

Dreams and Visions?

Q: In the OT, God sometimes revealed His will through dreams and visions? Does God still do this today?

Answer:

- Dreams and visions were so common in the OT that prophets were called “seers.” Much of the OT involves dreams and visions.
- With the completion of the canon, we believe that God no longer provides this kind of revelation.
- Does mean that the Lord cannot and necessarily does not communicate with individuals through dreams and/or visions. I am not prepared to say this. However, I do not see how such a mode of communication could be *authoritative*. Very often, people speak of dreams and they try to make them authoritative, but there is no basis for doing this.
- There are often reports of Jesus appearing in visions during break-through missions works. I see no reason why this would not be possible. But it is not normal and it cannot be normative. Claiming dreams and visions will always be the tactic of charlatans.
- If you believe that God has spoken to you in a dream, be careful. How do you know it was God? And make sure to compare it to God’s written Word. God is never inconsistent. The Bible is sufficient for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). Always “test the Spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 Jn. 4:1).