

Doctrine of Visions

The False Vision of Fatima

Galatians 1:8

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

1. Dreams and visions are among the gifts of God, to the people of God.
 - *Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
2. Several people had visions according to the Biblical narrative.
 - Ezekiel. The prophet Ezekiel saw the Valley of Dry Bones. Ezekiel 37:1-14.
 - Peter. The apostle Peter had a vision about unclean animals. Acts 10:9-16.
 - John. On the Isle of Patmos, John had a vision of things to come. Revelation 1:1.
3. Unfortunately, Satan is a counterfeiter, and tries to be like God. This has always been his desire.
 - *Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*
4. The counterfeits of Satan are many.
 - Satan counterfeits the local churches of God. *Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*
 - Satan counterfeits the gospel. *2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*
 - Satan counterfeits Bible doctrine. *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

- Satan counterfeits ministers of the gospel. *2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*
- Satan counterfeits dreams and visions, such as the Vision of the Lady of Fatima.

Special Note.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, 6 times, only on the thirteenth day of six consecutive months in 1917, beginning on May 13. The three children were Lúcia Santos, and her cousins Jacinta, and Francisco Marto.

The Three Secrets of Fatima consist of a series of apocalyptic visions, and prophecies have been given to three young Portuguese shepherds

OUR LADY GAVE A MESSAGE OF WARNING

She told the children that God had chosen to use Russia as the instrument of chastisement to punish the world if people did not change, if people repent they will obtain conversion of Russia to the Catholic faith. She promises us: "If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace."

But She also warned us: " If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church, the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.

5. The way to determine if the Vision of Fatima is true or not, is to compare what the apparition said in light of the Word of God.
6. Since the Bible does not contradict itself, neither should any alleged message from heaven. The Vision of Fatima is contrary to sound doctrine.
 - Item. "'The Mother of God wants more virgin souls bound by the vow of chastity.'

Bible. 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

- Item. "Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to Her."

Bible. Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

- Item. "Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bible. Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

- Item. "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge, and the way that will lead you to God."

Bible. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. Because the Word of God lives, and abides forever, all human religious dogma and experiences, must be subject to the Sovereign. There is safety in the objective standard of God's Word.