



SESSION 2
NOTES & QUICK QUIZ



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MINISTRIES

A THEOLOGY OF EXPECTATION FOR CULTURE-SHAPING DREAMS

Dan. 7:9 “As I looked...” — Heavenly Courtroom is the highest and final government of Time/Creation, towering invisibly above human affairs amidst the turmoil of competing human powers and spiritual authorities. Nothing can truly be understood apart from this reality. Other vss: Psa. 29:1; 82; 89; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7; Isa. 6:1-4; Eze. 1; Dan. 7:22; Zech. 3; Rev. 4:4-7.

Every one of these passages includes a human observer—a recipient, a spy into divine realities—a participant in the divine drama. Dreams invite attention, inquiry and perception -- “Is that really you, God?” -- and for the very same reason they are easy to ignore or dismiss. A dream is a portal for revelation and faith, masquerading in symbols, foolishness and mystery.

THE REVELATORY PURPOSE OF DREAMS— Job 33:14-16 “For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings.”

- **ART: Music:** Tune for **Paul McCartney’s** famous song, *Yesterday*, came to him in a dream. Guinness Book of Records says *Yesterday* has more cover versions than any song ever written. **Wagner** said his opera *Tristan and Isolde* was a dream he turned into sound. **Literature: Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein*. Stephenie Meyer: *Twilight*; Stephen King: *Misery*** (while sleeping on a plane). **Robert Louis Stevenson** trained himself to dream plots, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. **Poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge** claimed he dreamt his poem *Kubla Khan* word for word. **Movies: James Cameron’s *Terminator***
- **Sports: Jack Nicklaus** credited key improvement to golf swing to dream revealing new grip.
- **Tech: Elias Howe’s** patented 1st sewing machine following dream being chased by cannibals with sharp spears. Each spear had a hole at its tip. Waking in a cold sweat, Howe realized that the trick to making his sewing machine work was to move the thread hole up to the point of the needle as opposed to the base.
- **Military: During WW2**, in 2nd Battle for Britain, Germans began using unmanned, self-guided V-1 (Vengeance Series) “Buzz Bombs” 100 a week, nearly 10K total—faster than anything in the air. Allies anti-aircraft accuracy was so poor it could take thousands of shots to hit their target. Elsewhere, **physicist David Parkinson** was working separately on a project for Bell Laboratories that used advanced trigonometry to pinpoint moving objects. One night he dreamt he was in a gun pit with the gunnery crew and they were hitting every target. The smiling gunner invited him to look closer where Parkinson saw his new electronic device was actually controlling the weapon. Waking, he proposed his solution & 3,000 rudimentary M9s were produced, causing a 10-fold improvement in accuracy. 1943, in one month, 90% shot down over Cliffs of Dover...89 of 91 V-1s launched from Antwerp shot down in 1 week.
- **Science: Shape and structure of DNA** eluded scientists. 1953, Dr. James Watson dreams of double-sided staircase = double helix formation. **Albert Einstein’s** 1905 theory of relativity was inspired by a dream in which he was sledding down a mountainside, watching the appearance of the stars change relative to his own speed. **Chemist Friedrich August Kekulé** dreamt of a snake seizing its own tail, which led Kekulé to finally comprehend a circular, rather than linear, structure for Benzene molecule. The excited Kekulé told his colleagues, “Let us learn to dream!”

QUESTIONS

- What if the Night wasn’t just about prayer, but encounter?
- What if the Night was a “Thin Space” — requiring time, development, patience — but eventually becoming a drop zone for divine intelligence?
- What if you could deliberately increase your dream potential?

SESSION 2: QUICK QUIZ

1. What does Daniel's vision of the Heavenly Throne Room, the Ancient of Days, and the Divine Council, reveal about how God governs?
2. What does it mean that humans have not only seen that realm, but occupy a special place in the governance of God through the position of Christ at the right hand of God?
3. What does Job 33:14-16 reveal about dreams?
4. Why does God utilize the language of symbols and mystery in dreams?
5. From the list of "culture shaping dreams" Dean shared, what surprised you most? What part of society or culture do you feel most called to impact?