

## **VISUALIZING IN THE SPIRIT SERIES**

### **“YETZER” THE HEBREW WORD FOR IMAGINATION**

We have been teaching on the imagination and it is good for us to realize that imagination is considered real. It is not like what we use in our English expression, that “It is just a figment of your imagination.” As far as the Bible is concerned, what happens in our imagination is going to happen physically.

We will consider the Hebrew word *yetzer*, which means the imagination. Let’s look at Gen.6: 5, “*Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of men was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*” Now the world was already corrupted. And it has reached a place of corruption in Noah’s time where the judgment must come down. God is a righteous God and there is a certain limit to the evils in the world before He personally would step in. Otherwise if He doesn’t step in, the world would self-destruct. It will just destroy itself utterly completely. So God has to step in to make sure that the world could continue to be preserved.

The Bible makes a statement here that God saw that the world was wicked but He did not only go by what He saw in the physical. He saw in the spirit realm. He saw in the intent, the *yetzer* of man or the imagination in the man, that it was continually wicked. God saw that there was more to come and if He doesn’t stop it now, it’s going to get worst. He knew that what man imagine, man will perform. He knew that what is inside will come forth naturally. So God considered our imagination to be as real as a substance and not just something that is nonpermanent/temporal or something that is just a wish. The imagination is not just a wish.

The imagination is the production center for all your life. The imagination is a part of you that will produce what is to come. So if the devil gets hold of your imagination, you are doomed. But if God gets hold of your imagination by His Word, then great things are in store for you. There are only a few times that the word *yetzer* is specially used. Let us lay a foundation by reading all those passages in the bible where the word *yetzer* is found.

Deut. 31: 21, *“Then it shall be when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness, for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of this descendants for I know the inclination (yetzer) of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land which I swore to give them.”*

Now here the Israelites have not even entered the land of Canaan. The word *Deuteronomy* comes from *Deutero*, meaning second and *nomy* which means law. That means the second law. In other words it was a repetition of the Book of Exodus and Moses recounted all that God has done. Remember Moses was going to die. And Moses was giving his last few words to the Israelites, preparing them before they enter the Promised Land. So they were just at the doorsteps of the Promised Land. Just beyond was the Promised Land. Joshua was going to lead them through. They could see across to the Promised Land but they have not entered. They have not even lived there yet. They left Egypt 40 years ago. The old generation has passed. This is the new generation. All they have seen are the wilderness, the deserts and mountains but they have not tasted the land of milk and honey. Yet they could stand before the Promised Land and say, *“There is the land of milk and honey.”* They have not even lived there. They have not been there.

But God says right now I could see in their imagination. I could see in their *yetzer* that there is evil. God says I see evil inside their *yetzer* there. They have not been there and God says I know that they are going to do evil there. Just think about that. God considers your imagination, your blueprint, as guiding the whole course of the nation's life and God said Moses write this song because I know that they are going to be what they saw. They are going to become what they see. They are going to get what they see. And inside their *yetzer*, inside their imagination God sees evil.

So Moses wrote this song so that when the *yetzer* comes to pass out there, this song will be a testimony against them. The children of Israel will know that God has seen that it was going to take place. How did God know? God had looked at the *yetzer* or imagination of the children of Israel and the seeds of evil contained therein. The word *inclination* in that verse is the word *yetzer*.

There are only a few times that special word is used and that same word is used again in I Chronicles 28: 9, *“As for you, My son Solomon, know the God of your father and serve Him with a loyal heart, and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent (yetzer) of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him He will cast you off forever.”*

The Lord understands the imagination. The Lord understands the *yetzer*. Isn't it interesting that the Bible translate imagination *yetzer* as intent? See the inclination of your heart is your intent that becomes your actions. It is the blue print. It is the direction. It is the program that has been implanted as God sees.

So David warned Solomon because David knew how important the imagination was. He himself has fallen when his imagination fell. He knew the importance of the imagination of the *yetzer* and in the same book of 1 Chron. 29:18, *“O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our fathers keep this forever, (in other words keep this covenant) in the intent (yetzer) of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.”*

*In the intent of the thoughts of the heart* means the *yetzer* or imagination of the thoughts of their hearts. David is saying to God to keep this willingness to do His commandments and to build His house in the imagination of His people. David knew that if he could get the people of God to have the *yetzer* or imagination to build God a house it would be a matter of time to come before that house is built .

*Yetzer* is something solid in the spirit realm. It is not liquid. It is not something like a vapor that passes away. But it is constructive. It is built. Now there is sometimes

the word translated in the Bible *yetzer* as a solid object. Turn to the book of Isaiah 29:16, “Surely You have turn things around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; for shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?”

The word called *the thing formed*, *the thing made* is the word *yetzer*. Let’s read it with the word *yetzer* put in there.

*Surely You have turn things around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; for shall the **yetzer** say of him who make it, “He did not make me”? Or shall the **yetzer** say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?*

The *yetzer* is treated as something real, something solid. Something that has already been formed except that it was in seed form. In a seed everything that is to come is placed there. The seed is important to what is to come. All the programming, the entire gene is in the seed. What kind of leaves it will produce is already in the genes of the seed. What kind of fruit it will bear is already in that seed. Now the seed is so small you could hold it in your hand. But when it is grown you cannot hold a huge tree in one hand. But yet that tree and that seed are equal. That tree came from the seed and the *yetzer* is the seed of the things to come.

The *yetzer* is the seed that produces your future life. The *yetzer* is the seed of your future. The wonderful thing is that your *yetzer* can be changed. Your *yetzer* can be formed. Your *yetzer* can be trained whereas the seed and the genes remains as they are. But even though the *yetzer* can be formed and can be changed, it can only be formed and changed in line with what God’s will for you is. You cannot go beyond the will of God. God’s will that is written for you is inside your *yetzer*. It is inside your spirit. And it needs to be written out clearly with the help of the Word of God.

The Bible tells us in Isa.26: 3, *Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.* The word *mind* is the word *yetzer*. *Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose **yetzer** is stayed on You.*

Notice the *yetzer* will fix you. You will not turn to the left or to the right. If you have your imagination set right, you will not fall. If you have your imagination set right and programmed right with the Word of God, you will only be able to take success and not failure. See the imagination is vitally important on to us. There are only these few times that the Hebrew word *yetzer* comes out. The following verses contain the word *yetzer*.

Gen. 6:5.

Gen.8: 21,

Deut.31: 21,

I Chron.28: 9,

I Chron.29: 18,

Ps103: 14, it is translated as frame.

It is translated as imagination or intent in Gen.6, 8, Deut.31 and I Chron. 28, 29. In Ps.103: 4 is translated as frame, translated as mind in Isa. 26: 3 and translated as the thing framed in Isa.29: 16. These are the only time when the word *yetzer* is used in the Old Testament but yet that word speaks about the intent, the inclination and is actually translated as imagination. Our imagination!

Let me illustrate. Can I have that cup of water and could I have that ice? In our normal temperature water exists as a liquid. If you try to catch water you cannot hold it, your hand can only get wet. If I ask you to pick up that pound of water, it would be absurd. You cannot grasp water. You cannot hold it.

Now this is ice, which is also water in solid form. I am holding water in solid form in my hand without the cup. I could even throw it up and catch it again. It's the same water. Chemically and physically this water is the same as this water inside this cup. But if I were to just pour it down it will just slip off my hand and fall to the carpet.

What is the difference between these two? The difference between these two is that they have been in different environment. If I take this cup of water and put it in a cold environment, that water in the cup would become this piece of ice. It was just the environment. If I just leave this water in the sun, the water will become vapor and it will just disappear. The sun has evaporated the water. See you can't catch vapor in this cup. But I can guarantee you can catch this lump of ice. It's still the same water. It's the environment that changes its form, either to a solid state called ice or to vapor.

In the same way because we live in the physical world we consider the imagination to be something as a dream or something as a shadow and not as something real. Just because it is like water to us, we feel that it's something that we cannot hold. I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Now I want you to see with your imagination this whole place packed. I will describe it and you just see it in your imagination. The whole place is so filled that there are people standing outside. There are people standing all around. Could you see that in your imagination? You can open your eyes now. What you saw just now in your imagination was something as solid as this ice in the spiritual realm. But when we close our eyes and we see with our imagination and we open our eyes again, we say that is only a wishful thinking or that was only a passing thought. We never conceive of it that what we see inside is as real and as solid as the physical world. But to God what is in the *yetzer* or in the imagination is as solid as ice is to you.

The difference is in the different realm. Your *yetzer* is in the spirit realm while your eyes are in the physical realm. Your eyes function in the physical realm while your imagination function in the spirit realm. It's interesting to know that the Hebrew word for *dream* and *window* is quite close. And so the dream is just like a window that you see into another realm. Just like there are many windows here in this church. If I want to look over the riverside, I look through the window on my right side. If I want to see just roads, I look through the window on my left side. See it depend on which window you are looking through.

But your imagination is like a window in the spirit realm. It sees the things in the spirit realm and just because the spirit realm is not touchable or tangible to your five senses, we sometimes despise it. We sometimes neglect its importance to our life but right now, all of you have an imagination functioning whether you are taught this truth of visualizing or not. You have an imagination functioning. You may not realize it but you are all the time visualizing. We human beings are creatures that visualize. We are learning to apply from the Word of God what God has equipped our imagination or *yetzer* with.

If you are a normal healthy functioning adult you would be using your tongue to talk. We would not teach you how to talk but we will teach you that the words you speak are important. Instead of speaking like the world does, we teach you to speak God's Word. See we are not teaching you how to speak since you would have learnt it in school or from your parents. Instead we are teaching that since words are vital and important we need to be more careful and speak only which is in line with the Word of God. In this way you could use what God has placed in your soul to His glory.

In the same way when we teach on the visualizing and the imagination, it is not something new or invented right here. It is something that you have been using all the time. You may not even be aware that you are using those areas in your life. We are just making you aware that it is functioning in your life. Before you get a job, you visualize. Before you embark on a career, you are already visualizing to what level in the company you want to climb up to.

We are teaching the importance of visualizing and imagination that we have taken for granted. If you leave a small child to grow up by himself and say let the child educate himself, the child can even grow up without learning how to read and write. We teach our children and educate our children. We teach them. We don't just leave them alone. In the same way our imagination has been so much a part of us, that we take it for granted. We don't realize the importance of the imagination in relation to the spirit realm. So when we teach this thing, it is not that we have just invented it. It was there all the time but what we have done is to make you aware of it and then from making you aware bring it into practical application. We take the Word of God and began to form in your imagination the solidness of a vision that is in line with the Word of God and from that imagination it will produce your future life. So your imagination still has to work along with the will of God and the Word of God. To keep your mind in perfect peace your *yetzer* have to focus on God and not on yourself.

In the world they are discovering this truth but they are misapplying it. In the world they teach about visualizing also. There was a book on visualization that I just glanced through. I just wanted to check the level that the world is copying the things of God. Jesus said in Mk.11: 22-24 that if you believe what you say it will come to pass. You shall have it. So Jesus is teaching the power of the spoken word. Prov. 18:21, `Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Now in the world they have an imitation and the form. They call it positive confession and so they tell themselves to look at the mirror and say, "You are successful, you are ok." But in the world they don't teach morality and the 10 commandments. So sometimes a greedy guy will look at the mirror and say, "You are rich, you are powerful" and it makes them covetous because they are not guided by morality. Or sometimes an evil guy may covet another woman and visualize adultery or fornication to make it happen and fulfill his lusts. So the world has stumbled on this principle of the power of visualization. But they have misapplied it and to some extent they have succeeded a little bit because there is truth in the Word. But it can only go so far and no more.

But some Christians react negatively to such teachings. They say this is positive thinking and associate it with Norman Vincent Peal or Dale Carnegie or Robert

Schuller or some other positive thinking writers. They even associate such teachings with the Word of Faith movement. In the end they reject the whole thing totally without realizing that in Christianity and in the Charismatic movement God is reviving this truth. Every truth that is in the Word will be manifested in these days before the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. So as a result some react negatively to this teaching and turn their minds off.

About 5 years back we were teaching on prosperity since we found it in the Word and we got it from the Word. But there was one group of Christians who said that such teaching is from the devil. 5 years later with their wallets empty and their pockets and pants full of holes they came back and said, "Could you teach us some of the prosperity stuff?" See what happened is that they rejected the teaching on prosperity completely without realizing that there was an imitation. They threw the baby with the bathtub water. Remember if there is an imitation there is a real. The imitation comes because there is a real. Now if a person wants to make counterfeit money, he will not make the counterfeit money look like monopoly money. What do they do when they make counterfeit money? They try to make it look and feel like the original as much as possible. It's an imitation. But it's not real and that's what the devil does. He counterfeits all these things. If there is a counterfeit, then there is a real, which is true.

The Bible has a solid teaching on the importance of the confession and I have sat down many times and confessed that God's Word is true, sometimes for about 8,9 hours. It does something to me. I could tangibly feel a change come on my whole being when I confess God's Word. You do it and see. You sit down and do meditation 3,4,5 hours confessing God's Word. You will see the physical change is tremendous. So there is the real and there is a counterfeit of visualizing without the commandments of God, without a moral base. But there is a real art of visualizing and imagination. Like Paul says in II Cor.4 we look to those things, which are invisible. We look to the invisible to manifest it in the physical.

Let's look at Heb.11: 1, "*Now faith is the substance....*" But it's not a physical substance. It's not a substance that we could touch with our hand, smell with our nose, see with our eyes, and taste with our taste buds. It's not a physical substance. It is a spiritual substance and the word *substance* in the Greek is the word, *hupostasis*,

which is something solid. It is only used a few times in the New Testament but in the book of Hebrew the word *hupostasis* is used three times.

Here in Heb.11: 1 *Now faith is the substance of thing hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Remember faith is the substance of things hoped for and faith is a substance of things not seen. Isn't it marvelous the things that are not seen I can receive as a substance through faith? I can receive a substance in my imagination. For the spirit of faith believe that we received it in the spirit realm. Hold fast to it what the Word says.

For your interest the word *hupostasis* occurs in Hebrew 1:3, *'Who being the brightness of His glory and the expressed image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He by Himself purge our sins sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.'*

Now verse 3 refers to Jesus. It says that Jesus is the expressed image of the Father, referring to the person of the Father. Now the word person in verse 3 is the word *hupostasis*. So it says, *"Who being the brightness of His glory and the expressed image of His hupostasis."* That means His spiritual substance, reality. One day when this whole world is redeemed and are in the glory of God, you could literally touch God. See He is spiritual being, touchable and knowable. But this world has fallen to the realm where the spirit realm is like something non-existent. Man has fallen to the stage where sometimes you can walk in the street and you can ask a man whether he believes in the spirit world? Does he believe in heaven and hell? He will say, *'No! I only believe in this life.'* See the world has fallen to that extend where some ministers don't even believe in an angel, don't even believe in the existence of demons. No, the spirit world is non-existent as far as their experience is concerned. If only they knew that the spirit world controls the physical world. And there is a substance of the spirit world and that is the substance of God Being.

Heb. 3: 14 *"For we have become partakers of Christ (Notice he says we have become a part of Christ. How? That is) if we hold the beginning of our confidence (**hupostasis**) steadfast to the end.* Here the word *hupostasis* is translated as confidence.

So you see the same Greek word *hupostasis* is translated in Heb.1: 3 as person; in Heb. 3: 14 as confidence and in Heb.11: 1 as substance. It is the same Greek word but it is translated differently. The reason is because the translators could not comprehend what this substance is. Some say it is the confidence that comes in. It's more than a confidence. Heb.11: 1 put it a substance but then its more then a substance. It's so real that Herb.1: 3 translate it as a person, which we have said the *yetzer* is something that is real. It is something that is solid. It is something that can be grasping that can be felt. It can be molded by the Word of God and right now you have in your imagination the ability to change your future. I don't believe in fatalism. I don't believe in fate. I don't believe in *unfortunately* or *fortunately* or *lucky*. No all these words talk about fatalism. That means you are not in control of your destiny.

But God tells us in His Word that we are in control of our destiny. We are responsible for our destiny. That is why there is a judgment. If everything came because of the will of God, why then does He judge us for what is His will? No, we are responsible for our lives. We are responsible for what we do in this life. We have our destiny in our hand. Therefore God says there is a judgment coming where every man has to answer for what he does with his life. You have your future in your hands. More accurately you have your future in your imagination. What is stored in your imagination?

Now the most wonderful thing is that in Heb.11: 1 imagination is where faith is. In the previous message we related the heart with faith. *Faith is the substance of things hoped for*. The word *hoped for* - is that future tense, past tense or present tense? *Hoped for* is past tense but *faith* is in the future. Isn't that a contradiction of terms? *Faith is the substance of things hoped for*. Think about that. That is a complete contradiction of all the rules of grammar in the English language. Hope is always in the future.

We have said that about the Hebrew vocabulary. God has a habit of calling things, which are not as though they were. Not even as they are but as they were. That is done. He told Abraham, "I have made you a father of many nations." It is future,

yet it is past but it is now. What a compete contradiction. No wonder people just stumble when they come to all these things. Future, past then He said present. Their minds blow!

Now the imagination is not bound by physical time. That is what the truth is coming forth. Your imagination can scan the past. We all know that. Let me illustrate with something, which may not be pleasant but you could identify with it. Lets say somebody has hurt you badly about 10 years ago that you could not forget, and suddenly that person reappeared in your life. And of all things he is also attending the same church as you. You wish he was in some other church; you say to yourself that wherever this person sits, you will sit on the opposite side. The preacher now leads in the singing, "I love you with the love of the Lord," and tells everyone to go around shaking each other's hands. Here comes the person charging down the aisle singing, "I love you with the love of the Lord." You say, "Here comes disaster." And inside you, all your hurt feelings and painful memories are once again stirred up. What is happening? Your imagination and your memory have been buried in the past. But when you see that person, the past hurt is resurrected in your imagination. You relate to that person as in the past. That painful incident could have happened when you were 10 years old. Now you are 20 years old. So every time you see that person, you become 10 years old again. You grew younger and so was the person who hurt you 10 years ago. When you see the person you become 10 years old and say, "You hurt me, so I hate you!" so you become 10 years younger again.

What your imagination has done is to automatically switch back to your past and make the past a living reality. It happens all the time. Praise God, the Blood of Jesus can cleanse you from all your sins; cleanse you from all your unforgiveness so that you could relate differently. And that's what happens when we relate to each other.

Some of you may remind me of my strict Chinese teacher. That teacher will whack me for every mispronunciation I make. But sometimes I look at some people and they remind me of that Chinese teacher. But they are different persons altogether. Now some of you remind me of my father. When he gets angry he turns purple. And so some people remind me of past unpleasant persons or incidences. But when I relate to them I have to get the Blood of Jesus to cleanse me of these past hurts in

my imagination and relate to them as they are. Most of you have come to know John who is very zealous for the Lord. You came to know him either by knowing him personally or by watching him. So when you come across another person just as zealous, you will say, "Ah, he is just like John." Now John has sort of accidentally hurt you by making some remarks about your commitment to the Lord. Then the next time another equally zealous person comes along, you tell yourself, "I am going to avoid this guy." What happens is we have brought our past into our present relationships. Most of the time that prevents people from loving each other and flowing together in the Body of Christ because we are reminded too much of our past.

But *agape* love looks at your future. Rom. 5:7-8, "*For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*" Christ didn't love us because of our past. We had a bad past. Christ didn't love us because of our present. We have a terrible present. But Christ loves us because He saw our future. And as long as you look at each other and remember the past or even the present, it is quite difficult. Some people are loveable, some not so loveable because they just got extra longer shoulder blades. So it's difficult in the natural but when you look at each other in the future, you see the value God has placed on the person's life. God doesn't see what you were or who you are. But He sees what you can be and He loves you for what He can be in you.

So the wonderful thing about the imagination is that it is not bound by time. We could go into our past or into your present. Anyway it is past for you if you are here. It could be an hour ago.

Close your eyes right now and see the room of the house you stay in. Now that was in the past about a few hours ago when you left your house. You are no more there or else you won't be here. It was in your past. A couple of hours back. What happens is your imagination is not bound by time. Your body is bound by time. Here is where we want to say these words. If your imagination is not bound by the past, if it is not bound by the present, why is it that people make it bound when it comes to the future? See the point? Your *yetzer* and imagination is not bound by

time but your physical body is. It could go to your childhood and see both your unpleasant and pleasant incidences of your life. You could remember the things that are pleasant to you. You could go into the past and relive the whole experience. You could go into your past even a few hours back or right now if I ask you to visualize this place as it is, you could just close your eyes and see as it is. We have no problem for the imagination to deal with the past and the present.

The question is: Why do people struggle when it comes to their future? Why is it that their imagination does not seem to move into the future easily? And yet that's the most important because that is where the imagination is forming the future. If they see the past they will keep producing the past in their present life and in their future life. They will keep repeating the same mistakes. If all you can see after you have failed many times is failure, you are going to harvest failure because you have allowed the past to have a hold on you. You keep producing the same pattern in the future as in the past. It has been locked up in your imagination. Here is why people struggle because they cannot see the future. They could see their past because they have experienced it. They could see their present because they have experienced it. What is the key? Experience. How is it that we can see the past and the present? It is because we have experienced it.

Here is where we need someone who has already known our future, who can see our future as past to give us a conducted tour into that realm.

John 14: 26, *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. He rules the past.*

John 16:13-14, *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come...."* What is truth? Truth is the real state of being. A fact is a piece of information. It may reveal the truth or it may not. It depends on what extend they have the whole picture of the fact. But here the Spirit of truth in the Amplified Version they say reality - the real, the Spirit who knows the real substance. Do you know in this whole world, everything that you see is temporal? The real is the spiritual and eternal and that's the truth. The

Spirit of truth, the Spirit who brings the truth comes to blow apart the facts. The same Holy Spirit works now in your imagination. Truth is a spirit. The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth. Now we have seen in the last message that you need to hold on to the truth before you can blow apart the temporal facts that are contrary to the truth. And you are a spirit being. The third person of the Godhead Who is called the Spirit of truth will guide you and bring you and make you experience the truth.

This is what happens. You go around confessing, "By His stripes I was healed. Thank You, Jesus. I have been healed by Your stripes," and one day the healing takes place, bang you are healed. Who did that? The Holy Spirit! Who brought the healing? The Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit guides you into all truth. The Holy Spirit guides you to experience the real. He changes and blows us apart what is not real. He guides you into the experience of the truth. Nobody can claim healing. Nobody can claim his or her ability to heal. It rests on the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one person on the planet earth today who is sent by Jesus to do the works of Jesus and greater works. But if you and I yield to the same Spirit the greater works will flow through your life. You will experience it. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.

Then we have Jesus saying about the Holy Spirit, *He will not speak on His own authority*. The Holy Spirit's purpose for coming is to help us to experience the reality all that Jesus promised and said, all the works of Jesus, all the promises of Jesus all that is entrusted in Jesus. He is going to help us to experience Jesus in person. That is His purpose for coming. That is why Jesus calls Him the Spirit of Truth. Whatever He hears He will speak. Now God is a God who calls things, which be not as though they were. And God sees something completed before it is completed and He calls it as such. The Holy Spirit hears and He transmits that to you and I. And it says He will show you the Word manifest. He will manifest to you the things to come.

Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Without Him we can do nothing. Thank God, we have an Advocate. You know what is an Advocate? An advocate is someone who stands there and says that is the legal right of this child of God to experience this inheritance. See when you are wronged by somebody, you are having injustice done

to you. Somebody comes and steal your car, steal your health, steal your property steal all that you have and you say, "I am a child of the living God, all these destruction don't belong to me. The blessing of God belongs to me." The devil will say, "No, no! You got no power against me." The Holy Spirit comes along and said, "He is right. Devil, you are judged. Surrender!" And the Holy Spirit comes and takes the devil by his tail and gives the devil the left foot of fellowship. And the devil goes off and then you experience all that God intended for you to experience.

The most wonderful thing is that the Spirit of Truth right now is working in your imagination. He is right now forming your future. The language of the Holy Spirit is the language of vision and dream. One of the first things that happen when the Spirit came down was visions and dreams. And the Holy Spirit right now will show you things to come. The reason why people cannot see their future easily as they can see the past is because they have not experienced their future yet. But here comes the Holy Spirit to give you the experience of what is to come. He will manifest the future to you through dreams and visions. He will show you things to come. All you have to do is to get into the spirit. Pray in the spirit and all you have to do is be like a spiritual tourist. You know what tourist do when they go to a new place - they look. Have you seen tourists on a bus? They just peer out of the windows of the bus all the time and look, look and look. They just do a lot of looking and some of the places where you have been so regularly you hardly turn to see. They will be looking and say, "Oh this one, Malaysian beach." You say, "Yes, we have seen it so much that we just don't think too much of that." But they haven't seen it before so they just look and look.

And this is what happens - the Holy Spirit will take you in your prayer closet where you are visualizing the things of God and He will take you into the future. Get on His bus and the tourist guide is the Holy Spirit. He will guide you and show you the future. He will show you from time to time. He will unfold the future before you. He will say, "This here is what I want you to do and the will of God for your life in three years' time. And this here is the will of God for you in 20 years time. This is what the Father has been asking you to do. And this is what the Son has been speaking to you about. And this is where you will be. And this is what the Father desire you to have and all these things." He begin to show you the realm of the future. You begin to experience it. You begin to embrace it. You begin to hold it close to you until it moves you. And when you experience the future that is so real,

you come back to the present. You are like a creature from another world. You are aliens and in a sense we are. We are not people who live by the present. We are people who see the future. We are the living hope. Our whole perspective for life is different. We don't live for this life. We live for the life to come. So we put all that we are to see, the kingdom of God come, to do the will of God on this planet earth, to extend the kingdom of God. We live like aliens on this earth.

Paul says in 2 Cor.4 that we see the things that are not as though they were. We see the invisible. We have the same spirit of faith who the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit of Truth will cause you to experience all these things. I don't care how long you have been visualizing, how long you have been claiming, but you have Someone on your side. If you have grasp the whole of the truth, if what you see in your *yetzer*, in your imagination is the truth, if what you see in the corridors of your heart is the truth, then know, that there is a person called the Holy Spirit who will see to it that all of the truth comes to pass in your life. We only need to yield to Him. We only need to know Him. We only need to let Him flow through us in the things to come.

So what I personally do is, some of the things the Holy Spirit has shown me that is to come in the future I will hold it fast with my *yetzer*, my imagination and then I will pray in tongues while I see. It would be just like the Holy Spirit hovering over my imagination just as He hovers over the earth. So here am I. I am sitting on that vision and that vision is sitting on me. The vision becomes a part of me and I become a part of the vision. Until we become molded into one. You live for the vision and the vision lives through you. And all I see are those purposes of God. I will hold it fast and I will just pray in the spirit and pray in tongues. I will just see it so clearly, I will pray. I will sit on it and let the Holy Spirit hover over the vision and bring it to pass.

In bringing it to reality that is not my job. My job is only to hold on to my *yetzer*. Didn't the Bible say, "Hold fast"? It is the job of the Holy Spirit to make it come to pass. All you have to do is to hold fast to the Word of God to the truth. All you have to do is to hold fast to what God says. If you hold fast long enough and strong enough, the Holy Spirit makes it manifests. What part of truth have you not experienced yet? What part of your life is still not where you know what God wants it to be? Bring it before you in the corridors of your imagination. Pray in the spirit

and live in it. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will tell you to get on the bus. You get on the bus and you can see it clearly.

Some of you are businessmen and businesswomen. The time that you invest in your prayer closet in visualizing is as essential as the time you spend outside getting the deals. You will invest that time in visualizing and knowing that you already know what God's will is. And you begin to see what is in the future as in the past. You begin to see your business prospering. You see the clients coming. You see the checks coming in. You see it all come to pass. You see what Jesus and the Father want you to do with that business. You see it and you just pray in tongues. Hold on to it with your spiritual hands. And the Holy Spirit will send the angels to work in that direction.

Some of you are praying for your family, your loved ones, they are not saved or born again yet or some may need healing. You must hold fast and see your family the way God wants you to see clearly. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will tell you to get on the bus and then He drives you around. You not only see that your unsaved husband is saying yes to Jesus but you even see what your husband is doing after he has said yes to Jesus. See the Holy Spirit is bringing you for a more detailed tour. He begins to show what would happen in great detail. And then you hold fast to it in your imagination. Sometimes it's so real.

I can tell you those times I spent in that way. It's so real that it makes me weep. Sometimes I hold fast to the burden and the vision God gave me. I see the souls that are saved. I see the people that are touched and healed. It becomes so real. I could actually see them being healed by the Holy Spirit. And I could literally see them being touched. And I am so thankful that the tears just flood my eyes. It's a real experience. See we need to experience the future by the work of the Spirit so that it becomes real.

Some of you could be called to the ministry. Or your ministry in certain ways is supposed to take off. The time that you invest in visualizing is essential. It is not wasted time. It is essential time. Give it top priority. Most of my prayers are in the

realm of visualizing because I can see it better than I can speak it. So I present it before God and said, 'God this is the way I believe you have shown me. I will hold fast to it.' And I just thank Him and worship Him and hold fast and praying in tongues for it to come into reality.

And sometimes the Holy Spirit tells us to get on the bus. And you get on the bus. And He shows you, not only what your ministry will do. He begin to show you what your ministry does to people, who will do some other things through that touch that they received. It's all in that realm called the imagination or *yetzer*. It is solid in the spiritual realm.

Let's all stand together. I want you to surrender your imagination to God. Your imagination has worked on the past and on the present. But Jesus said the Holy Spirit would show you the things to come. Has the Holy Spirit been real enough to you that what Jesus said He will do He has done? Jesus said He would show you things to come. Have you been receiving that? If you have not, you have to give your imagination to Him to let Him implant the truth of the future into your experience. Right now just surrender your imagination to the Lord. If it's filled with dirt and uncleanness the Blood of Jesus can wash your heart and make it white as snow.