*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” – Psalm 119:105*

May the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be praised.

As we grow in our faith, we must always remember this vital truth: God’s Word, the Bible, is the most complete and reliable revelation of His will. While dreams, visions, and personal revelations may occur—and may even come from God—they are not sufficient on their own. They must always be tested and grounded in Scripture.

1. The Example of Pilate’s Wife: A True Dream but Incomplete Revelation

Before Jesus was crucified, Pilate’s wife had a disturbing dream warning her husband not to be involved in Jesus’s death. The Bible records:

Matthew 27:19

> “While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: ‘Don’t have anything to do with innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream

> because of him.’”

This dream clearly testified to Jesus’s innocence and righteousness. It’s logical to conclude that this dream came from God because Satan would never affirm Christ’s righteousness or work against the crucifixion plan (John 8:44).

However, we must ask: if the dream was from God and showed Jesus shouldn’t be crucified, does that contradict the divine plan for Christ to die and rise again?

Absolutely not. God never contradicts Himself. The dream was true, but not complete.

2. The Full Revelation: Found in the Word

Luke 9:22

> “And he said, ‘The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.’”

This was God’s redemptive plan all along. Christ, though innocent, had to die for our sins:

Isaiah 53:5

> “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Pilate’s wife saw one side of the truth—Jesus was innocent—but without the context of Scripture, she couldn’t see the redemptive purpose behind His suffering. This is why we must interpret all spiritual experiences in the light of the Word.

3. Scripture Over Dreams

The prophet Jeremiah makes a profound comparison between dreams and the Word of God:

Jeremiah 23:28–29

> “Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Note: Straw (dreams) is lightweight and cannot sustain life; grain (the Word) is nourishing and life-giving. Dreams can reveal partial truth, but only God’s Word reveals saving truth (Romans 10:17).

4. Be Grounded in the Word

Perhaps you’ve had dreams or spiritual experiences that seem to indicate you’re on the right path. Maybe you’ve dreamed of going to heaven. But are you living in holiness? Or are you still trapped in sin—lying, sexual immorality, hatred, or drunkenness?

Galatians 5:19–21

> “The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity... envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not

> inherit the kingdom of God.”

Even if an angel in your dream says you’re approved by God, if you’re living contrary to the Word, the dream is incomplete or misleading. God’s truth never changes. Only the Word defines the standards for eternal life.

5. Final Judgment is Based on the Word, Not Dreams

John 12:48

> “There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.”

Dreams, visions, and prophecies will not be the basis of final judgment—God’s Word will.

6. Let the Word Complete Your Revelation

Pilate’s wife had a real dream from God, but she lacked the full

picture because she didn’t have the Word. Let that not be our case.

- Read and study the entire Bible—not just portions.
- Submit your dreams and revelations to Scriptural testing (1 John 4:1).
- Learn the teachings and life of Jesus.
- Be led by the Holy Spirit not only in dreams but in understanding Scripture (John 16:13).

2 Timothy 3:16–17

> “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Spend time in the Word. Ground your spiritual experiences in the truth of Scripture. Then your visions and revelations will not be straw, but solid grain.

May the Lord bless you richly.

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