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Foreword

There is a particular kind of silence that follows a night of serious prayer — the silence just before a strange dream, an uneasy feeling, or an attack no one warned you about. Many believers know that silence well. Some have stopped praying because of it. This book exists because that question deserved a real answer, not a superstitious one.

When this message first went out as a video, it struck a nerve. The comment sections filled with the same story told a thousand different ways: "I prayed, and that same night, everything fell apart." Bro Femi Adebile has sat with that question longer than most, and what he offers here is not a formula to make the dreams disappear, but a framework to help you stand — rightly informed, rightly positioned, and no longer afraid.

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— ***Wisdom Epsi***
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Anytime I pray seriously for deliverance — especially concerning territorial altars, demonic patterns, bad dreams, or demonic operations — that same night, I normally have terrible attacks. In fact, the kind of attacks I have can be so bad that it feels like it would have been better if I didn't pray at all.

These are the kinds of questions I have always been receiving. "Why is it that when I pray seriously, the next thing I see is attacks and oppression?" That is why I have come to do this message — because there is a very strong reason you may be misinterpreting the dreams you have. You may be tempted to think the demonic powers have become stronger, or that your prayer did not do anything.

So what do you do when you have these kinds of dreams after you pray? Why do you have attacks when you pray intensively? Why do these attacks come in the first place? That is exactly what we are addressing here.

CHAPTER ONE

Not Every Dream Is a Demonic Attack

The first thing you must understand is this: not every dream is a demonic attack.

"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business..." — Ecclesiastes 5:3

That means the dream you have can come through different means. It is not necessarily the case that every troubling dream is a demonic attack. In fact, let me shock you — somebody running after you with a cutlass in your dream does not automatically mean that dream is a demonic attack or that someone is truly after your life. Understanding this will help you discern which dreams are demonic attacks and which are not.

If you spend three hours intensely praying about demons, altars, enemies, witches, and covenant attacks, your mind has been deeply engaged with those subjects. That does not automatically mean the dream that follows is meaningless — but it could also simply mean the dream is a result of what you have been thinking about all day.

Let me give you a personal example. There was a time I had been longing all day to eat pounded yam and egusi soup. I tried my best to get it, but I couldn't. That night, when I slept without eating it, guess what — they brought that same food to me in the dream!

Thank God I did not eat it. My point is this: your dream can come from the different experiences you have during your day. I am not dismissing spiritual warfare — I am simply saying that not every dream that follows a prayer session is a spiritual attack.

Yes, Spiritual Warfare Is Real

Understand that the Scriptures also make clear that there can be spiritual resistance following spiritual activity. Look at Daniel. Daniel prayed, and the Bible tells us his prayer was heard from the very first day he prayed. But what happened? There was resistance that blocked that prayer — the prince of Persia — and that resistance delayed the answer for twenty-one days, until the archangel Michael had to come to break through so the answer could be delivered.

So I am not saying spiritual warfare isn't real. The Bible says:

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." — Ephesians 6:12

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." — 1 Peter 5:8

So there is spiritual warfare. But the Bible did not teach us to be frightened by the warfare — it teaches us to stand.

CHAPTER TWO

Spiritual Resistance Is Expected After Spiritual Activity

Of course, spiritual resistance follows spiritual activity. When you pray for two or three hours — when you sweat in the spirit, when you feel drained afterward — spiritual resistance is expected to form. But here is a caveat you must hold onto:

Please do not turn deliverance into an endless war with demons.

This is an area many believers need to work on. That is why, even in producing The Keeper movie, we make sure to also produce other films, so that it does not become only about "deliverance, deliverance, deliverance." We must be deeply aware of the finished work of Christ.

"...having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them..." — Colossians 2:15

Believers need to change their mindset. Some believers make every single thing demonic — every cockroach is an altar from their father's house, every gust of wind is a spirit, every cat that wanders past is an omen. No. We must live in the victory that God has already given us on the cross of Calvary. We must not turn deliverance into an endless war with demons. Jesus Christ has already spoiled principalities and powers, and our focus should be ultimately on Christ.

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." — Hebrews 12:2

If, after every prayer session, your attention is fixed more on what Satan may do next, or on the next dream you might have, something is wrong. You must understand this: deliverance should ultimately lead you into freedom — not into more bondage and fear.

Where Those Dreams Really Come From: Fear

I can tell you for free — most of the dreams you have after those prayers are a product of fear. You prayed very vocally: "Every demon, every power attacking me tonight, die in Jesus' name!

As I go to bed tonight, I sleep in victory — no attack, no counterattack, no depression, no oppression!" You say "Amen," and then you go to that same bed and start thinking, "My God, I wonder what will happen tonight. Let me sleep and face this place so I won't see the demon coming through the door."

The problem is, you already expect a battle. So you wake up every ten minutes expecting one. Every dream becomes evidence. Every strange sound becomes warfare. Even the

ordinary lizard moving in the night becomes, "Ah, they have come!" Because you carry fear, battles can be conjured from that fear itself.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." — 2 Timothy 1:7

If you are afraid, and you are a child of God, we should ask — where did you pick up that spirit of fear? Because God certainly did not give it to you. The devil's strategy is simple: make you afraid of praying. Believe me, many people have stopped praying entirely because of the dreams that follow. And that is exactly the devil's plan.

Think about it — you wake up in the night and pray for three hours. You rain fire on the devil. You rain fire on darkness. You rain fire on demons. And you expect them to just go to sleep quietly? It is not possible. They will try to scare you — with dreams, with attacks, with all sorts of things — precisely so that, out of fear, you will stop praying.

Resist the Devil, Don't Retreat

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." — James 4:7

So when you wake up from such a dream, what do you do? You say, "Devil, you are lying. You cannot stop me from praying. I am going to pray again." When the devil realizes that the dream you had after that kind of prayer does not stop you from praying, then he is losing results over your life.

Now here is a strong point — if you ask me, I will tell you that the very sign your prayer was really hot, that your prayer really worked, is those dreams. The sign that you truly touched something in the spirit, that your prayers, your arrows, your fasting — everything worked — is those very dreams you have afterward. So when you have those dreams, laugh and say, "Devil, my prayer touched you like that? I will go and pray again!" When you receive a counter-response, a counterattack, it is a sign your prayer worked. So what you do is keep firing. Keep praying.

CHAPTER THREE

Deliverance Is Not Measured by the Absence of Dreams

Let me add this important point: your deliverance is not measured by whether you never have a bad dream again. This is perhaps the most important thing I want you to grasp. You cannot measure your freedom only by your dreams. You cannot say, "Because I don't have those dreams anymore, I am free," or "Because I still have those dreams, I am not free."

You may still have strange dreams. Consider your Christian life generally — the fact that you have prayed through certain sins, certain addictions, does not mean you will never be tempted again. You may still be tempted. You may even still fall at times. You will still experience fear. You may still go through difficult nights. But what has changed is that you now know who you belong to.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." — Colossians 1:13

Notice that word — "translated," not merely "will translate." You have already been delivered from that power and already translated into a new kingdom.

You Have Been Translated Into a New Kingdom

So hold this identity: "Even though I am having these dreams, I am having them in the kingdom of God's dear Son. Yes, they are running after me with a cutlass — but where I am, I am in the kingdom of my Father. You cannot successfully chase me with a cutlass in the kingdom of my Father. You cannot beat me with a cane and expect that cane to have real impact on me, because I have been translated to a new kingdom."

So whatever dream comes after I pray does not carry the final say, because the dream meets me already in the hands of my Father. He has delivered us — this is an identity we must live with.

Any time you have a dream, and you find yourself eating something in that dream, don't panic and say, "They have finally caught me!" No. Say instead, "I ate rice in that dream, but I ate it while I was in the hand of God, in the kingdom I have been translated into." It is only in the kingdom of darkness that eating in a dream should alarm you. We have been translated. Don't spend your entire Christian life begging God to make you what Scripture already says Christ has made available to you.

It's Not the Dream — It's the Interpretation

Sometimes the problem is not the dream itself, but the interpretation you give it. Because you saw somebody buried in your dream, you conclude they will kill you, or that you will die within the next seven days.

But why can't you instead say, "The fact that I saw somebody buried in my dream means my problems are buried — my enemies are buried"? Why do you always cast yourself as the victim of every dangerous-looking dream? Why can't you turn the dream back on the one who sent it?

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." — Jeremiah 29:11

The dream itself perhaps lasted five minutes, but you spend three weeks living in fear of an interpretation you gave it yourself. What interpretation are you attaching to that dream?

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." — Proverbs 4:23

Do not allow the devil to interpret your own dream for you in a way that leaves you scared and afraid.

CHAPTER FOUR

What to Do When These Dreams Come

So what exactly do you do when you have these kinds of dreams after intense prayer?

Here are five things:

1. Do not panic.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" — Psalm 27:1

2. Pray simply and confidently.

Your prayer point can be as simple as this: "Father, whatever is not of You, I reject it in Jesus' name. Whatever is in that dream that is not Your plan for my life, I reject it." You have the right to reject or accept.

If you stay quiet out of fear, you have effectively accepted it. But once you wake up from that dream, say boldly, "I reject it in Jesus' name — whatever is not of God in my life, in

that dream, I reject it." You cannot reject something and then turn around and hold on to it. Reject it, and let it go.

3. Examine whether the dream contains anything that requires wisdom.

Look closely at the dream. Is God giving wisdom through it? Is He saying you should calm down about something, or take a particular action?

(I once shared a dream about someone's sister on our platform, involving two leaders in her ministry — you can search for that teaching to see this principle applied in detail.) Examine whether the dream is asking something wise of you before you dismiss it entirely.

4. Stay rooted in Scripture.

Let the Word, not the dream, remain your final authority.

5. Rest — and eat well.

Some of the dreams you have are simply because you are not resting. Rest, and eat good food. Some of you need to relax with a good meal and a proper night's sleep — because sometimes people are spiritually intense but physically exhausted.

If you deprive yourself of sleep in the name of warfare, then every unusual sleep experience gets wrongly labelled as demonic. You need to rest — properly and conclusively.

Why You Really Have These Dreams

So why do you usually have this kind of dream after prayer? My honest answer is this: sometimes it could genuinely be spiritual resistance. At the same time, it could also be heightened awareness, emotional processing, fear, exhaustion, expectation — or simply an ordinary dream. It could be any one of those things.

So do not live in fear, and do not carelessly dismiss every dream either. Instead, discern them using every point we have walked through here.



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