

A DREAM COME TRUE: FROM THE PIT TO PRIME MINISTER

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Gen. 37:18-36; Rom. 8:28

Joseph has a dream. He dreams he will rule over his brothers.

Job 33:14-17 *For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. :15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; :16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, :17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.*

Dreams and visions. Speaks twice, seals instruction. withdraws man from his own destructive agenda. Godly dreams are a tool of the Holy Spirit, fueling our imaginations, equaling inspiration.

Acts 2:17 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

Satan perverts and crushes dreams. Produces vain imaginations.

Rom. 1:21 *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Cast down.

2Cor. 10:5 *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Your imagination is like a television screen in your soul. You're the program director. Godly dreams produce hope, faith and purpose. Great people are products of great dreams.

I. Don't Share Your Dreams With Everyone. vs. 9

A. Some people may feel threatened by your dreams.

1. His brothers were jealous. vs. 11

a. Jacob received it.

b. They were already jealous of him because of Jacob's favoritism.

vs. 4

[1.] They should have latched on to the dream.

2. His dreams increased their hate. vs. 5, 8

a. People who don't dream will either help you or hate you.

B. Sometimes people's dreams can conflict with yours.

1. Di-vision.

II. Closed Doors Don't Always Equal Lost Opportunities.

- A. Joseph sold into slavery. vs. 28
 - 1. Prospered every place that he went.
Gen. 28:15 *And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest,...*
Deut. 30:16 *In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: **and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.***
 - 2. Suffered loss.
 - a. His coat. His most valuable asset.
[1.] Loss of assets can be discouraging.
 - b. His freedom.
 - 3. Sometimes the road forward, temporarily runs backwards.
- B. Sold to the Ishmeelites. Children of the flesh.
 - 1. By the Midianites. Strife. Jas. 3:16
- C. Brought to Egypt and sold to Potiphar. 39:1
 - 1. Subjected to the world system.
 - a. We're in the world but not of the world. Jn. 17:15-16
 - b. Supernatural people operating in the natural system.
 - c. Wealth of the sinner. Pr. 13:22
 - d. Make friends with mammon. Lk. 16:9
 - e. Prospered there.
- D. Thrown in prison. vs. 20
 - 1. The mercy of God. vs. 21
 - 2. Prospered in jail. vs. 22-23
 - 3. Interpreted other inmates dreams. Used of God.
- E. From trustee to V.P..
 - 1. Pharaoh dreams. He is also a dreamer. Chap. 41
Sometimes two dreamers can unite for a common cause despite different motives.
 - a. No one can interpret.
 - b. The chief butler remembers Joseph from jail.
 - c. Joseph's interpretation promotes him to V.P.. vs. 39-46
[1.] Saves Egypt from famine.
[2.] Sells to other countries. vs. 27
- F. His brothers serve him. Come to buy food.
 - 1. He rules over them as the dream is fulfilled.
 - a. The whole family moves to Egypt.
[1.] Become a great nation. (Joseph; He shall add.)
 - b. His dream paves the way of destiny. Moses to Messiah.

III. Don't Let Your Past Control You.

A. Joseph could have been bitter.

1. Bitterness can be used as a tool of Satan to keep your dreams from coming to pass.

Hebr. 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

2. A powerful tool of satanic control.

3. He chose to forgive and bless. Chap. 45; Matt. 5:44, 6:14

B. Look to the future, don't live in the past.

1. Eph. 4:22 Put off the former conversation.

2. Titus 2:13 Look forward to the blessed hope. The hope of blessing.

3. Heb. 12:2 Look to Jesus the author and finisher (completer) of our faith.

Conclusion;

1. Are you a dreamer? Visionary? inspired of God?

2. How big are your dreams?

Eph. 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

- a. Largeness is relative to individual faith, situations, life style, etc..

- b. Joseph's dreams took him from the pit to prime minister.

3. Are you following those dreams?

Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

- a. *Lk. 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*

- b. Are you lazy, complacent and discontent?

Will you dare to dream?

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