

Volume 5, Day 29: What Compelled Me to Ministry?

Has the way in which you have been serving God resulted in exhaustion? If so, then consider how your own compassion may have instigated the ministry. Ask yourself, "Where did I get the idea to start the service from? Was it from your own sympathy or from the expressed purposes of God which is essentially the basis of the Redemption of Jesus Christ?" Continually go back to the foundation of your affections and recall where the source of power is. You have no right to say, "O Lord, I am so exhausted." He saved and sanctified you in order to empty you of your own efforts and resources, that is, to exhaust you. Be exhausted for God, but remember that your supply comes from Him. "All my fresh springs shall be in Thee."

Because I have listened definitely to one thing from God, it does not follow that I will listen to everything He says. The way in which I show God that I neither love nor respect Him is by the obtuseness of my heart and mind towards what He says. If I love my friend, I intuitively detect what he wants, and Jesus says, "Ye are My friends." Have I disobeyed some command of my Lord's this week? If I had realized that it was a command of Jesus, I would not consciously have disobeyed it; but most of us show such disrespect to God that we do not even hear what He says, He might as well never have spoken.

The destiny of my spiritual life is such intimacy with Jesus Christ that I always hear God, and I know that God always hears me (John 11:41). If I am united with Jesus Christ, I hear God. A flower, tree, donkey or a servant of God, may convey God's message to me. What keeps me from hearing is that I am distracted by other things. It is that I am devoted to things, service, people or convictions that I do not hear Him. The child-like attitude is always, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant hears." If I have not cultivated this devotion of hearing, I can only hear God's voice at certain times; at other times I am distracted by things - things which I say I must do, and I become deaf to Him, I am not coming to God as a child. LISTEN! You might hear God speaking right now.

My Confirming Scriptures & Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan