

# Dreamers, an Angel, and the Authority of God

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<sup>5</sup> Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and **blaspheme** the glorious ones. <sup>9</sup> But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a **blasphemous** judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” <sup>10</sup> But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

## 1) The Dreamers

<sup>8</sup> Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

A- notice they are immoral

B- notice they are autonomous

C- notice they are irreverent

<sup>10</sup> But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

D- notice they are ignorant

E- notice they are irrational

## Understanding the Will of God – Romans 12:1-2

1) God’s will is our sanctification

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

2) God’s will is our ultimate submission to Christ

1 Peter 2:13-15

3) God’s will is for Christians to pray that all be saved

1 Timothy 2:1-4

4) God’s will is to have saving knowledge of Him

1 Timothy 2:4; John 6:40

5) God’s will is for Christians to be Spirit-filled

Ephesians 5:17-18

## 2) The Angel

<sup>9</sup> But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

“archangel Michael” - Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev. 12:7-12

**Big Picture:** The Angel functions as an example we must emulate.

## 3) The Authority of God

A) God has authority over Satan and his demons- Acts 19:13-21

B) God’s authority displays his mercy - Mark 5:1-20