

SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY ON FRIDAYS

For many years, Pastor Mike Coppersmith has taught this Bible Study on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during the months of November through March. We have a large and energetic group attending each week. The Bible Study is fascinating, the discussion is stimulating, the lessons are very practical, the refreshments are good, and the impact on your faith is powerful!

This year's study is entitled "THE BOOK OF ACTS—A PRACTICAL STUDY OF ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT". Here are some studies Pastor Mike will be teaching:

A Miracle that Money Couldn't Buy
No Other Name

Civil Disobedience

Worship While You Work!

Suffering Disgrace for Christ's Name
Two Whom God Struck Dead

Stephen: The First Christian Martyr

A Divine Appointment in the Desert

The Conversion of Saul

Getting Started in the Christian Church

How God's Grace Brings God's Growth

This Bible Study meets from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Center each Friday. The class is designed in such a way that you can start anytime and attend for whatever weeks you are able to do so. Join us for these enlightening and enriching lessons from "*The Book of Acts—A Practical Study of One of the Most Powerful Books in the New Testament*"!

UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING SLEEP DREAMS—PART ONE

A Biblical Look at How God Speaks to Us in Dreams

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INTRODUCTION

Psalm 119:127 (NLT)

Truly, I love your commands
more than gold, even the finest gold.

Joel 2:28-29

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will **dream dreams**, your young men will **see visions**. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Vision:

A pictorial message from God in which a child of God "sees" in their mind a mental picture or series of mental pictures meant by God to communicate certain truths. This happens when the child of God is awake and attentive to the Holy Spirit.

Dream:

A pictorial message from God in which a child of God "sees" in their mind a mental picture or series of mental pictures meant by God to communicate certain truths. This happens when the child of God is asleep.

In Your Bible:
Job 33:14-18

I. GOD IS A DREAM GIVER

A. God Gave Dreams in the _____

Numbers 12:6

When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, **I speak to him in dreams.**

Genesis 15:12-13

As the sun was setting, **Abram fell into a deep sleep**, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. 13 **Then the LORD said to him**, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.”

Genesis 28:11-12

When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 **He had a dream** in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 37:5-6

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had...”

1 Kings 3:5

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night **in a dream**, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Daniel 7:1

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, **Daniel had a dream**, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

B. God Gave Dreams in the _____

In Your Bible:
Matthew 1:20-21
Matthew 2:12; 2:13-14; 2:19-20

C. God Gave Dreams in the _____

Acts 16:9-10

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

D. God Gives Dreams _____

II. BUT WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT SATAN IS A DREAM STEALER

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

III. SO WE NEED TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE DREAM RECEIVERS!

Five Essentials to Being a “Dream Catcher”

A. Be Rooted in _____

B. Be Devoted to _____

C. Be Extravagant in _____

D. Be Expectant in _____

E. Be Ready to _____

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CONCLUSION