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TODAY'S WORSHIP SONG

When Jesus comes to reward His servants,
Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright?
O can we say we are ready, brother?
Ready for the soul's bright home?
Say, will He find you and me still watching,
Waiting, watching when the Lord shall come?

If, at the dawn of the early morning,
He shall call us one by one,
When to the Lord we restore our talents,
Will He answer you, "Well done?"

Have we been true to the trust He left us?
Do we seek to do our best?
If in our hearts there is naught condemns us,
We shall have a glorious rest.

Blessed are those whom the Lord finds watching,
In His glory they shall share;
If He shall come at the dawn or midnight,
Will He find us watching there?

THINK ABOUT THIS!

**AND NO ONE WAS ABLE TO ANSWER
HIM A WORD, NOR FROM THAT DAY
ON DID ANYONE DARE QUESTION HIM
ANYMORE - MT 22:46**

INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday 29th May 2022
Theme: A Perfect Gift

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 19th June 2022
Theme: Man Up

YOUTH'S DAY

Sunday 14th August 2022
Theme: Born Identity

Impact WORD

WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO ABOUT SEX DREAMS? Jessica Lea

John Piper responded to a question asked on his podcast, "Ask Pastor John":

"Why do I have lucid sexual dreams with people other than my wife, even people I have never met before? These dreams bother me intensely even after I wake up because I can't help but feel that I have sinned, and even worse, I feel as if I had no control over it as with most of my dreams. I have a pretty unhealthy sleep pattern partly because I would rather not dream at all."

The man said he has had recent success with his temptation to look at pornography, a victory that has been possible through the help of his wife, pastor, prayer, the Bible, and internet accountability. But despite all that, he continues to have vivid sexual dreams. "I am quite troubled by it," he said, "and any help would be appreciated."

How Should Christians Understand Sex Dreams?

Piper began by noting that his ability to authoritatively answer this question is limited and that he did not know why this man or anyone else has sex dreams. Piper also pointed out that while the source of the dreams might be spiritual, it also might be physiological or psychological. He thought, however, that it was good for the man to be concerned about his dreams, although not to the point of succumbing to shame or despair about them: "I think it's good to be bothered by it like he is and like others are, but not good to be undone by it."

With that being said, Piper offered several scriptures and practical steps in the hope that this man and those like him would be helped and encouraged.

The first scripture passage Piper mentioned was Zechariah 10:2, which says, "The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd." In this situation, he said, people were having dreams that were showing them lies. We can conclude, then, that some dreams people have are false.

Piper advised the man not to take his sex dreams to mean that he is or wants to be unfaithful to his wife, but instead to speak the following truth: "That was a false dream. It does not mean I am unfaithful. I mean to be faithful to my wife... Those dreams are a lie."

Secondly, Piper pointed to Deuteronomy 13:1-3 to show that God uses dreams to test our faithfulness to him. What's interesting is that the dreams described in this passage are accompanied by miraculous

signs that are supposed to encourage people to go after false gods. "Wow," said Piper. "God uses false prophets and lying dreams, even accompanied by supernatural signs and wonders, to test his people." So the man should not take on a misguided responsibility for his dreams. Instead, he can see them as a test from God, a test that God will enable him to pass.

The third text, Isaiah 29:7-8, describes an experience many of us are familiar with, that is, dreaming about something we desire in real life. The passage describes hungry and thirsty people who are dreaming about eating and drinking. The same can happen, said Piper, with our desire for sex. So while this point does not account for the man dreaming about people other than his wife, it does illustrate that it's a common experience to dream about real-life cravings. The most important thing when it comes to sexual desire is, "What will you do with it in the waking life?"

The final passage Piper mentioned was Job 33:14-18, which says that one way God speaks to us is by sending frightening dreams to warn us away from certain behavior we might commit when we are awake. This is similar to the earlier point about dreams being a way God tests us. "Will the dream have its God-appointed effect of humbling us, frightening us about our own bent to sinning?" asked Piper. "And will we lay hold on him for purity in waking life?"

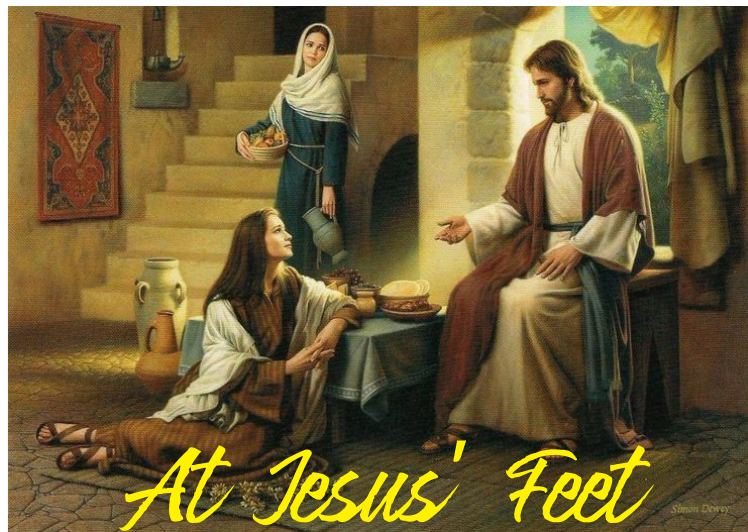
Practical Steps for Avoiding Sex Dreams

For the most part, Piper's practical suggestions had one common denominator: a focus on Jesus. Piper suggested that the man who wrote in should ask some of his male friends to join him in earnest prayer that his dreams would end. He also encouraged the man to make dwelling on Scripture a high priority in his life. It is good that he was successfully battling his porn temptation, but Piper recommended the man eliminate all sexualized media, including TV shows and movies that portray sexuality in a worldly way. "Now that's just about all TV shows and all movies," Piper acknowledged. "Sorry about that. You don't need it. Christians for two thousand years did not feed their minds on movies every night."

Instead of filling his mind with TV shows, Piper advised the man to read the Bible right before going to bed, particularly texts that focus on who God is and what he has done. Piper specifically recommended reading Colossians 1:15-18, Philippians 3:8, and Hebrews 1:1-3.

Noting there might be a physical reason for the man's difficulty sleeping, Piper also suggested he might see if a sleep study could shed some light on his problem.

Finally, the man should not be discouraged or afraid about his sexual dreams, but instead turn his focus toward God and echo Psalm 25:15 in saying, "My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare."



At Jesus' Feet

SUNDAY CLASS STUDY

A STUDY ABOUT WORRY AND ANXIETY - 2

Topic: What worry is

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Introduction: Last week, we looked into the types of worry and the need to overcome it in our lives. We know that worry starts from anxiety within which no one can see, but when it develops, worry sets in, and it is all over our faces. However, worry is not of God. This week, we will define worry from a Biblical perspective, enabling us to cement our faith in God.

1. Worry is unnecessary (v32) - How would you like to define someone who loves to purchase unnecessary things? For example, if you have a friend who is an IT expert specializing in software development and was given some money to acquire the necessary instruments to improve his work. What will you say if your friend starts buying shovels and trowels? That is how ridiculous and unnecessary worry is to our lives. God is sensitive to our needs — so why worry?

2. Worry is cruel (v26) - Any parent would feed their children before feeding the birds. Assuming a woman lost her husband when their only child was just six-year-old. Instead of remarrying, she tried to train the child till he became a medical doctor. Put yourself in her shoes when the child one

day tells his mother to explain what is special in what she did for him? Therefore, it is cruel to think God would care more for birds than He would for us.

3. Worry is futile (v27) - When you are on a treadmill, you may run ten kilometers - sweating, struggling to breathe easily, tired, and drinking some water because of exhaustion. However, one fact remains, you are still in the same spot as when you started your run. Likewise, worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

4. Worry shows a lack of faith (v30) - Someone who claims to be a Christian yet is consumed with worry; is a fraud who does not believe in God. Worry is a piece of physical evidence that all that we say about believing in God is a lie. (John 14:1). You need to always understand that human reasoning produces doubt, doubt produces fear, and fear produces anxiety. When worry now sets in, it leads to depression.



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BIBLE *March* 2022



1000+ BIBLES PURCHASED

Devotion TODAY With Pastor Christie



Monday's Path: Gen 8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

PathWay: God promised Noah that "seedtime and harvest" would never cease after the flood. This wasn't a clever slogan but a perpetual promise – a principle true for all creation! We see this principle in operation every day around us. For example, farmers and gardeners know they cannot reap a harvest unless they plant seeds. And the kind of seeds they plant determines what kind of harvest they will receive and whether they will reap a little or a lot. If you cling to your seeds, you cannot expect to reap a harvest.

*O Lord, bless my seed to your ministry for a massive harvest in Jesus' name; PRAY!

Tuesday's Path: Psa 130:1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

PathWay: Faced with overwhelming problems, the psalmist knew he needed God. He didn't pray a short, shallow prayer but a prayer of desperation, pleading with God to hear his voice. He placed everything in God's hands and confessed that he trusted Him. He had faith and was confident in His Word. Do you ever feel you are in the depths of despair or feel a sense of hopelessness and don't know what to do? As the psalmist learned, these are times to turn to the Lord and cry out for His help.

*O Lord, pull me out from the depth of problem and fear in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Wednesday's Path: Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

PathWay: Regardless of what people think, God knows everything about them and you. You might try to hide, but He knows every thought and every action. To be free, you must be willing to admit the truth about your life and stop trying to hide it. You must recognize the importance of having a sincere dialogue with Him and "reason together." Instead of running away or denying reality, talk with Him, and be open and honest about

your thoughts and feelings.

*O Lord, cleanse me of all sins and unrighteousness today in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Thursday's Path: Psa 131:2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

PathWay: Facing uncertainty, our minds can become overwhelmed with speculation and worry. Then after an event has taken place, we look back, wondering if we did the right thing. Know that we are nothing without the care of God.

*O Lord, I hand over all my worries (mention) to you today in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Friday's Path: Isa 4:5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.

PathWay: God stands ready to protect and bless us in our time. But He cannot do so while we tolerate sin if unclean thoughts poison our minds, if our hearts are impure. So for our good, He needs to purge and purify us from anything that pollutes our lives so that we might be ready for greater blessings.

*O Lord, bless and protect my household today in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Saturday's Path: Isa 5:4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?

PathWay: God said He was looking for "good grapes." Instead, he found useless grapes. Even worse, they could be poisonous. Something needed to be done to prevent wild grapes from growing, encourage the growth of the right kind of grapes and eliminate the poison. Do whatever needs to be done to be productive for God.

*O Lord, help me make the necessary adjustment to my life in Jesus' name.