

Volume 6, Day 19: Is Your Love for God Passionate?

How gloriously the world would be changed if only we could learn the secret of the burning heart. When we come to the point of salvation, Jesus suddenly appears to us, the fires are kindled, and we have wonderful visions. But then we need to learn the secret of how to maintain that burning heart such that we can go through anything without hesitation. It is the dull, mundane, dreary and commonplace day, with commonplace duties and people that put out the burning fires of the heart toward God. The secret is abiding in Jesus.

Much of our distress and misery comes not because of sin, but because we are ignorant of the tendencies of our own nature. For example, the only test as to whether we ought to allow an emotion to have its way is to see what the outcome of the emotion will be. Push it to its logical conclusion, and if the outcome is something God would condemn, allow it no more way. But if it be an emotion kindled by the Spirit of God and you do not let that emotion have its right issue in your life, it will cause disruption and misery deeper in the soul.

The higher the emotion is, the deeper the degradation will be, if it is not worked out on its proper level. If the Spirit of God has stirred you, consider as many things as possible to be inevitable. Let the consequences be what they will. Any consideration of consequences which I might prevent, but God wants to occur, will always lead me to my purposes and not God's. We cannot stay on the mount of transfiguration, those very highly emotional moments with God. However, we can and must share the light we received there. We must let the Holy Spirit express it through us in word or action. When God gives a vision, go about your business with that vision in mind. Do not hesitate to operate according to the vision, no matter what it costs.

“We cannot kindle the fire which in the heart resides,
The spirit blows and is still, in mystery our soul abides;
But tasks in hours of insight willed
Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled.”

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan