"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

— Joel 2:28

WHISPERS FROM ETERNITY

HEARING GOD IN THE
DREAMS AND DESIRES
HE PLANTS WITHIN YOU

By His Grace to His Servant

"Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established." —Proverbs 16:3

Dreams and Visions: The Seeds of God Within

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." – Psalm 37:4

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." – Philippians 2:13

Before we ever acted, before we ever dreamed, God dreamed. Every true vision begins not in human imagination but in divine inspiration. When God formed you, He breathed not only life into your lungs but purpose into your spirit. Deep within every person, there is a sacred spark — a God-given longing to create, to build, to love, to see something beyond what currently exists. That spark is the echo of the Creator's voice, calling His children to co-labor with Him.

"The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever." – Psalm 138:8

Dreams and visions are not merely ideas that pass through our minds; they are often whispers from eternity. Yet, because God gave us the gift of free will, we must decide what to do with them. We can shape our dreams around self — building towers to our own glory — or we can surrender those same desires to the hands of the One who gave them. When we yield our dreams to God, they are refined, purified, and multiplied. They stop being about what we can do, and begin to reveal what He desires to do through us.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." – Psalm 127:1

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Every person faces this divine tension: Will I use the dream to serve myself, or will I allow God to use it to serve His Kingdom? The dream itself may look similar on the outside, but its foundation — its motive — determines whether it leads to fulfillment or frustration.

One way to recognize a God-breathed dream is by its fruit. God's dreams rarely end with you — they flow through you to bless others. They build up, heal, and restore. They expand His Kingdom rather than your image. Self-made dreams often circle back to self — to comfort, control, recognition, or achievement — but God-dreams always overflow with compassion and purpose. They carry a holy burden for others. They draw you beyond your limits into something only His Spirit can sustain.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." – Philippians 2:4

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." – Matthew 5:14

"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10

When our vision flows from communion with the Lord, His peace accompanies it. We begin to dream with Him, not just for Him. We no longer chase outcomes but walk with the Dream-Giver Himself. And when those dreams are fulfilled, they carry eternal weight, not just earthly success.

If you sense a deep desire or vision stirring within you, pause before you run. Bring it before the Lord. Ask, "Father, is this dream from You? And if so, how would You have me walk in it?" Let Him refine your motives and align your desires with His heart. What is birthed in surrender bears the mark of heaven — and heaven always brings life.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." – Proverbs 19:21

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." – 1 Corinthians 2:9

Reflection Questions

- 1. What dreams or desires have you carried that may have originated from God but you've tried to fulfill in your own strength?
- 2. How can you discern whether a dream is self-driven or Spirit-led? Does it serve others, or only yourself?
- 3. What might it look like to surrender your dreams fully to Him today and let Him use them to bless others?

Prayer

Father, thank You for placing dreams and visions within me. Help me to recognize which desires are born of Your Spirit and which are born of self. Teach me to discern between what builds my kingdom and what builds Yours. Purify my motives, align my heart, and breathe Your life into every vision that comes from You. Let my dreams serve Your purpose, bless others, and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.