

A person is standing on a snowy mountain peak, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a backpack, and their shadow is cast on the snow. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

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Dreams & Visions

Habakkuk 2:1

¹ I will look to see what He will say to me...

Habakkuk 1:1

¹ The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

Numbers 12:6

⁶ When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

Joel 2:28

²⁸ And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Ezekiel 1:1

¹ In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was among the exiles by the River Chebar, the heavens opened, and I saw divine visions.

Daniel 10:1

¹ In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future — times of war and great hardship.

Zechariah 2:1

¹ I lifted up mine eyes again and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.

Matthew 1:20

²⁰ “But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 2:13

¹³ "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Acts 10:9-20

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

Acts 10:9-20

¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." ¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." ¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

Acts 10:9-20

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. ¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

Acts 10:9-20

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

Acts 16:9-10

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 18:9-11

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.

¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

1 Samuel 9:9

⁹ In former times in Israel, when someone went to inquire of God, they used to say, "Come, let us go to the seer." For the one who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.

Four types of Dreams & Visions

- Each of these 4 types are equally valid.
- And each must be tested against the Word of God.

1. Dreams

- Night vision or a vision in the night.
- During the night Paul had a vision.
- While I am sleeping, my heart is awake and very capable of receiving messages from the Lord.

2. Trances

- Trance is biblical.
- How many of you here today have a Jewish ancestry?
- Trances are not God's first choice.
- I believe, His last choice.

Acts 7:55-56

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

3. Seeing Outside Ourselves

- Physical eyes
- Spiritual eyes

4. Spontaneous Pictures

- Received in the same way as God's voice.
- The picture is usually light and gentle.
- The Bible clearly teaches that they are.

Daniel 4:13

¹³“I saw in the visions of my mind...”

Daniel 7:1,13-15

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed.

¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me.

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- Dreams
- Trances
- Seeing Outside Ourselves
- Spontaneous Pictures

Jesus

- Visions played a major role in the ministry of Jesus.

John 5:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.

²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed."

Jesus

- Visions played a major role in the ministry of Jesus.
- Jesus got a vision from God of what God was doing (wanting to do), and He simply followed through on it.
- His actions flowed only out of the movement of God, which He saw through visions.

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