

Volume 2 – Day 27: Pushing the Clouds Away

It is interesting that when we daydream (or night dream) about the ones we love, we seldom get distracted by other thoughts. Yet when we think about God, we are often plagued by distractions of all kinds. Our focus drifts or jerks from one place to another. Suddenly we realize that we have lost our focus on God and we pull ourselves back to thoughts of Him. In order for our focus on God to be as steady as that for our earthly loves, we may need to practice concentration.

It is essential that when you get into your place of quietness before God, you must **be still**, you must **listen**. You must **be teachable**. You must **wait** for the Holy Spirit to speak. Most of the time, in our quiet time, we reach for the Bible, we read intently and ponder what God wants us to understand from that passage. Or we go to prayer and we're praying a list of prayers for a list of people in the list of circumstances, which becomes nothing more than a constant running of our own mouths before God or running our own minds before God. Mostly we beg Him to remove all discomfort and distress.

Next time you enter into your prayer closet, be still and wait and be still and wait, push the clouds of distraction away and be still and wait. Wait until the Spirit of God reveals what He wants you to draw from what you just read or from your own heart and mind that you've memorized or know well from times before. As you practice this, you will discover that the wandering and wool gathering become less and less until they no longer exist!

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan