

## Volume 1, Day 7 — VISION AND DARKNESS

**“An horror of great darkness fell upon him.”**

**— Genesis 15:1**

Whenever God gives a vision to a saint, He puts him, as it were, in the place of wondering what it means, and the saint's duty is to be still and listen. When darkness comes by excessive light, then is the time to listen. Genesis 16 is an illustration of listening to good advice when it is dark instead of waiting for God to send the light. When God gives a vision and darkness follows, wait. God will let you see the fulfillment of the vision He has given if you will wait for His timing. Never try and help God fulfill His word. Abraham went through thirteen years of silence, but in those years all self-sufficiency was destroyed. There was no possibility left of relying on his own common-sense ways. Those years of silence were a time of discipline (learning), not of displeasure. Never pump up joy and confidence, but stay upon God (Isaiah 1:10,11).

Do I still have any confidence in the flesh? Or have I abandoned all confidence in myself and in men and women of God; in books and prayers and ecstasies; and is my confidence placed now in God Himself, not in His blessings? “I am the Almighty God” - El-Shaddai, who is Father-Mother God. The one thing for which we are all being disciplined is to know that God is real. As soon as God becomes real, other people become shadows. Nothing that other saints do or say can ever disturb the one who is fully trusting God's character and nature.

**My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers**