

## #109 THE DREAM.....

*In front of me is a horse which has begun to go into labor, soon to give birth. As the colt begins to come forth, only the nose and mouth protrude at first. For awhile the birth appears to be at a standstill. I am waiting for the complete delivery of this colt. Up in the sky I notice several angels hovering and darting back and forth with great excitement at the birth about to take place.*

The horse has no special meaning in this dream other than giving birth. The birth speaks of a new beginning, spiritual newness or a different phase of service. The colt's protruding nose and mouth signify that the birth is near at hand. The waiting on the delivery is just that---a waiting for what is to be brought forth.

The labor's stopping or standing still for a period tells us that some things must not be rushed. The birth will come on time, not too early or too late. The angels' darting about in excitement speaks to us of their interest in God's dealings with His church and of their perception in the heavenly or spiritual realm of what is about to take place here on earth. They often are the messengers sent by God to bring forth these events.

God will give us a word or promise to stimulate faith and expectancy in us. This hearing of His word to us is the foundation of our belief and trust. We must then learn to wait on God and for His appointed time to bring forth His promises. To wait is to watch with faith, knowing it will come to pass at its appointed time---the time set by God. Frequently believers are given vision and faith from a word of the Lord, yet they give up far too soon and do not exercise patience, steadfastness, hope and waiting to receive what God intends to bestow. As we wait before and on the Lord His Spirit will give us wisdom, discernment and words of comfort and encouragement to fight the fight of faith. We must learn to submit all to God's will, and He will then grace us to have the faith that can "call those things that are not as though they are."

The Scriptures teach us how and what to pray for, and what conditions must be observed in order for the fruit of prayer to ripen. God quickens our spirits and confirms His words or promises so we can have a faith that will produce its desired ends. The Lord begins and finishes any real spiritual work, and He uses His believers as vessels and channels of His power. These vessels must be prepared and yielded in order for Him to use them properly. We are His tools to bring about His purposes in the church and on the earth. We are the messengers, ambassadors and ministers He intends to use. God knows what vessel He desires for a work. Ours is to be ready to be whatever vessel He chooses for us. We need to submit to Him and allow Him to place and use us as He wills.

If we desire to do big things for God and be great in His eyes then we must learn a plain lesson or two. To be great in service is to be willing, available and submitted. In Matthew 18:1-4 when the disciples asked the Lord, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?," Christ did something very simple. He called a little child to Himself and, when the child came, placed him in the midst of all. Christ then speaks to the disciples, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Why did He call this child humble? Why, it is very evident, yet profound if we will hear it. When He called the child, we know by reference that the child came to Him in response. In our case, we might have asked many questions of the Lord: "Why do you want me to come? What will you do to me or for me if I come? Do I have to come now as I am rather busy?" So we rattle on. That child performed one small but significant action---he came to the Lord at His call. We must learn the all-important lesson to come when He calls; He is Lord!

The child responded to Christ in yet another way. When he came, Jesus set the child in their midst. The child permitted himself to be lifted up and placed on a rock in front of the others. Christ called that child humble because the child came when called and allowed Christ to do with him as He pleased. Now we might have said to the Lord: “Lord, what are you going to do with me? I don’t like this rock. Can you not put me somewhere better? After all, am I not a King’s kid?” Yes, so simple but so needed! Come when He calls and allow Him to do with you as He pleases. This is true humility and self-denial. As we are faithful to where He places us, He is able later to give us more insight and take us up higher in spiritual service.

As we end here on birthing, let us remember this Scripture:

“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God” (Isaiah 66:9 KJV).