of the waters and seems to fly up and over the mountain of rocks. I hear these words spoken to me, "shattering rocks." As the ship clears the obstacle, the rocks begin to explode as if dynamited. The vessel moves on and upward.*

In this dream I am a navigator which speaks of ministry. We each have a work and ministry for which we are responsible to God, a spiritual ship for which we are accountable. The Holy Spirit places us in His church as He wills, not as we will or as others will for us.

The other people on this ship symbolize other ministries and believers that help us. All spiritual ministries work to build up the body of Christ in some manner. Though each of us has his or her own vineyard to work we are each helping and being helped by other parts of the body. Even the apostles needed support and help from other ministries. Like the human body each part has a place, and must give and take as needed. Some who are proud and seemingly self-sufficient say they have no need of anyone but God. This may sound good but is unwise and not true. God is our Source, but God moves through His people and His methods to give to us that which we can not obtain for ourselves. Yes, even Jesus was fed by a following of people on most occasions.

The ship represents our spiritual work and each having his or her own ship to guide by God's wisdom. He helps and gives us direction and power to do so. In the natural, rocks are a great danger to ships, but our vessel is controlled by higher principles that can override natural laws. In the dream as the ship approached the rocks I lifted my right hand, but my left hand still held to the wheel. Again, a union here of God and us steering the ship together. As my hand rose the ship rose above those dangerous rocks as if by some unseen power. We move by faith and obedience to God and, as we do, His unseen powers of faith and graces help us to rise above the natural into the spiritual realm.

Faith always moves in the unseen realm where the natural eye can not see. God sends us forth yet He also goes ahead to remove any hindrances to our walk. True faith will move ahead though the natural appears to change little or not at all. Faith responds to God's directions. Remember, it was only as the priest began to carry the ark into the waters that God responded. Only as they moved forward and stepped into the waters did the waters begin to divide. We are tempted to stop and wait for God to move before we move, but once He has given the command to go forward we must go.

Our faith is like a man in the woods at night. He has a flashlight which allows him to see maybe fifty feet ahead. He can remain all night in the woods and will see not a yard further. He must move on for his flashlight to reveal more. Simple, but our faith walk is often like that. The natural man will say, "When I see all I will believe"; the spiritual man will say, "I will walk in what He has shown me and trust Him to reveal more as I move on."

The phrase "shattering rocks" speaks of faith shattering and destroying any object or mountain that stands in the way. Faith will do the impossible as that natural ship did. Instead of the rocks wrecking the ship, the vessel of faith will destroy what is meant to destroy it! Faith in God's word and promises will release much power. "Is not my word like fire? saith Jehovah; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29). Yes, the faith that God gives will cause ships to shatter rocks, and will cause ships to fly in the heavens. It will do impossible things when aligned with God and with a God-yielded soul.