

Way of the Eagle

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Corrupt Imaginations



Woe to the shepherds (the civil leaders) who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasturing! says the Lord. ⁹Concerning the prophets: My heart [says Jeremiah] is broken within me, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, a man whom wine has overcome, because of the Lord and because of His holy words [which He has pronounced against unfaithful leaders]. ¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers (forsakers of God, Israel's true Husband). Because of the curse [of God upon it] the land mourns, the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. They [both false prophets and people] rush into wickedness; and their course is evil, their might is not right. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed [visions on my bed at night]. ²⁶[How long shall this state of things continue?] How long yet shall it be in the minds of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even the prophets of the deceit of their own hearts, ²⁹Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]? ³⁰Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets, says the Lord, [I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets]. ³¹Behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their [own deceitful] tongues and say, Thus says the Lord. ³²Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and tell them and cause My people to err and go astray by their lies and by their vain boasting and recklessness--when I did not send them or command them; nor do they profit these people at all, says the Lord. ³⁴And as for the prophet, the priest, or [any of these] the people, whoever [in mockery calls the word of the Lord a burden and] says, The burden of the Lord, I will even visit in wrath and punish that man and his house.

³⁵[For the future, in speaking of the utterances of the Lord] thus shall you say every one to his neighbor and every one to his brother: What has the Lord answered? or, What has the Lord spoken?" Jeremiah 23:1-35

In the Old Testament the prophets were called seers. In this scripture, Jeremiah expresses his horror at the great wickedness of the priests and prophets of Judah, and declares that the Divine vengeance is hanging over them. He exhorts the people not to listen to their false promises, 9-22; and predicts the utter ruin that shall fall upon all pretenders to inspiration, 23-32, as well as upon all scoffers at true prophecy, 33-40.

Your soul is made up of your mind, will and emotions, imaginations, reasoning and intellect. You have 2 lives: your inner life and your outer life. With your inner life, which is your spirit, you connect with God; with your soul you connect with your imaginations and with your body you connect with the physical world.

Satan does warfare in your soul; especially he uses your imagination to bring confusion and deceit. An imagination is a mental picture like a movie created within the mind. People imagine themselves in a place they are not and imagine things that could happen. God created us with "all things are possible" within our imagination. Within our imagination we can create, dream great things and achieve those great dreams. But Satan can distort all that and he will use your imagination in opposite of God's way to bring corruption to your life or others.. He uses imagination to gain access in your life and to destroy your destiny.

In **Ezekiel 22:28** God teaches us that vain imaginations can pass as prophecies.

In this scripture prophets have **“daubed them over with whitewash, seeing false visions and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord God--when the Lord has not spoken.”**

These seers in Jeremiah and Ezekiel used corrupt imaginations to prophesy and they were not from the Spirit of God. There can be many times when you hear a word or prophesy, that someone says is from God, yet the Lord has not spoken. Be cautious of any people who issue prophecies or words of knowledge about yourself or others, as what they say can be from God but may be false, imagined or a mixture of both.

This is also a warning for us not to be caught up in satan’s trap by issuing wisdom, knowledge, interpretations of tongues, dreams, visions or prophecies saying that they’re from God, when they’re not!



How do we keep ourselves from falling into this trap of knowing truth from fiction when others speak and also to keep ourselves from thinking and speaking fiction, thinking that it’s truth?

Jonas Clark quotes in his book “Vain Imaginations” that, “Imaginations, like prophetic words, dreams and visions, needs to be judged for source, accuracy, motive, truth, purpose, intent and clear meaning”.

You may ask, “How do I win the battle in my mind”? By binding up all the ungodly thoughts and imaginations. Imaginations and thoughts will not have power in your life unless you give life to them by speaking them out loud.

If you dwell on vain, corrupt imaginations they’ve won the battle in your mind. Vain imaginations will lead you away from the Lord, for example: a married man constantly thinking and lusting after women. If he doesn’t take authority over that imagination, he may act out his thoughts. Also, if someone is constantly thinking about money so they put in overtime or take a second job and then have no time for their family anymore. That dream and imagination of having more money will become real when it is put into action and as a result they can lose their family, spending their lives chasing money (mammon).

Imagination will speak to you and will try to mentor you. Vain, corrupt imaginations have an anti-God voice that will challenge truth and your faith. An imagination can say, “You are sick and you are going to get worse and die”! Yet **3 John 2** says, **“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.” (Amplified)**

An imagination will say to you, “You’re poverty stricken, you’re not going to succeed”.

Yet **Philippians 4:19** says, **“And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Amplified)**

All of these are examples of lying, vain imaginations or evil thoughts attacking your life. You need to prophesy every day the Word of God over your life.

Also, be discerning of those who say, “Thus sayeth the Lord” and also especially of yourself... you don’t want to take wrong advice nor give it to people and you certainly don’t want to bring God’s wrath down upon you like those in the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel!