

#123 THE DREAM.....

I am walking with a cage in my hand that contains two cardinals. Someone comes up to me and asks if I will ever let the birds fly free. I respond, "I am afraid if I do the cats may get them, so I must protect them." As I continue to walk along a large vicious dog attacks me. The animal bites into my hip but only gets a mouthful of cloth and no flesh. I fall to the ground as this dog continues to pull and rip at my hip area. I then see he is tied to a rope and can not approach any nearer. However, another dog attacks while I am on the ground. He lunges for my neck and, at the instant I feel his mouth hit my neck, I awake from this dream.

The enemy will attempt to destroy our faith by attacking God's Word or His words to us. Whether it be a promise or prophecy, it is of utmost importance to him to try every means to destroy it.

The dogs were leashed on ropes so their distances and limits were set. God likewise sets our limits (as He did in Job's case) and will protect us as long as we move within His will and path. The Lord puts up the hedges, but at times for our spiritual maturity will allow the adversary entry to try and test us. Even Christ, after being baptized in the Holy Spirit, was led quickly by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by Satan.

We must hold in faith God's words to us, yet there shall be the test or fight of faith. The cage speaks to us of protection, so we must protect or guard our faith in God's words. Remember, if permitted, the devil comes as a robber and steals the word sown. My carrying the cage and walking with it symbolize the two are to be united---faith in God's words and our walk of faith.

The two dogs speak of evil, devouring enemies who seek to destroy our faith in God's word and our walk of faith. The hip symbolizes that body area which we use for walking and resting, our legs and feet being connected at the hip---the strong muscle area. As we walk by faith so must we rest in God and His words by faith.

The first dog attacked the hip to cripple my walking as the enemy attacks to cripple us spiritually, preventing us from moving on in faith and victory. The second dog waited for me to be down on the ground struggling to escape the first dog before he made his move. His desire was to go for the neck which, if broken, can cause cessation of life. This enemy seeks not only to cripple or hinder my walk of faith, but seeks to destroy it altogether if he can.

My waking at the moment the dog lunged for my neck signifies God's intervention at the right or proper moment. God knows when faith has been brought to maturity, and will deliver us and keep His words when He has finished all His purposes. The trying of our faith is not meant to weaken and destroy us; it is meant to cause us to mature and become practical overcomers in this present life. Let us remember this: great faith will come under great trials, yet great will be the victories if we allow God to thus mature us.