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The Law of the Lord; Studying it, Observing it and Teaching it.

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| Year's Theme | : | Prophetic Vision: <i>Perfect Vision, Supernatural Clarity</i> . |
| 26 th Jan '20 - Topic | : | Clear by Night: <i>Dreams and Visions</i> |
| Main Text | : | Proverbs 20:12 |
| Building Texts | : | (In citations) |
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Shalom!

In part 3 of our ongoing series on *Prophetic Vision, Supernatural Clarity*, the Spirit of the Lord intimates to us the open portal of dreams and visions through which spiritual activities, divinely arranged of the Lord for us, his beloved, to receive instructions, counsel, critical information, assurance, comfort, and such diverse spiritual communications, happen, as the Lord would, according to the working of his own counsel. *Clear at night* is what the minister metaphored 'dreams and visions', to echo the Psalmist's avowal "*I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.*" *Psalm 16:11* According to Strong's Lexicon, the Greek word that is translated as "visions" means, "an appearance divinely granted in an ecstasy or dream." Liddel-Scott's Greek English Lexicon says that a dream is, "a thing seen, or a vision, in sleep." The Louw-Nida Greek-English Lexicon says a God-given dream has the "significance of visions." In other words, God-given dreams are simply visions while you're sleeping.

The notion of being led of the Lord or receiving specific communications by a dream and visions might seem strange in our intellectually-shaped societies today, but in Scripture, for our learning, encouragement, comfort, even affirmation, accounts abound of God speaking through dreams and visions – warning to Abimelech (Genesis 20:3), assurance of God's presence to Jacob (Genesis 28:12–16), God reveals himself in a dream to Daniel (Daniel 2:19), Joseph is comforted that Mary's baby is from God (Matthew 1:20), the wise men are protected from Herod (Matthew 2:12), Paul receives an invitation to Macedonia (Acts 16:9), Paul receives encouragement to keep preaching in Corinth (Acts 18:9–11), just to mention some. The Bible also points it out that not all dreams are from God, and that they must be tested by the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 13:1–5), see (Zec 10:2, & Jer 23:27-32) as well. But it also shows that dreams *can be* from God, and bring great benefit (Job 33:13–18; Acts 2:17–18).

The point of what we are saying is that God still communicates to his people through dreams, and he very well might want to use dreams, in part, to lead them. The minister called us to have faith for visions and dreams. Beckoned us to ask God to show us secret things, use our dreams as prophetic window gates to our future, and trust the Lord to relay instruction and special, critical and classified information through our dreams. And lastly, a noteworthy counsel when seeking for revelation and understanding of dreams; the best person suited for interpretation is the dreamer himself, respond to the dream according to the wisdom God gives you, and on interpretation of dreams, sound doctrine should never be sacrificed at the altar of revelation or turning revelation into doctrine. *For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.* Ecc 5:7 KJV.

1. What worldview has this teaching challenged on dreams and visions?
2. Read the accounts in the Bible referenced in the text in which God did give people dreams.
 - Of what benefit(s) were this encounters to the dreamers?
 - You will agree with me that our enlightenment-moulded societies teach us to be overly suspicious of dreams than scripture does, what manner of believer ought you to be in light of this teaching, more so, in pursuit of supernatural clarity?
3. Any personal encounters through dreams or visions that can edify the fellowship? feel free to share.
4. As a fellowship, I invite us again to pray; ask God to give guidance, for individuals, for the fellowship... ask him to use dreams if that would bring him the most glory, as an extended application of this teaching.

Memory Verse: Psalm 16:7 KJV "I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Grace and peace be multiplied!