

Marriage, Home, and Family

Biblical Tools for Selecting a Spouse,
Part 3

Genesis 15.1

1. Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.
2. This is the first time in the Bible that we have this expression: “the Word of the Lord came”
3. And we have been looking for it, ever since
4. And we are often confused about the nature of its coming to us.
 1. Romans 8.16

Does the word of the Lord come to us

1. In visions?
2. In dreams?
3. In signs?
4. I would argue, “no.”

The word of the Lord came that way

1. Twice to Abram
2. To Baalam, Nu. 22.20
3. To Samuel, I Samuel 3—who didn't recognize it
4. To Nathan, To Gad, to Solomon
5. But MOSTLY—the word of the Lord came to the prophets.
6. And the last prophet to whom the word of the Lord came, was John the Baptist. Luke 3.2

We HAVE the Word of God

1. But it doesn't come to us in dreams or visions
2. 2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day stars arise in your hearts:
3. We need to be learning to use it, in the form that we have it