

What Is God Saying to You in Your *Dreams?*

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STUDY GUIDE

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I. Dreams and Visions Can Transform Your Life

- A. Take your dreams seriously. It's important!
 - 1. A dream someone else had about me literally saved my life.
 - 2. I am alive today due to many diversified dreams and visions.

- B. The Lord wants to transform *you* through dreams and visions.
 - 1. He wants to meet you face-to-face today as you discover the importance of dreams and visions.
 - 2. This is an introduction to the one who desires to transform, deliver, direct, comfort, and empower you through your dreams and visions.

II. An Introduction: The Master Potter, Dream Giver

- A. **What God has done for me through dreams and visions:**
 - 1. He spoke to my daughter through a dream that literally saved my life.
 - 2. Through a series of dreams, He delivered me from a virus that almost took my life prematurely.
 - 3. He continually speaks to me:
 - a. He gives godly direction.

- b. He gives counsel.
- c. He gives confirmation.

B. You Are Also on a Journey of Understanding How the Lord, the Master Potter, Shapes Your Destiny Through Dreams and Visions

1. That will take effort, but it's well worth it if you hang in there.
2. As you learn to understand the diversity of ways to interpret your dreams, at times you will feel as if you are climbing uphill.
3. Heaven's language contains hidden mysteries:
 - a. It will require training, commitment, patience, and much dedication to understand it.
 - b. Precious believer, you are about to enter a new level of training.
 - c. You are being trained to hear heaven's voice and to understand heaven's language.
4. You are about to make some discoveries, more than ever before.
 - a. Our God is a talking God.
 - b. Dreams and visions are one way in which God speaks:
 - i. God has been speaking through dreams and visions for centuries.
 - ii. He still speaks through them today.
 - iii. He spoke through dreams and visions to both the saved and the unsaved.
 - iv. He spoke through dreams and visions to both the righteous and the lost.

III. Biblical Roots for Dreams and Visions

- A. "Spiritual encounters" along our journey, the biblical roots for dreams and visions:
1. Over one-third of the Bible relates to dreams and visions.

2. There are more than 50 references to dreams and visions where God delivered divine messages.

B. **Examples** of divine messages through dreams and visions, to give us an understanding that God speaks to us through them:

1. God warned King Abimelech concerning Sarah being Abraham's wife (Genesis 20:3), the first dream documented in Scripture.
2. God made covenant with Abraham and his descendants during Abraham's dream. (Genesis 15:12–17)
3. Jacob received God's promise regarding his heritage through dreams (Genesis 31:10)
4. God revealed Joseph's destiny through dreams. (Genesis 37)
5. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams. (Genesis 41:1–8,15–16,32)
6. Gideon overcame his fear and inferiority complex and became a mighty warrior because of a dream. (Judges 7:13–15)
7. Daniel had the gift of interpreting dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 2:26–28)
8. Joseph, the husband of Mary, was also a dreamer. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream that he was to take Mary, though pregnant, as his wife. (Matthew 1:20–21)
9. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph again with instructions as to where to take Jesus. (Matthew 2:19)
10. Though Ezekiel recorded no dreams, he had four visions recorded.
11. The prophet Isaiah describes the Throne Room through a vision. (Isaiah 6)
12. Today we get a vision of apostolic sending, "Here am I, Lord, send me!"
13. Jeremiah had a vision of God "touching" his mouth.
14. The New Testament begins with five dreams and three visions.
15. The Bible ends with the book of Revelation, which documents 22 chapters of incredible visions.

C. Take into consideration that in many of these examples, there are multitudes of symbols and mysteries in these supernatural encounters:

1. Be patient as you begin to understand your dream language.

2. You will be building your own personal dream vocabulary:

- a. Developing interpretation takes time.
- b. Developing interpretation takes patience.
- c. Yes, developing interpretation takes endurance!

D. Keep these thoughts in the back of your mind:

1. God loves you!
2. God's heart is to continually **draw you nearer** to Him.
3. God will reveal many mysteries through your dreams to keep drawing you nearer to Him so that you may know Him.
4. God communicates with us concerning our future and our destiny through dreams and visions.
5. God often reveals the destiny of our mates, families, workplaces, and our nation through dreams and visions as well.

E. Building a foundation for dreams and visions. Today's plan:

1. We will learn to interpret your dreams later.
2. Important: Understanding that dreams and visions are not some unique event in our lives:
 - a. Spiritual dreams and visions date back for centuries.
 - b. Spiritual dreams and visions have their roots in ancient Judaism.
 - c. Dreams and visions were the source of major supernatural interventions throughout the history of Judaism and the Church!
3. God spoke to Abraham through a dream when He established His divine covenant with him and his seed.
4. Eternal covenant promises were given through a dream!
5. Peter was instructed to minister to the Gentile world through a vision.
6. God saved the life of His only Son, Jesus Christ, through a series of dreams.
7. Dreams and visions have their place in history—HIS STORY—and they have a place in *your* story as well.

IV. Important Tools

- A. There are many different types and categories of dreams:
 - 1. Correctional.
 - 2. Directional.
 - 3. Warning dreams.
 - 4. Dreams of destiny.
 - 5. Dreams that release divine healing and deliverance.
 - 6. Dreams that require immediate response and prayer.

- B. Recognize that unless we can first wake up and write down our dreams, they might be completely lost!

V. The Master's Hand

- A. God used dreams and visions to mold and shape my life.
 - 1. The tapestry of your life in dreams and visions.
 - 2. The different names of God:
 - a. *Emmanuel*: "God with us"
 - b. *Yahweh*: "God of Covenant"
 - c. *El Shaddai*: "The All-Sufficient One"
 - d. *Jehovah Rophe*: "The God that Heals"

- B. *Jehovah Makkeh*: "The Lord Who Molds Me"
 - 1. When I met the "Master Potter," the Lord who molds me.
 - 2. Jeremiah's vision of the Potter's Wheel:

"This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you My message.' So I went down to the potter's house and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was

shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as it seemed best to him.

“Then the word of the Lord came to me: ‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?’ declares the Lord. ‘Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.’” (Jeremiah 18:1–6, NIV, with emphasis)

3. Important: Understanding the heart of God as He molds, shapes, and forms us through dreams and visions.
4. Imagine what Jeremiah saw when he entered the potter’s house:
 - a. In biblical times, craftsmen potters were quite common.
 - b. The making of pottery ranks among the most ancient of crafts. (Not until after 1500 B.C. was pottery turned by wheel.)
 - i. Jeremiah lived 685–586 B.C.—the potter’s wheel was in use during the time he observed the craft.
 - ii. Jewish potters formed many different kinds of vessels.
 - iii. Jewish wares had a “Jewish stamp” or a “Type ore” on them.
 - iv. God is shaping our future through our dreams and visions and applying His personal signature to each part of our lives!
5. Imagine God speaking to Jeremiah as he observed the potter:
 - a. The potter took a lump of clay and placed it on the wheel next to which he sat and shaped the clay by hand.
 - b. The wheel consisted of a wooden disk placed on top of a larger one, turned by the hand of an attendant or the work of a treadle (a pedal or lever operated by foot to cause a circular motion).
 - c. When the clay was perfectly formed, it was smoothed and coated with a glaze and finally fired in a furnace.
 - d. During the process of being shaped on the wheel, the clay was marred and had to be shaped into a different vessel that was pleasing to the potter if:

- i. The clay became stiff, or
 - ii. The potter found a small stone.
- C. Will you attempt to remain pliable in the Potter's hands, choosing to be good soil or clay with which the Lord is pleased?
 1. Stay with me on this journey, where you'll hear many testimonies of my desperate need for a forgiving and loving God:
 - a. He saved my life through dreams.
 - b. He has delivered me from demonic oppression through dreams.
 - c. He encouraged me through dreams.
 - d. He corrected me when I was hard-headed and rebellious through dreams.
 2. God will bypass the mind and speak straight to our spirits in a dream or a vision in these types of situations.

D. Works of His Hands in Dreams and Visions

1. David knew God as one who promised to continually create. As psalmist, he writes about:
 - a. The "Works of God's hands."
 - b. How He "formed" the world and also mankind.

"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands." (Psalm 19:1, NASV, emphasis mine)

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?" (Psalm 8:3-4, NKJV)

"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:13-14, NASB)

2. Keep this in mind: God deals with someone until HE wins! He will deal with us through dreams and visions until He gets His way because He loves us.

Examples:

- a. The way God dealt with Moses in the wilderness.
 - b. The way God dealt with David in the cave.
 - c. The way God dealt with Balaam on his donkey.
 - d. The way God dealt with Peter and his hard-headedness concerning the Gentiles.
3. God is never *not* pursuing us! He is actively pursuing our heart and intimacy, even in our sleep.

E. You are fashioned to hear His voice!

“Your hands have made me, cunningly fashioned, and established me. Give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.” (Psalm 119:73—with emphasis, AMP)

1. King David understood that it was God who “fashioned” him.
2. The word “fashioned” in Psalm 119:73 is a Hebrew word that implies:
 - a. God prepares us.
 - b. God frames our lives.
 - c. God desires that we are perfected (a form of transformation!)

F. Dreams and visions: Tools that transform our lives.

Romans 12:2 instructs us, *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”* (NIV, emphasis added)

1. Dreams and visions are given many times as methods used to renew our minds.

- a. Transformation always begins from the inside out.
 - b. Transformation will always involve change.
2. The Greek word for transformation is *metamorphoo*, which refers to the process of a caterpillar being changed into the butterfly.
 3. Sometimes it feels like a wilderness!
 4. The process of transformation involves not only change but also being “fashioned” according to His perfect will and directives for our lives.
 5. Dreams and visions are tools that He uses to fashion and transform us!

VI. Interpreting Dreams

A. The New Age movement vs. the Prophetic movement:

1. Especially in Western culture, many people today rely on natural understanding rather than divine intervention and revelation when considering dreams and visions.
 - a. It is your heritage to hear God’s voice.
 - b. You are part of a prophetic generation that has been anointed to know His voice more intimately than generations before you.
2. New Age movement, when interpreting dreams?
 - a. Promotes the usage of fortune-tellers.
 - b. Promotes the usage of spirit guides.
 - c. Promotes demonic intervention.
3. The prophetic gifting of hearing God’s voice in dreams and visions:
 - a. Dreams and visions move closely with:
 - i. The prophetic ministry.
 - ii. The prophetic anointing.

- b. As the prophets began to arise in the late 1990's, there was a noticeable release of a greater prophetic voice.
- c. **Closely examine Joel 2:28.** In the end times, God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh and there will be an increase of dreams and visions. This was the same proclamation that Peter gave after the Day of Pentecost, affirming the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring these things to pass!

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.” (Joel 2:28, NIV)

B. Being a prophetic people:

- 1. Prophetic people are simply:
 - a. Those who hear God's voice.
 - b. Those who know God's voice.
 - c. Those who move by His voice.
- 2. Believer, be encouraged. Your “Seer” anointing is being activated today!
- 3. Things are shifting and moving as God's voice is released!

C. Impartations from heaven:

- 1. If you understand the language of heaven, you'll notice it is God's will to release an impartation with the revelation.
- 2. Definition and power of an *impartation*:
 - a. During a dream encounter, God can impart to your spirit.
 - b. **Biblical example of impartation:** When God imparted divine wisdom to Solomon as he was dreaming. (1 Kings 3)
 - c. My favorite Scripture in the Word that uses the word “impart”:

“For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen and establish you; that is, that we

may be mutually strengthened and encouraged and comforted by each other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:11–12, AMP)

The word "impart" in this passage is the Greek word *metadidomi* (pronounced met-ad-ad'-o-mee), meaning "To give over" (as if to share).

D. **My impartation:**

1. I will continue to impart (give over) to you throughout my teaching on dreams and visions.
 - a. The Lord has imparted the gift of teaching and prophecy.
 - b. When you open your spirit to prophetic revelation, you will begin to change.

2. In the book of Samuel, there is a clear illustration of how the prophetic anointing affected Saul's life:

*"6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be **turned into another man ...**"*

"9 And it was so, that when he has turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: And all those signs came to pass that day."
(1 Samuel 10:6,9)

3. Since dreams are part of the prophetic movement, expect God to speak to you in the night seasons.
 - a. He will begin to communicate His will because God desires for all to be changed into His image.
 - b. We will move from strength to strength, faith to faith, and glory to glory:

"They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." (Psalm 84:7, KJV)

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: As it is written, the just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:17, KJV)

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the LORD, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD.” (2 Corinthians 3:18, KJV)

E. You’re in good hands!

1. Remember, as you dream He is shaping your life and your future:
 - a. You are on a journey of transformation, impartation, and continual divine intervention.
 - b. God has you in His hands, molding, shaping, fashioning, and breathing life into you now!
2. **Say this prayer with me.** Open your hands and open your minds and receive an impartation:

“Father God, thank You that You are pouring out Your Spirit in these last days. Thank You, now, for releasing a divine impartation of dreams and visions and spiritual encounters.

“I know, Lord, that You desire for me to draw near to You, and so, Lord, as I begin to dream again, as I begin to have visions again, I will no longer toss them to the side. Instead, we will lean into You, the Master Potter.

“I will be accountable and write down my dreams and visions and wait for the divine interpretation, for You are molding and shaping me and my destiny through our dreams and visions. You are correcting, You are guiding, and You are speaking to me through dreams and visions.

“Lord, I want to hear Your voice whenever You speak to me, and I know now that You are speaking through dreams and visions. Thank You for the

impartation, now, to dream dreams and to receive visions. I receive the impartation, Lord, and I give You thanks. Amen.”