

Volume 6, Day 21: Decreasing into God's Purpose

If you develop another soul's dependence on you, you are out of the Will of God. God's will is that all should come to repentance unto salvation and a full surrender in dependence upon God Himself. As a worker for God, your great responsibility is to be a friend of the Bridegroom. When once you see a soul in sight of the claims of Jesus Christ, you know that your influence has led them in the right direction. It is never your job to prevent the trials in their lives or your own life either. Rather pray that they grow ten times stronger until there is no power on earth or in hell that can keep that soul away from Jesus Christ.

Time and again, we become amateur providences. We come in and prevent God from doing His work. We say, "This and that must not be tolerated in life." Instead of proving friends of the Bridegroom, we put our own personal sympathy in the way. The soul we have thus hindered will one day say about us, "That one was a thief. He stole my affections from Jesus and I lost my vision of Him."

Beware of praying for our own personal sympathies for others rather than praying for God's will to be done in the midst of the misery or calamity. Stop rejoicing with a soul in the wrong thing (deliverance from difficulty). See that you do rejoice in the right thing (personal growth in learning from the adversity). "The friend of the Bridegroom ... rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice: 'this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'" This is spoken with joy and not with sadness. Finally they get to see the Bridegroom! John says this is his greatest joy. It is the absolute dissolution of the ministry of the worker. He is never thought of again.

Watch intently until you see the Bridegroom and hear His voice in the life of another. Regardless of the havoc it brings, what upsets, what deterioration of health, rejoice with divine hilarity when once His voice is heard. You may often see Jesus Christ wreck a life before He saves it. (Cf. Matt. 10:34.)

My Confirming Scriptures: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan