

## A DREAM I DO NOT UNDERSTAND

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Living by faith is looking through a glass darkly...  
Said differently... "living by faith is admitting I have imperfect vision"

We are not spiritual because we seek a sign. Lots of people seek a sign. It's not evidence of spirituality, but superstition.

*Matthew 16 KJV*

*16 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. 3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.*

The difference is in how we see the sign. A dream or sign does not change the nature and heart of God ... nor the word of God ... nor purpose or calling of God.

A superstitious person will be more influenced by the emotion they wake up with, than the heart of God, the word of God, or the calling of God.

There's an enemy that would love to steer us off the path of obedience, so place all things against Scripture, and if it lines up with the Word of God, it could well be a message from God. The Apostle Paul said that "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2nd Corinthians 11:4), so we must test all things according to the standard of the Word of God. A dream might be from God, but he speaks most clearly in His Word. The Bible is the gold standard for all things.

### MY DREAM...

*"For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night..." Job 33:14*

We need to be open to whatever dreams God may have for us. But we need to be wise...

### FIRST RECOMMENDATION: WRITE IT DOWN

*In Habakkuk 2, God instructed the Israelites to "write down the revelation and make it plain on the tablets." In Daniel 7, after Daniel had a dream, he "wrote down the dream; he recorded a complete account of the matters."*

Why? Because then we check it against the word and judge it over time. If we don't write it down, we will remember the emotion, but not the dream. Make note of the symbols. God rarely speaks through emotions, but nearly always through symbols.

### SECONDLY, PRAY "THROUGH" THE DREAM, ASKING FOR UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM, BEFORE YOU DECIDE WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.

### THIRD, CONNECT THE EMOTIONS OF THE DREAM TO SCRIPTURE. IF YOU WERE AFRAID FIND A SCRIPTURE LIKE:

*Psalm 34:4 ESV*

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

*Psalm 27:1*

*Of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*1 John 4:18*

*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

If you do not correct the emotion with the Word of God, you will always be at risk of living superstitiously, not biblically.

### LASTLY, MAKE AN OFFERING OF IT TO THE LORD.

I do not trust in my "interpretation of dreams" ... but in the Lord!

The dream isn't a trick, or a taunt. God isn't mocking us. So we build an altar, and we surrender that dream to the Lord.

*1 Corinthians 14:33 "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."*

*Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding."*



*Luke 24:38 "And he said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'"*

*Isaiah 49:14-16 "But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.'" "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me."*

*Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

*2 Corinthians 1:10 "He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again."*