

# THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMS

## DREAMS SERIES

### Part Two

We are taking about the importance of dreams and why we need to develop the ability to dream dreams. But we tend to lose them when we are adults. If we have lost that ability to dream, then we need to get it back so that we can develop our spiritual, soul and physical life more fully.

We have mentioned how there are two categories of dreaming dreams - one is while awake and the other is while asleep. Using the Greek word *enupnion* we consider its usage in the book of Jude and realize that it speaks about a dream like state while conscious and it can be also in total deep sleep like in Job 33. In addition to that we also spoke about how in dreams there is no limitation to the physical areas of our life. In a dream anything can happen. It's important for us to allow our dreams to soar to the heights ordained by God because dreams relate to hope.

Dreams and hope are almost synonymous. If you lose your dreams you lose your hope. Hope is different from faith. But yet faith is built on hope. In Heb. 11:1 *faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen*. If there is no hope there is no environment and no atmosphere for faith to grow and for hope to develop. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Hope comes by dreaming and dreaming the things of God. When we dream our hope increases. No matter how sore or how depressed you are if you have a good dream it encourages you. When your dreams die your courage dies. We need an environment of dreams.

I dream dreams. Some of those dreams may not be for me to fulfill. I said about how in dreams we can go beyond our ability like you could not sing before you can sing in your dreams. And who knows one day it may become a reality. As you keep dreaming and you cannot sing maybe your voice is like a frog but in your dream you dream how you are turned into a singer and you are singing with a lovely angelic voice. And one day who knows that can turn into a reality if you dream it often enough and long enough. Perhaps you could never play a musical instrument but in your dreams you could do it. Perhaps you have never own any house. You could hardly make your payment even for your rental. But in your dream you could live in a mansion. So don't limit your dreams. Not that all your dreams may come true. But they are the fertile ground by which faith can take root. And some of your dreams may materialize.

Other times some of your dreams could be other people's dream. Like for example I dream of a day that medical doctors could come together and set up a Christian medical specialist center where they incorporate the principles of prayers and all the best medicine and technology could offer. Who knows it could bring healing to people who have no more hope. That dream belongs to somebody but I could see that dream. Even up to this time Pastor Cho Yonggi still dreams of building his hundred thousand sitting capacity church building. He spoke of it some years ago. His dream hasn't materialized yet. Who knows one day God may send all the expertise and all the finances to build the building. One of the reasons why we are looking into our new place is so that we can have all our services co-coordinated in Tamil, Chinese, Malay as well as in English. We could have most of the Sunday evenings free. One Sunday nights we can have an orchestra presentation and the next Sunday night we can have a drama. Then the next Sunday night we can have a musical presentation.

Dreams are the spices in which faith builds up. Faith takes from your dreams. Faith takes from your hope and builds it into reality. And we need to dream because in dream we contact the great things and the wonderful things of God. We all know the scripture Isa. 64:4 and I Cor. 2 eyes have not seen nor ears heard the things that God has in store for those who love Him and for those who wait on Him. But in our dreams we contact those realms. I could dream of a Christian hotel and we

could use it for conventions. We could bring all the ministers in and feed and house them. We tell them just say just come in you don't have to pay a cent. You just come in here and just fellowship and pray together. How wonderful the five-fold ministry will impact all the nations that come from. When they pray together I wonder whether we will have another Acts 2 experience or an Acts 4 experience. Will God shake the place and pour out His Spirit again like in Azusa Street?

I dream of a scenic place in the mountain or by the seaside where we can have our prayer house. There would be people who like Anna the prophetess, loves to pray and wants to give the rest of their life through prayer. We would provide the accommodation for them. We could provide the food for them and have one or two vans for them to drive around. All they do is give their lives to prayer. These are possibilities. One day God will help us to bring it into reality. But we need to dream dreams. Great faith comes from great hope. Great hope comes from great dreams. And we must dream dreams to keep ourselves growing. When our dreams stop our faith will stop down the line. Some of those could be your dreams.

I dream for the businessmen. I could see some of them rising up to be multimillionaires. To them a million dollars mean nothing. They could just build a whole building and they look for Christian entrepreneurs and they say, "Look since you are starting out in your business, here is a place rent free for you to start off." The whole place is for all Christian businessmen, selling all kinds of Christian products. Can you see it? It's possible. These are dreams and if your dream is big enough your dream can contain other people's dreams. When something strikes you as a great dream let it flow. You may not materialize it but it is the muscles of your spirit and your inner resources exercising so that one day some of those things that are similar are achieved.

The reasons for this two part message is to stir up your desire and your ability to dream dreams. We close in the last message with three points. How to bring about those dreams? More often your dreams are in the area or field that you want to dream. Secondly is in the area of position. You must be in the right position to dream those dreams. Thirdly we talk about music in bringing about those dreams. If you sleep with music there will be a tendency to stir up some of those dreams. Or sometimes in the conscious state while listening to music it can bring you to dream

dreams of the areas that God wants to build in your life.

There is another fourth little thing that you could do. If you really want to dream dreams the last fifteen minutes or half an hour before you sleep is important. Spend sometime with God pray in tongues and you will notice that there is a greater frequency of dreams that come from God.

We see the role of dreams in the life of Joseph. In Matthew 1:19 *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered (notice the first principle operating, he slept with this thought.) this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."* Verse 24 *When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.*

Now he had a dream and the word *dream* here is different from the Greek word in Acts 2. The word in Acts 2 where it says that *old men dream dreams* is the word *enupnion* and here the word in Matthew 1 the word *dream* is the word *onar*, which is the actual Greek word for dream. Joseph was moved by the dream and in the dream he had an angelic encounter. It was almost like a vision except that he was asleep. This is not his first encounter. In Matt. 2:13 *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.* This is his second recorded dream. So God continues to speak to Joseph. Dream No. 3 in verse 19 *But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.* See the right place, the right time, the right position, he dreamt. All his dreams were directional and God met with him in a dream.

This morning we talk about the importance of a dream. Dreams are the inner workings of the spirit man and of the inner resources of our soul. Once upon a time before Adam and Eve fell into sin, Man had an ability to see into the spirit realm. That spirit realm was something very visible to them. They don't have such thing like II Cor. 4 where there are things invisible and visible. Both eternal and temporal are both visible. And if an angel came to the Garden of Eden Adam will see it. He

doesn't need the gift of the Spirit to operate because he knows all things. He was made perfect in God. He doesn't need the word of wisdom because he lives in that wisdom. He doesn't need the word of knowledge because he lives in the knowledge of God. He doesn't need the discerning of spirit because he could see what is in the spirit world. He doesn't need the gift of healing because he is in health. He doesn't need the working of miracle because miracles are part and parcel of divine life. See all the gifts of the Spirit are necessary only in the fallen state of man. Man in the perfect state has more than just the gifts. Man lives in those gifts as a part and parcel of their nature. The gifts of the Spirit in the book of Hebrews chapter 6 are called *the powers of the age to come*. The age of perfection the heavenly age which we only partake of while in this life. Once upon it was always a part of our nature and not just a gift that operates as the Spirit wills. But when sin came the part in man's life that was affected was the area of the eye of the spirit.

Turn to the book of Ephesians chapter one verse 18 *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened*. He is not talking about physical eyes. He is talking about the eyes of our inner soul. There are inner eyes that we need to train and have them enlightened. Now these same eyes were darkened when man fell into sin in Ephesians 4:17-18 *Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentile do, in the futility of their minds; they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God*.

So something took place in Adam's life when he fell into sin. There was a darkness that came on his inside that prevented him from contacting a part of his soul and a part of his spirit. It was cut off from the life of God. And from that day onwards man begins to have dreams. The conscious mind of man and the sub-conscious mind of man and the spirit of man are now all separated. We use only between five to ten percent of the ability of our mind and our brain and the only contact that we have with the inner recesses of our mind is in the area of visions and dreams. I shared in the last message how some people have discovered how to control the involuntary actions of their bodies through visualizing. We all know that in our body there are voluntary and involuntary actions. Like your breathing, your heart beat and when you step on something painful you automatically withdraw your foot. That is an automatic involuntary action caused by your nerves reflexes.

Today as man discover the mysteries of the mind, man discovered that there is a way they could affect even the involuntary area. And the key they found was through visualizing. There are people who are healed of cancer by visualizing their white blood cells destroying the cancer cells. Scientists have documented such healings. These are areas that are beyond the control of our conscious minds and the keys into these areas are visions and dreams. All these belong to the inner part of our soul that we have lost contact with. For most of us we only contact the part in our sleeping time. When we are in deep sleep the other part of our mind began to work. In fact when you are in deep sleep and you are dreaming, your biological physical activity is equivalent to being wide-awake. They have hooked up instruments onto sleeping subjects under study and found these electrical instruments responding in a way as if they are awake although they are asleep. It's like a thick line that is drawn. When you are awake all these biological functions are going on. Then as you fall into sleep there is a period where there is just stillness. Then you seem to enter into a different realm. It's as if a different part of your mind is working. And it's called REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. Your eyes move as if you are awake. That's when you are dreaming.

What are we saying No. 1 it is in dreams and visions that we contact the spirit world. I don't know why God has to contact Joseph through a dream. But possibly when he is awake he could be quite a rational intellectual man. You could tell that by the way he keeps thinking how to put Mary away. He couldn't understand this virgin birth concept. See he was a rational man. As he thinks rationally how could he believe Mary? It's very hard to believe. Here was his beloved coming and saying that she is pregnant with the Holy Ghost child. He can't compute intellectually. And in fact he has already rejected her. You look at Matthew chapter one he has already rejected her. He was already making a decision that he was not going to take her neither does he believe her. What would Mary have told Joseph? Mary would have reported everything. If you know the great abilities of ladies they will report everything to you. Usually when ladies tell a story they will go to the details. We men will say please summarize. I believe Mary would have told him how she saw this angel but Joseph was a rational man. He was definitely not given to this thing of the spirit. Not all men are that way. Matthew 1: 19 *being a just man not wanting to make her a public example was minded*. Past tense he was minded. He has already made up his mind, past tense, *to put her away*. He has already rejected the facts, the evidences, and the testimony of Mary. And because of his state of mind God cannot speak to him directly. His mind was turned to a different direction.

When he was asleep, when his conscious mind was knocked out an angel came and spoke to him.

It's in our dreams that we encounter the spirit world. Every time you are asleep you encounter the spirit world. Now we encounter it when we are conscious too. But if your life is filled with the hustle and bustle of activities, you probably just encounter the physical world (although the spiritual atmosphere around you was influencing you). But it's in your dream that you cannot run from the spirit world. You were made to contact the spirit world all the time. That is why no matter who you are even if you are not born again you still dream. Because there is a latent power of the soul and of the spirit of man that is still there. We still dream and in our dreams spiritual encounter takes place.

Matthew 27 verse 19 records an encounter of the spirit realm by a different person and the most unlikely person, Pontius Pilate's wife. *While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream."*

In a book by Mariette Davis "Within the Gates" Mariette Davis went to heaven and she visited children's paradise. While she was in children's paradise she saw a replay of Jesus being betrayed, judged and crucified and resurrected. She saw the whole scene and she even saw the part that the angel coming to Pontius Pilate's wife and opening the spirit realm to her. She saw what took place in the spirit world happening on that very day that Jesus was on trial. That is a particular dream that Pontius Pilate's wife had. She was disturbed; she was troubled because the spirit had contacted the natural in a dream. And she warned Pilate to be careful what he is doing because this man Jesus is holy and just.

In Jewish history and tradition there is a story recorded about Alexander the Great going forth conquering and conquering. He proceeded to the nation of Israel to also conquer that land. The night just before he entered Israel, he had a dream and in the dream he saw the high priest in his full robe coming to him. That very day that he entered into Jerusalem, the Lord spoke to the high priest to wear his full

garment, take the scroll of Daniel and walk up to greet Alexander the Great and show Alexander the Great that the Lord had already prophesied of His coming. It can be frightening to have some of these dreams. But dreams are real.

Jacob was running away from his father-in-law Laban, who was seething with anger. Now in that state of mind there is no direct contact you can have with the things of the spirit. And Laban was determined to give Jacob a piece of his mind. But that night after much chasing, that very night before he met Jacob God came to Laban in a dream. Laban is a crafty sly shrewd man. God said to him not to speak evil against Jacob. The very next day when he saw Jacob he didn't do anything because the dream had warned him. The story of Jacob and Laban is found in the book of Genesis chapter 31:24 *But God came to Laban the Aramaean in a dream by night, and said to him, "Take heed that you say not a word to Jacob, either good or bad."* That was the very night before he was to meet Jacob and God warned him in a dream.

Then God warned Abimelech in a dream in regard to Abraham and said to Abimelech, "You will die." It is always in a dream that you encounter with the spirit world. That is our first consideration. Don't take dreams lightly. In fact when you lose your ability to dream it's either your spirit is either malnourished or there is too much pollution of this world in your soul and too much worldly activities that you don't have enough spiritual activity. Some of you who are so busy in your life say that you hardly dream. In fact all of us dream everyday except we don't remember. And you say you hardly dream. You know why? Once upon a time when you were young you have dreams. But as you got into the cares and concerns of this life that suck the energy of your soul, your spirit is malnourished and your soul is underdeveloped. That most important area of your life I call the creative part of your soul is left in a very weak state and the ability to dream disappears. No matter what kind of background you come from even if you are forty years old you never remember a single dream in your life. Very strange thing takes place when you are born again and baptized in the Spirit. When you began to spend time in the Word and in prayer a very strange thing takes place. You suddenly begin to dream again. It is like the fountains of creativity are opened once again. And in actual fact if you lose the ability to dream you are like a cripple in your soul and a cripple in your spirit. There is a part of you that has not been developed that God wants to develop.

Because our dreams are our contact with the spirit world, they can be so powerful that you actually receive things in your dream. In the book of I Kings 3:5 *At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."* Please bear in mind that it was a dream. It was not even a vision. God Himself came and said, "Solomon, ask what you want." In the dream Solomon replied to God, "I want wisdom to rule your people." God said, "It is done and I will give you riches and honor too." And that very morning when he woke up there was something deposited in his life because of that dream.

I remember when I was in the third year of seminary I was fasting for three days and three nights without food and water. It was on the third night that I saw that building that was being built and the two mountains between the buildings. There was another part of the dream. The other part of the dream was I saw myself in an old house where I used to live when I was small. And my father who has gone to be with the Lord came and he represented like Father God. He brought a pile of white-looking pieces of pancakes. I ate one piece, two pieces and then slowly until I finished them all. That was the end of my three-day fasting. That was in the dream just before the vision. I knew on that day that I had received something during that fast. Some gifting, some grace was deposited in my spirit when I ate those things in the dream and it felt so real. And possibly today I am receiving the benefit or seeing the materialization of what I received in my dreams back then. My friends, dreams are real. We contact the spirit world in our dreams that some times its so hard to contact in our conscious state. That's why we need to pay heed to our dreams. And if you lose that ability to dream you may be losing like your right arm or your right leg. Please get it back restored in God. It's highly important that you be a dreamer of dreams.

**No. 2 dreams being in the spirit world are in what I call a timeless zone. You see God is, was and is to come. It is just like imagining a bicycle wheel. God is in the center of that wheel. Where God is, there is no time. Time doesn't exist. Yesterday, today forever is the same. He pushes out that life and creative force from Him. And He created the universe and all creation around Him. All creation in the universe around Him was functioning in time. So at the center of the wheel time doesn't exist where heaven and the spirit world is. But as God created the**

material world, we live in the outer spokes of the wheel. That's where time exists. When time began functioning there is a beginning and there is an end. When we dream we come out away from the outer spokes of the wheel and we enter into the area where time doesn't exist. In that timeless zone we sometimes see the future things in our dreams, sometimes the present and some times our past. Time doesn't exist in our dream in a sense.

And the second area why dreams are important is this. In our dream if we are not progressing out of the time span of our physical life then our dreams are too bounded by the physical forces of this life instead of by spiritual forces. For example if you have lived in four houses from the time when you were born until the time when you were fifty, and if in your dream as an adult you still always go back to the first house you lived when you were a child. Always all your dreams keep going back there. Then God is telling you that there is something in your life that is being dominated by forces from the past that you haven't let go yet. And interestingly when we progress in our life and we grow, you will notice even in your dream that you move from one house to the other house and you could in the end be dreaming that you are staying in the house where you are presently staying. Don't you know that your dreams have caught up with you? See dreams are supposed to be timeless. They are not supposed to be affected by time. But in some of us, we keep being affected by time and by something in the past. We keep dreaming of the old wooden house that we lived in when we were young. It has to do with an underdevelopment of a part of our life that was stunted from the day that we were in that house. We have to grow out from that.

Why must we shake off our past from our dreams? So that your dreams can begin to reveal what you are designed to do. Dreams are designed to reveal your future and not your past. Job 33 tells us that God speaks once and twice in a dream in the vision of the night, to warn us and to keep us from evil and to keep us from wrong decisions. Dreams are designed to help us handle the future. To handle the things that is to come. But for many people's life their dreams are bounded by their physical circumstances or their past.

Turn to Ecclesiastes chapter 5 The reason we are teaching on dreams is because this year will be a year fantastic things will happen. A year of power, a year of great

things being done in the Lord in each one of your lives. And if you were to allow God to dream dreams in your life and remember those dreams God gave to you, this year may be the fulfillment of the dream that you have always dreamt.

*Ecclesiastes 5:3 For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words. When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it; for He has no pleasure in fools. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Verse 7 For when dreams increase, empty words grow many; but do you fear God?* The context of the multitude of dreams he is talking about is in verse three where in the multitude of dreams that has to do with your daily life. And if all your dreams are just concerned with your past and your daily life and your activity and they have nothing to do with the spirit realm, somehow you are in a dangerous realm. Your dreams that are supposed to contact the spirit realm are no more contacting the spirit realm. It becomes just a hibernation ground of activities from your daily life. That's not what God wants and designed your dream realm to be. It was designed as a contact with God. Angels could appear in your dreams. God could speak to you or God could reveal things to come. It is dangerous ground to fill your dream realm with so many sensory stimuli from your so many worldly activities that you cloud out God's voice and message from contacting you there. The bible calls it vanity. Waste of energy, waste of spiritual energy, waste of soul energy that God could use to His glory.

Turn to the book of Genesis chapter 37:5 *Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they only hated him the more. He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, (Notice the dream came from his daily activity. But it was not limited by that) and lo, my sheaf arose and stood upright; and behold, your sheaves gathered round it, and bowed down before my sheaf.* Now the binding of sheaves is something they do everyday. His dream was not bounded by the past. It used the illustration of the present to point to things in the future that God wants to do. So in a dream it is all right to see yourself as you are but you will find an added thing that you never experienced before. There may be dreams of great and hidden things that you have not comprehended before or seen before. Have your dreams moved up to the house where you are living in. Or are your dreams still stuck somewhere behind. You need God to break it and to shake off that past.

That past is like the dirt and dust that gather onto us when we go out. If you go out in a country road and as you walk and explore, you will find the dirty dust and mud sticking to your shoes and your pants. You are not going to leave the dirt there. If it was a raining day there will be mud all over your shoes. Are you going to leave it there? Most of us will clean it up. But for many people in their soul they never clean up their dreams. When their dreams had the past sticking to them they never clean it up. They go around accumulating more and more dirt until it is so thick that they completely lose the blessings of dreams. Remember when your dreams die your hope dies. Interestingly it's the same type of people who get depressed easily. It's the same type of people who lose their hope easily. It's the same type of people who lose their courage easily.

You see the relationship. If you stop dreaming you stop hope, you stop faith and you stop courage. In each one of us is a driving desire to live life to the fullest. Sadly for some they are just getting by and by. Some others really want to do something about their lives. Some others just live by. Some others have given up on their life and waiting for it to close. Once again my friends old man shall dream dreams. When you have reached the peak of your maturity you thought you have done it all. They tell you today that it is not retirement that kills people. It is inactivity and the lack of zeal in life that kills people. But people who are active in life and who have something always to do tend to live longer and reach ninety, hundred and twenty and they are still full of energy. But when they just sit and watch everything go by with nothing to do, something inside them die.

This is why God said *old men shall dream dreams*. The word *old men* here may not be physically old men. That old man could represent people who have reached the zenith of their lives. Or you thought you have tasted everything you could have. Maybe you have reach your highest point and you could see no way out. You know what you should do. Dream dreams again. Because when you dream dreams again your youth is renewed like the eagle. You are charged up once again, and you will have great things to do. The future looks as if you are a teenager again. For teenagers their future looks bright I mean those in the Lord. And they are looking forward to growing up in life. Many wonders and many things they haven't seen and tasted in life. And you will put fire back into your soul. Old man dream dreams

that the fire in you will come again alive. No matter how old you are you have to remain young by dreaming dreams. They will keep the fire in you alive. Renew your youth like an eagle because you are always seeing more things to do in the Lord.

Lets look at another dream in the book of Genesis 40:5 *And one night they both dreamed, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, each his own dream, and each dream with its own meaning. The butler's dream is in verse 9 So the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, and on the vine, there were three branches; as soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.*

Now the butler has always been serving Pharaoh. So his dreams had caught up with him. It was right where he was. For some people maybe right now you are an engineer or a businessman. But if you are always dreaming of your student days, then that dirt from that past is still not wiped out. As long as that is happening you will not see the future. You must be dreaming right where you are and then from there you can see the future. We need a platform to see the future that God is revealing in our dreams. As long as your platform is somewhere in the past you can only look from your past into the present. But if you stand on the platform on your present then you can look into the past and you can look into the future. The butler was right where he was. He was still a butler in his dreams.

The baker had a different kind of dream, but he was still a baker in the dream. The baker dreamt he was a baker. The baker didn't dream that he was an apprentice in a baker's shop. He dreamt he was a baker. The butler dreamt he was a butler. It is important to see that your dreams must catch up with the present to see the future. Because both butler and baker dreamt of their present, their dreams could show their future.

So we need to examine our lives where we are. We could say where are you in your life. Where are you in your spiritual life? Adam, Adam where art thou? "Where art

thou?" could be asked in many ways. Where are thou physically. Where are thou spiritually. And this morning we ask you a new question, "Where are you in your dream life?" If you are constantly dreaming of your past, there is something in your past that you must resolve and clear before you get into the will of God for your present. If you are constantly dreaming of your present, then you should look for indications for the future in your dreams.

One more little passage – Pharaoh's dream. Gen. 41:17 *Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and they fed in the reed grass.* I have done a little research there. Do you know where Pharaoh's house was? Next to the river. So that river represents many things. But just to let you know that in the custom of those days in Egypt, Pharaoh's house was the best house. The Nile River was of course the source of everything and Pharaoh's house was right there. Pharaoh could take a walk by the riverbanks, which he possibly may have done many times. Pharaoh was right where he was in his house. Pharaoh didn't dream about the time when he was in school. What would have happened if you were dreaming of something in your past? You were still in your past although you are now in a different area in the present. It is because there is a blockage in your soul that your dream is revealing. The dream is revealing something blocking your life from progressing that you need to remove. If you remove it the dream will shift forward in time to your present to get into the future. That's the second area that has to do with our dreams that we need to look at.

The third area in regards to our dreams and the dreams that God gives us in our life. Lets look at the book of Daniel 7: 1 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, and told the sum of the matter.* Then verse 15 *As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious and the visions of my head alarmed me.* The question we ask here is this. By verse 15 was Daniel still in a dream or has he woken up? He says in verse one that he had a dream, visions in his head while on his bed. And he wrote down all the main facts. And in verse 15 he suddenly says I Daniel was grieved in my spirit within my body and the visions of my head troubled me. It is very obvious that in verse 15 he was already outside of his dream. Because he says in verse 15 the dream or vision of his head disturbed him like the way Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar were disturbed in their dreams. Apparently there was a continuation to the dream

but it came to him possibly in a vision or another dream.

Let me show Pharaoh's dream. In Gen.41:1 *After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows sleek and fat, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, gaunt and thin, came up out of the Nile after them. And stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the gaunt and thin cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. So he must have wakened up in the middle of the night. Then verse 5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time.* So in between the two dreams he woke up and he slept again.

Now here is Daniel in chapter 7 he had a dream. And in verse one he was writing about the dream. That tells you there must be some time that has taken place. And by verse 15 he was still disturbed about the dream. So we know one thing. Either his second part after verse 15 was in a vision or in a second dream. But definitely there was a break point between verse 1 and verse 15 onwards. The third point is important. Dreams can be continued or repeated in a person's life. And even if you were woken up halfway in your dream and when you get to sleep again you will get the same contact. Here we are talking about dreams as if it's a real spiritual contact. If you contacted the spirit realm and something was broken in the contact, there will be a continuation.

And these are the things that you can learn. When you wake up from a bad dream, you could tell yourself what to do and sleep again. Start the show by seeing the last part of the old dream. And then continue with something good like for example in your dream there was this hairy monster that came and grabbed you by your neck. You feel yourself shaking and you woke up with cold sweat. You look at the time it was 3 a.m. So you are not sure what to do now. You spend some time in prayer. But do you know what you could do? You could pray and you could cause that same dream to reverse provided you have the Word of God inside you. It is only possible through the Word of God and through faith and you don't allow fear to come in your life. You could say no that is not going to happen. And you just began to get into *enupnion* in a dream like state see the whole thing but see yourself chasing that demon. See yourself grabbing that hairy fellow and kicking it away and then go back to sleep and dream what you have premeditated. Part two of your dream continues. Is that possible? Yes, because part of our dream is the inner healing of

our self. Some of us have uncompleted dreams. And we get frightened and disturbed by them. We need to have completed dream. Sometimes your dreams can be completed over three or four nights and some times over many months. We need to learn that dreams are not beyond the area of control like what we think. You could actually control them to a certain extent. Remember what the key to control that area of the deep recess of spirit is – vision. What you see will enter into the recesses of your spirit. If you see the right things it will enter in and bring a conquest into that.

Lets look at Daniel 7:15 *As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious and the visions of my head alarmed me.* Here we are not sure whether in a vision or in a dream possibly vision. *I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told, and made known to me the interpretation of the things.* So apparently Daniel had a vision. And he asked for the interpretation of the dream and he got the complete interpretation that God gave to him.

In chapter 8 verse one he had another dream. *In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.* What does he mean by *after that which appeared to me the first time*? The word *after* could mean many things. No. 1 it could be in a similar form or similar manner. Or it could be something that he knows it is related. But in Daniel 7: 1 the dream happened in the first year of King Belshazzar's reign and in Daniel 8: 1 it was in the third year of King Belshazzar's reign. So what does he mean by *after that which appeared to me the first time*? It was nearly between two to three years in chronology. I mean he had a second dream and the second dream was like a continuation of the first dream and the first dream happened two or three years ago. I am sure he had many dreams between those times. But this was so significant that he knows that the second dream was related to the first.

This is why in our teaching on dreams and interpretation we tell people please write down your dream like Daniel did in Daniel 7: 1. It is because some of your dreams could develop in different areas. When you are here in the outer spokes of the circle, and as you dream you enter into the area into the spirit realm which is a very interesting unique realm – timeless. And in timelessness sometimes some

portion of your dreams could be speaking of your future five years down the road. If you notice some of your dreams do not continue in the same night. Some dreams continue over the years like Daniel's.

But how would you know the continuations of your dreams if you didn't write them down? How did Daniel remember? Because in Daniel 7: 1, it says, *Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.* He knew this was different and special. Do your dreams have parts? Yes. Unless we are aware of the messages that are coming in parts and we keep a record of them, you will not be able to interpret that dream properly. That is the third area that we bring forth in the importance of dreams. And because it is so important we need to write down our dreams. If you find it difficult to write everything and every day, at least write down the most impressive dream you have had. The most remarkable one that stayed with you and that sort of stirred your spirit, grieved your spirit or troubled your spirit. Write them down for there may be a next one that will bring meaning to this one. Most of us forget our dreams after two to three years. Let me tell you the most significant dream in my life I have never forgotten even up all these years. We need to always learn that there is significance in dreams and they could be different in time. Therefore it's important to note them down.

The fourth point dreams are so powerful that they can change your life and your personality. In fact if you really allow them to minister to you your whole personality and life can change. You notice in the bible that dreams had come at critical points in people's life and at critical points of a nation. Joseph received a dream when he was very young because he would need that dream to keep him for the rest of his life. And that was the dream that kept him alive through those years of rejection. When he went through all those sufferings, all those misunderstanding, he held on to that dream. If you don't let your dream die your life will not die. It came at a very important point. Have you notice in Genesis 37 that the dream that came to Joseph's life was just before he was sold to some passing merchants. God could have given him the dream when he was 12 years old. But God gave the dream at the most important point in his life. Two dreams that the bible records. He may have dreamt many other dreams but these two stand up above the others. And they came just before he was to go through the hardest time in his life: to be sold by his own brothers. What did God give him to last for his whole life? Nothing but two dreams. Yet those two dreams will last for his entire life. What did God give to

Pharaoh at the most critical point of his nation? After all they were just at the edge of a great harvest of seven years of plenty. But after that came the seven years of famine. They were at the edge of something great happening and God gave a dream for them to act on that dream. In the book of Matthew, dreams came at the most critical point in Joseph's life. If he had not listened to his dreams he would have died; Jesus would have died and Mary too may have died. If Pharaoh and Joseph did not hearkened to those dreams that were given in Genesis millions would have died.