

A SERMON ON DREAMS

Dr. Talmage on a Much Talked Of Subject.

DISCUSSED UNDER FIVE HEADS

Waking Thoughts Have Their Echo in Sleeping Thoughts—God Frequently Appears in Dreams to Warn, Convert and Save Men—A Few Instances Recounted.

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Washington, Dec. 1.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage discusses a much talked of subject and one in which all are interested. The text is Joel ii, 28. "I will put out your spirit upon all flesh. Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

In this photograph of the millennium the dream is lifted into great conspicuity. You may say of a dream that it is a nocturnal fantasia, or that it is the absurd exaltation of waking thoughts, and with a surfeit of information you may say: "It is only a dream," but God has honored the dream by making it the avenue through which again and again he has marched upon the human soul, decided the fate of nations, and changed the course of the world's history. God appeared in a dream to Abimelech, warning him against an unlawful marriage; in a dream to Jacob, announcing by the ladder set against the sky full of angels, the communication between earth and heaven; in a dream to Joseph, foretelling his coming power under the figure of all the sheaves of the harvest bowing down to his sheaf; to the chief butler, foretelling his disimprisonment; to the chief baker, announcing his de-capitalization; to Pharaoh, showing him first the seven plenty years and then the seven famine stricken years; under the figure of the seven lean cows devouring the seven fat cows; to Solomon, giving him the choice between wisdom and riches and honor; to a warrior, under the figure of a barley cake snuffing down a tent, encouraging Gideon in his battle against the Midianites; to Nebuchadnezzar, under the figure of a broken image and a heaven down, foretelling the overthrow of his power; to Joseph, of the New Testament, announcing the birth of Christ in his own household, and again bidding him flee from Herod's persecutions; to Phileas's wife, warning him not to become complicated with the judicial overthrow of Christ.

We all admit that God in ancient times and under Bible dispensation addressed the human mind in dreams. The question now is, does God appear in our day and reveal himself through dreams? This is the question everybody asks, and that question I will try to answer. You ask me if I believe in dreams. My answer is, I do, but all I have to say will be under five heads.

Remark the First.—The Scriptures are so full of revelation from God that if we get no communication from him in dreams, we ought, nevertheless, to be satisfied.

With twenty guidebooks to tell you how to get to New York or Pittsburgh or London or Glasgow or Manchester do you want a night vision to tell you how to make the journey? We have in this Scripture full direction in regard to the journey of this life and how to get to the celestial city, and with this grand guidebook, the magnificent directory, we ought to be satisfied. I have more faith in a decision to which I come when I am wide awake than when I am sound asleep. I have noticed that those who give a great deal of their time to studying dreams get their brains addled.

Sound sleep received great honor when Adam slept so extraordinarily that the surgical incision which gave him Eve did not awake him, but there no need of such a dream as Jacob had, with a ladder against the sky, when ten thousand times it has been demonstrated that earth and heaven are in communication.

No such dream needed as that which was given to Abimelech, warning him against an unlawful marriage, when we have the records of the county clerk's office. No need of such a dream as was given to Pharaoh about the seven years of famine, for now the seasons march in regular procession and steamer and rail train carry breadstuffs to every famine stricken land. No need of a dream like that which encouraged Gideon, for all through Christendom it is announced and acknowledged and demonstrated that righteousness sooner or later will get the victory.

If there should come about a crisis in your life upon which the Bible does not seem to be sufficiently specific, go to God in prayer, and you will get special direction. I have more faith ninety-nine times out of a hundred in directions given you with the Bible in your lap and your thoughts uplifted in prayer to God than in all the information you will get unconscious on your pillow.

I can very easily understand why the Babylonians and the Egyptians with no Bible, should put so much stress on dreams, and the Chinese in their holy book, Chow King, should think their emperor gets his directions through dreams from God, and that Homer should think that all dreams came from Jove, and that in ancient times dreams were classified into a science, but why do you and I put so much stress upon dreams when we have a supernatural book of infinite wisdom on all subjects? Why should we harry ourselves with dreams? Why should Eddystone and Barnegat lighthouses question a sunny day?

Remark the Second.—All dreams have an important meaning. They prove that the soul is comparatively independent of the body. The

eyes are closed, the senses are dull, the entire body goes into a lethargy which in all languages is used as a type of death, and then the soul spreads its wings and never sleeps. It leaps the Atlantic ocean, and mingles in scenes 3,000 miles away. It travels great reaches of time, flashes back eighty years, and the octogenarian is a boy again in his father's house. If the soul before it has entirely broken its chain of flesh can do all this, how far can it leap, what circles can it cut when it is fully liberated! Every dream, whether agreeable or harassing, whether sunny or tempestuous, means so much that, rising from your couch, you ought to kneel down and say: "Oh God, am I immortal? Whence? Whither? Two natures. My soul caged now—what when the door of the cage is opened? If my soul can fly so far in the few hours in which my body is asleep in the night, how far can it fly when my body sleeps the long sleep of the grave? Oh, the power of a dream, how startling, how overwhelming! Immortal, immortal!"

Remark the Third.—The vast majority of dreams are merely the result of disturbed physical condition and are not supernatural messages. Job had carbuncles and he was scared in the night. He says, "Thou scarest me with dreams and terrifiest me with visions." So, when a man has an overworked brain, overwrought with public affairs, and he suffers from erratic slumber, and he writes in Eccelestastes: "A dream cometh through the multitude of business." Dr. Gregory, in experimenting with dreams, found that a bottle of hot water put on his feet while in slumber made him think he was going up the hot sides of Mount Etna. Another morbid dream, experimenting with dreams, his feet uncovered, and he was sleeping, thought he was riding in an Alpine diligence. But a great many dreams are merely narcotic disturbances. Anything that you see while in the influence of chloral or brandy or hashish or laudanum is not a revelation from God.

Do not mistake narcotic disturbance for divine revelation. But I have to tell you that the majority of the dreams are merely the penalty of outraged digestive organs, and you have no right to mistake the nightmare for heavenly revelation. Late suppers are a warranty deed for bad dreams. Highly spiced salads at 11 o'clock at night, instead of opening the door to heaven, open the door to the infernal and diabolical. You outrage natural law, and you insult the God who made these laws. It takes from three to five hours to digest food, and you have no right to keep your digestive organs in struggle when the rest of your body is in somnolence. The general rule is, eat nothing after 6 o'clock at night, retire at 10, sleep on your right side, keep the window open five inches for ventilation, and other words will not disturb you much. By physical maltreatment you take the ladder down to the nether world, allowing the ascent of the demoniac. Dreams are midnight dyspepsia. An unregulated desire for something to eat ruined the race in paradise, and an unregulated desire for something to eat keeps it ruined. The world during 6,000 years has tried in vain to digest that first apple. The world will not be evangelized until we get rid of a dyspeptic Christianity. Healthy people do not want the cadaverous and sleepy thing that some people call religion. They want a religion that lives regularly by day and sleeps soundly by night. If through trouble or coming of old age or exhaustion of Christian service you cannot sleep well, then you may expect from God "songs in the night," but there are no blessed communications to those who willfully surrender indigestion. Napoleon's army at Leipzig, Dresden and Borodino came near being destroyed through the disturbed gastric juices of its commander. That is the way you have lost some of your battles.

Another remark I make is that our dreams are apt to be merely the echo of our daytime thoughts. I will give you a recipe for pleasant dreams. Fill your days with elevated thought and unselfish activity and your dreams will be set to music. If all day you are gouging and gasping and avaricious, in your dreams you will see gold that you cannot catch and bargains in which you were out-slylocked. If during the day you are insatiable and pugnacious and gunpowder of disposition, you will at night have battle with enemies in which they will get the best of you. If you are all day long in a hurry, at night, you will dream of rail trains that you want to catch while you cannot move one inch toward the depot. If you are always over-suspicious and expectant of assassins, you will have at night hallucinations of assassins with daggers drawn. No one wonders that Richard III., the iniquitous, the night before the battle of Bosworth Field dreamed that all those whom he had murdered stared at him and that he was torn to pieces by demons from the pit. The scholar's dream is a philosophic echo. The poet's dream is a rhythmic echo. Coleridge composed his "Kubla Khan" asleep in a narcotic dream, and waking up, wrote down 300 lines of it. Tartini, the violin player, composed his most wonderful sonata while asleep in a dream so vivid that, waking, he easily transferred it to paper.

Waking thoughts have their echo in sleeping thoughts. If a man spends his life in trying to make others happy and is heavenly minded, around his pillow he will see cripples who have got over their crutch, and processions of celestial imperials, and hear the grand march roll down from heaven over Jasper parapets. You are very apt to hear in dreams what you hear when you are wide awake.

The Rev. Dr. Bushnell in his marvelous book entitled "Nature and the Supernatural" gives the following fact that he got from Captain Yount

in California, a fact confirmed by many families: Captain Yount dreamed twice one night that 150 miles away there was a company of travelers fast in the snow. He also saw in the dream rocks of peculiar formation and, telling this dream to an old hunter, the hunter said: "Why, I remember those rocks. Those rocks are in the Carson Valley Pass, 150 miles away." Captain Yount, impelled by this dream, although laughed at by his neighbors, gathered men together, took mules and blankets and started out on the expedition, traveled 150 miles, saw those very rocks which he had described in his dream and found the suffering ones at the foot of those rocks, brought them back to confirm the story of Captain Yount. Who conducted that dream? The God of the snow, the God of the Sierra Nevada.

God has often appeared in resource and comfort. You have known people—perhaps it is something I state in your experience—you have seen people to sleep with bereavements, inconsolable, and they awakened in perfect resignation because of what they had seen in slumber. Dr. Cranage, one of the most remarkable men I ever met—a remarkable benevolent and good philanthropist—at Wellington, England, showed me a house where the Lord had appeared in a wonderful dream to a poor woman. (The woman was rheumatic, sick, poor to the last point of destitution.) She was waiting on and cared for by another poor woman, her only attendant. Word came to her one day that this poor woman had died, and the invalid of whom I am speaking lay helpless upon the couch, wondering what would become of her. In that mood she fell asleep. In her dreams she said the angel of the Lord appeared and took her into the open air and pointed in one direction, and there were mountains of bread, and pointed in another direction, and there were mountains of all kinds of worldly supply. The angel of the Lord said to her, "Woman, these mountains belong to your Father, and do you think he will let you, his child, hunger and die?" Dr. Cranage told me by some divine impulse he went into that destitute home, and found her suffering there, and administered unto her, caring for her all the way through. Do you tell me that that dream was woven out of earthly annoyances? Was that the phantasmagoria of a diseased brain? No, it was an all sympathetic God addressing a poor woman through a dream.

Furthermore, I have to say that there are people who were converted to God through a dream. The Rev. John Newton, the fame of whose piety fills all Christendom, while a prodigal sailor on shipboard, in his dream thought that a being approached him and gave him a very right mannered felly. No, it was an all sympathetic God addressing a poor woman through a dream.

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THE COUNTRY.

The News From the Districts Round About.

THE GLEANER CORRESPONDENTS

Tell of the Condition of the Roads, the State of the Weather,

And the Friends Who Are Visiting Others

Accidents, Rumors and All Such Matters of Interest.

SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 2.—Since last writing our little village has been somewhat scourged with sickness, but we are glad to say they are all likely to recover.

Master Millard Gordon, who was so very ill, is recovering under the treatment of Dr. McNeil of Kewick Ridge. Mrs. Walter Moore is at present doing the cooking for Mr. Lawrence's party, who are doing a rushing business in the woods near-by. He has some very nice singers in his crew, and besides the merry jingle of the bells, he often hears the notes of old Coronation floating through the air.

Eddie Graham has gone to El River to work with his brother-in-law on the hay press.

Mrs. E. Love is visiting her daughter at Richmond, Carleton Co.

Mrs. Elijah Hawland, who has been visiting at brother's home, has returned home.

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LOWER QUEBENSBURY.

LOWER QUEBENSBURY, Dec. 1.—It begins to look like winter in earnest now. The heavy fall of the beautiful, which came on the 25th of Nov., has changed our mode of traveling from wheels to runners, much to the delight of the travelling public. Times are very quiet around here just now.

Mr. H. H. Muech has been confined to the house through illness the past week, many friends are glad to hear she is convalescent.

Mr. Hance Brown is spending a few days at Bear Island, the guest of Mrs. Rix Brown.

Mr. G. Perry occupied the pulpit of the R. G. B. Church here last Sunday evening, and at Bear Island in the morning.

A very pleasant evening was spent at G. L. Slipp's last Wednesday, Nov. 27th. The occasion being a social entertainment by the young people of this place and adjacent community. The ladies were indefatigable in their efforts to supply the wants of the lower music and the tables literally groaned beneath their load of good things; there was everything provided to satisfy the appetite of an epicure, to which everybody did ample justice, after which the large company that was assembled were entertained for over an hour by recitations, dialogues, etc., the remainder of the evening being pleasantly spent in music and dancing. The company broke up about midnight, well pleased with their evening's entertainment. The net sum of \$17.75 was raised, which goes toward repairing the F. & B. church, which is in much need of repair.

Mr. George L. Slipp has been quite sick, but is able to be out again.

Mr. William Jordan had the misfortune to get hurt quite badly by a cross sheep, which has confined him to the house for a week; he is now able to get around a little, but his leg is very painful.

Owing to the long drought last summer some of the wells are yet dry, and it is feared they will be all winter, which will make it very inconvenient for the farmers who have large stocks.

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WAITING FOR ROSEBERY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Every effort is being made to give the utmost significance to Lord Rosebery's reappearance on the political platform at Chesterfield on the 16th inst. It is probable that Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Sir Henry Fowler and other Liberal Imperialists will be present.

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IRISH LEAGUE.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—About 150 delegates from all over the United States held a meeting at the Hoffman House today to form an auxiliary branch of the Irish League, the successor of the old Land League of Parnell's time. Branch leagues are to be formed, to extend over the entire United States.

The meeting was called by John Redmond, M. P., Thomas O'Donnell, M. P., and Patrick McHugh, and was presided over by Michael Redding.

Mr. Redmond outlined the Irish cause as it is today and laid stress upon the necessity of crystallizing the sentiment and views he had obtained while on his present tour through America.

Mr. McHugh and Mr. O'Donnell made speeches along the same lines. The delegates then nominated the following officers and executive committee:

President, J. Finerty, Chicago; first vice president, Michael J. Biddin, Baltimore; second vice president, James R. O'Brien, New York city; secretary, John O'Callaghan, Boston; assistant secretary, J. J. Joyce, New York; second assistant secretary, Dr. Patrick F. Martin, Baltimore; treasurer, T. B. Fitzpatrick, Boston; executive committee, Robert O'Flaherty, New York; Patrick J. Ford, New York; Col. John P. Morris, Baltimore; the Right Rev. Mgr. Dennis O'Callaghan, Boston; Col. John J. Healey, New Haven, Conn.; J. J. Kennedy, New York; the Rev. Charles McCred, New York; Thomas O'Riely, Boston; Maurice Donnelly, Indianapolis; James A. Daly, Philadelphia; Captain M. J. Doyle, Savannah; Edward F. Duffy, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. F. A. Toner, Pittsburgh.

The delegates adopted resolutions asserting the right of Ireland to self-government and thoroughly approving of the principle that the Irish people on their own soil are best fitted to fight Ireland's battles.

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