

## #108 THE DREAM.....

*I am flying in an airplane high up in the sky. I have a metal object in my hand with several rods protruding near one end. I seem to know that this object is called a "sensing rod." I begin to walk back and forth as if searching for something or someone. Soon I come across a coffin that appears to have been hidden beforehand. The coffin's lid is closed. I approach the box and point the sensing rod at it. The lid quickly springs open and out jumps a fiery looking evil demon. It has a murderous expression and intent, and proceeds threateningly toward me. I think of the word "destroyer" as I watch this creature. At the moment it almost reaches me I become invisible, yet I can still observe the demon roaming the plane.*

Moving up in the spiritual realm to war with wicked spirits we must have scriptural discernment and be open to the gift of discerning of spirits. Because we appear to fly high as eagles is no reason to assume the spiritual battles are far below. If we move higher in spiritual knowledge and warfare we deal with higher ranking and stronger spirits.

Though we come to deeper peace and rest as we move closer in the Lord and His will, we must not allow ourselves to ever become relaxed and casual in our vigilance of the enemy. We sometimes sadly deceive ourselves after a spiritual victory. Our adversary may seem to have fled and left us alone to bask in our victory. We may think we have arrived at a higher level and will no longer be bothered by this enemy. Yet our foes are clever and have only withdrawn to plan another maneuver, giving us time to lower our spiritual guard.

Now he will attempt to invade our minds with thoughts to puff up and produce pride of attainment: "You are really spiritual now...You are a special vessel and God really needs you...Would that other Christians were as faithful as you are." On and on he goes and, if we are not discerning this attack, we will soon fall into his trap and suffer a great defeat. If this strategy does not succeed he will then try to deflate us. He ever appeals to the natural man or to the fleshly ego, for pride grows best therein.

Now as to the dream, the airplane speaks of moving in the heavenly places in growth or warfare. The sensing rod with the many projections symbolizes having discernment to recognize the enemy---the projections being the words and teachings of Scripture. The Holy Spirit opens the Word of God to us and reveals how to use it in spiritual warfare. We begin to see and hear in the spiritual realm, having our senses trained to discern between good and evil. The coffin with the hidden demon in it signifies death, the demon being our evil enemy whose desire is to destroy and work death in us. Even as we are flying in the heavens the enemy is still around, but may be hidden awhile---he works best in darkness. His dwelling place is the place of sin and death. It is the little sins or foxes that spoil the great vines. These come in darkness hoping not to be detected so they may eat and destroy while we sleep.

When we discern by the Word and the Spirit our adversary's real presence and work, light floods in on him. He hates the light and must then cast off his camouflage---he may launch a frontal attack. Once the enemy has done this, God often makes us invisible to him concerning the methods the Lord will provide for his defeat. The Spirit of Christ gives us boldness, wisdom and counsel against which our foe can not prevail---he will soon be forced to flee. "There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord" (Proverbs 21:30).

It is wonderful and gracious to have the Holy Spirit in us and giving us His secrets. This same Spirit is the One who sees all, knows all, and is always far ahead in plans which none can fathom. None can take Him by surprise and none can defeat us as we walk and live in His presence. Oh, this is a providence and security that can not be outdone! God delights to take us to higher levels of spiritual life

and service so that He can through us destroy the devil's kingdom and work, and thus bring Christ's kingdom and life to earth.