

Do you know why the Lord Jesus said,  
“Take care then how you hear”? (Luke 8:18, ESV)

He gave this warning because He knew how easily even a believer—someone who appears to be standing firm—can fall, simply based on what they choose to listen to. If what you hear does not come from Him, it can lead you astray. Not everything deserves your ears or your heart. We are living in a time marked by spiritual deception and darkness.

In these last days, there are three major areas that require extra discernment:

- Visions
- Dreams

- Revelations

If your Christian life is built primarily on dreams you've had, visions you've seen, or revelations others have shared—while neglecting the Word of God—you are in serious danger. Whether those experiences are from God or not, if you've sidelined the Scriptures, the risk of being misled is far greater than you realize.

We live in a time when people say things like:

*"I was taken to hell and shown those who eat certain types of candy or drink specific soft drinks like Coca-Cola are in torment."*

*"God showed me that every woman who enters marriage without being a virgin is an adulteress, and the only person she can rightfully marry is the man she slept with first—even if it happened before she was saved."*

*“I saw a vision that everyone who worships on Sunday is going to hell.”*

*“Jesus told me that anyone who dreams about flying is destined for fire.”*

*“If you’ve ever taken something dishonestly in your past—even if you have no way to repay it now—you must pay it back or else you’ll end up in the lake of fire.”*

*“Swimming at the beach is sin. Using birth control sends you to hell.”*

And the list goes on...

Now, let's assume—just for argument's sake—that some of these claims are true. The important question is:  
How do you know they are from God?

Is it because someone you trust had a vision? Because it felt real? Or because you “just believe” them? Is that enough? Is personal conviction alone a trustworthy measure of divine truth?

What if someone told you,

*“Black-skinned people carry the curse of Ham and must undergo a special chemical skin-lightening process in order to enter heaven”?*

Would you believe that too—just because they said they had a revelation?

My brother, my sister, if you live by the Word of God, you already have sufficient truth. The Scriptures are complete, sufficient, and inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Even if someone tells you they saw homosexuals in hell, that shouldn't shock you—because

the Bible already says so. You don't need a vision to confirm what the Word has made plain:

*“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10, ESV)

When you walk by the Word, you are walking in light and safety. But if you rely solely on testimonies and supernatural experiences—accepting them blindly without testing them by Scripture—you will end up confused, anxious, and fearful. Truth and error will mix, and you will no longer know where you stand. Such a person is especially vulnerable to temptation and falling into sin.

That's why it is absolutely essential to know the Bible. Jesus said:

*“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*  
(John 8:32, ESV)

Be careful about what testimonies you listen to online—especially on platforms like YouTube. Be cautious about the preachers and influencers you follow. If your faith is not rooted in the Word of God, Satan will gladly offer you a counterfeit foundation, built on emotionalism, mysticism, or superstition.

Don't even take my word for it. Don't blindly trust any human being.

Trust the Bible. That's enough—it is the surest foundation for your faith.

Some will say,

*“The Lord told me to collect your hair and fingernails and wrap them in a red cloth so we can pray over them.”*

And when you ask for biblical support, they say,

*“It’s a revelation! You won’t receive deliverance unless you follow this instruction.”*

This is extremely dangerous!  
Reject such teachings.

Others claim,

*“Unless you believe in me personally, you will miss the rapture.”*

That too is false!

The Bible is clear:

*“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful*

*spirits and teachings of demons.”*

(1 Timothy 4:1, ESV)

Do not be quick to believe anything you hear, unless you have tested it through the lens of Scripture.

May the Lord help us remain anchored in His truth.

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