



# SAMUEL'S Mantle

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## WEBCLASS

You may have heard rumours and rustlings in the last couple of months about Samuel's Mantle going online, not just for registration, but classes available for download. Well, I'm here to dispell those rumours... It's all absolutely TRUE!

We are very excited to be offering 1<sup>st</sup> year Samuel's Mantle on the internet as a "webclass". The Wednesday evening class at Friends Langley Vineyard will be filmed and uploaded so that all those of you who can't attend personally can receive this amazing, life changing teaching on your computer.

There are tonnes of questions that need answers and I will attempt to answer them all in the coming weeks. We are working hard at making all the changes that need to be made on our website so that this webclass can happen.

You know all of those family and friends you've been thinking **really** need to hear this stuff, but don't live in the area? Well, now is the time to get a hold of them and tell them what's coming. Make sure to let them know that they need to sign up for this newsletter at [www.samuelsmantle.com](http://www.samuelsmantle.com)

That's all for now.  
Hope you're having a great summer!  
Kelly Dueck

## BLOGGIN'

Murray has a blog! To view the ramblings of this weird and wild prophet, news, and other stuff, go to <http://www.blog.samuelsmantle.com>

## MISSIONS CORNER

If you are a missionary or know of someone who is, we want to here from you. Just hit reply to contact us.

## NEWS

Samuel's Mantle registration is now online at [www.samuelsmantle.com](http://www.samuelsmantle.com)  
Local classes only are open for registration at this time.

If you need help, please call me and I can take your registration over the phone at 604 855 3409.

## EDEN'S RIVER

Brad and Eden inspired me years ago to live a life of asking questions. Here's another one for you.

Excepts from "Rivers From Eden", Brad and Eden Jersak, Fresh Wind Press,C 2004

"Who does he say that you are?" Jesus wants to speak a living word to your heart that will undermine your tendency toward self-loathing or false humility. True humility is simply agreeing with God about who you are. So let's ask him, "Lord, how would you finish the following sentence concerning me:

'You are my \_\_\_\_\_'?

Now consider this: What if God's answer is true?

### Who am I to you?

To further explore questions and conversations with God, check out "Rivers From Eden" at [www.freshwindpress.com](http://www.freshwindpress.com)

# DREAM TOOLS

## *Working with Dream Symbols*

To begin to get a handle on working with symbols we need to be aware of the three sources they can come from: Biblical, cultural, personal.

Today we will look at Biblical. Keep in mind that a knowledge of all three is important, but for the interest of time we will look at these one at a time.

### ***Biblical:***

If you want to work on your dreams you have to know your bible better than most people! Why? Because the bible is a book of symbols! Try reading through Daniel, Ezekiel, the Gospels, or even revelation and see how far you get without bumping into Symbols!

As God speaks to us in our dreams we need to have a good understanding of biblical symbolism and what a particular symbol would mean if found in the bible. In fact, we as Christians already have a very good foundation in this type of training. If I asked you what a particular color could mean in the bible, lets say white, or red... that wouldn't be a problem. White is holiness and red is the cleansing blood of Jesus.

What about a sword, a shield, a breastplate, and a belt? Easy, the armor of God as found in Eph 6.

What about animals, a snake, a dove, a lamb, a lion? Not a problem either as all are also interpreted in scripture.

What about actions? Bowing, kneeling, falling, raising of hands...again all biblical images.

But is this the extent...is this as far as we are to go as Christians with symbolic imagery? Not if you understand the Jewish mindset on symbolism.

Take a look at Proverbs chapter 1:

**1** The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: **2** for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; **3** for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; **4** for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—

Proverbs has been written for attaining wisdom and understanding, for acquiring a prudent life, but you will notice that is what the young get. What are the wise supposed to learn from the book of proverbs?

**5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance-- **6** for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

It is important to note that the word 'riddle' here is in the same context of Numbers 12:4-9 where we find God speaking to Moses, Miriam, and Aaron, saying he speaks to his servants the prophets in riddles through dreams and visions.

When reading proverbs it is important to note what many of the symbolic passages could mean:

**18** Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

Often in my dreams if I am being shot at or stabbed in the back (or someone close to me is) it usually has to do with somebody gossiping about me...

**19** Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

Sometimes in my dreams if I am not paying attention to my walk with Christ I may not be able to walk right or fly...the same goes for dreams of others that I may need to minister to or go to their churches. I may have a dream of their feet or teeth. If I do I will want to have a good knowledge of how the bible has used the same symbols.

What if you dream of trees? What could that mean?

**1** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. **2** But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3

In fact the bible often compares people to trees. Here are a few other examples you can look up as well.

Ps 92:12, Isaiah 1:30, Isaiah 61:3, Jer 11:16, Da 4:22, Matt 12:33, Luke 3:9

These are but a few of the symbols found in scripture that have an interpretation with them.

In the New Testament we find Jesus carrying on with the symbolic language of the prophets by speaking in parables. How did Jesus respond when the disciples didn't think symbolically?

**5** When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. **6** "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." **7** They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." **8** Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? **9** Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? **10** Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? **11** How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." **12** Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matthew 16:5-12

Notice that Jesus was aware of their discussion and allowed the disciples to come to the wrong conclusion before he stepped in to steer them in the right direction.

This is not the end of symbolism in the bible either. The Gentiles are brought into the church by a symbolic vision had in Acts 10 and the book of Revelation continues the use of symbols forward into the history of the church and mankind.

Is symbolic language important in the bible and to Jesus? The answer is obviously yes. Then I would suggest let us gain an understanding of how the bible uses symbols and study to be able to apply this language as Proverbs suggests; **5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance-- **6** for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

We need to add to our learning the knowledge of biblical symbol interpretation so that we too may be wise and receive guidance in understanding the language of symbols God still speaks today.

For this I would recommend two books, one of them being mine as it fills out the above to quite a bit more depth. 'If this were a dream what would it mean?' This is available through the website at [www.samuelsmantle.com](http://www.samuelsmantle.com) I would also recommend, 'Interpreting the Symbols and Types,' by Kevin J. Conner which you can order from your local Christian book store.

Remember, the more you read your bible and become familiar with biblical imagery and symbols, the more God will use them.

Bless you on your journey!

Murray Dueck