

## #124 THE DREAM.....

*I see a cardinal off in the distance. It is just barely discernable as a bird as I strain my right eye to observe it. In doing this, my eye begins to act in a fashion somewhat like a telescope. The cardinal is quickly brought to view at about twenty times normal size, and I am able to study this bird very carefully---examining every detail. When I finish, my eye refocuses back to normal, and the cardinal again appears far off in the distance.*

My eye focusing as a telescope on the cardinal (God keeps His words) symbolizes “the eye of faith.” Faith looks to God and His promises or prophecies that may be far off in time and outworking, yet the eye of faith brings those promises into the present. Faith is the substance of things hoped for! We hold by faith those words given to us, though hope and time must have their place. This is also like looking at a distant mountain peak we desire to climb. We can see it but have not yet experienced the accomplishment of it in the natural. Faith will climb from hill to hill in getting closer to the desired peak, yet on that journey we may pass through darkness and paths that appear to lead us away from the peak instead of closer to it.

We must then hold with the eye of faith all that God has given us by His Word or revelation. In so doing faith will one day bring that promise into conscious reality.