

#111 #112 #113 #114 THE DREAMS.....

The following four short dreams will be placed together here for they are similar in content. They came over a period of a few years.

First dream: I find twenty coins which I pick up. I then am referred to Lamentations 3:25-26.

Second dream: I see before me a combination lock, and am aware that the numbers to open it are five and twenty.

Third dream: I see a dart board with only the numbers five and twenty on it.

Fourth dream: I find myself looking among books on a bookshelf where I find a large Bible containing some paper markers. I open the marked pages and find that the markers are old bills of money. One is a five dollar bill and the other a twenty. Later in the dream I return to the Bible and find another marker I seemed to have missed the first time. It is shaped like an arrow.

Many people, including myself, believe the number five often symbolizes grace. Twenty is a number that reminds me of a time of waiting. Jacob waited twenty years before he obtained his wives and flocks and was freed from his conniving uncle. Thus five and twenty in the dreams speak to me of grace to wait. We need God's grace to wait His timing and not lose faith.

The combination lock symbolizes a hindrance or door that must be opened, but is yet closed. Grace and waiting are the means to open that lock. The dart board with five and twenty signifies grace and waiting being the goal or aim of our faith. The Bible in the dream speaks of God's Word inspiring faith and encouraging us to wait with His grace. The marker shaped like an arrow again refers us to the dart board or the object of our faith. A dart and arrow are one in symbol. The Scripture given (Lamentations 3:25-26 KJV) reads:

“The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation (help, deliverance) of the LORD.”

This verse needs no comment.

The five and twenty dollar bills being old has a good symbolism. Old speaks of the past or, from the dream's point of view, matters that need repeating. We may hear the same words from the Lord often for we need to be reminded often. God may repeatedly give us the same promise or word---and sometimes nothing new. It may be necessary for us to hold to these promises for years. Waiting takes time, and time frequently wears us down. We need grace and help to sustain us through the mundane and long lessons we must learn.

Though we may have read and reread many times the written words of the Bible, we need to continue to study and remember them. God can give us freshness and spiritual stimulation in what we already know. Waiting on and for God needs much grace and inspiration, especially if the time of waiting is long. We need to let the Holy Spirit remind us and bring us back to our foundations frequently, for then we will be building on solid ground.

It takes great courage to wait and persevere when the years and circumstances wear us down. Grace and faith with hope will one day realize their goals. Let us wait with a watchful and expectant heart for God to bring about the promises in His time and place.