

Volume 1, Day 12 — ARE YOU EVER DISTURBED?

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.” John 14:27

There are times when our peace is based upon ignorance, but when we awaken to the facts of life, inner peace is impossible unless it is received from Jesus. When Our Lord speaks peace, He makes peace, His words are ever "Spirit and life." Have I ever received what Jesus speaks? "My peace I give unto you." It is a peace which comes from looking into His face and acquiring His undisturbed tranquility.

Are you painfully disturbed just now, distracted by the waves and billows of God's providential permission, and having, as it were, turned over the boulders of your belief, are you still finding no well of peace or joy or comfort? Does anxiety still prevail? Then look up and receive the undisturbed peace of the Lord Jesus. Reflection of Jesus' peace is the proof that you are right with God. It is then, and only then that you are at liberty to turn your entire attention to Him. If you are not abandoned to God, you can never think about anything but yourself. If you allow anything to hide the face of Jesus Christ from you, you are either disturbed or you have a false sense of security.

Are you aware of Jesus now, in the immediate matter that is stressing you and feeling His peace? If so, He will be a gracious benediction of peace in and through you. But if you try to solve it yourself, you do not trust Him and deserve the stress. We only get anxious when we are not aware of His presence. Conferring with Jesus Christ eliminates the perplexity. He has no perplexity, and our only concern is to abide in Him. Turn it over to Him, and in the face of difficulty, bereavement and sorrow, hear Him say, "Let not your heart be troubled." And it won't be!

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers