

We should be whatever comes be so conscious of God's power, of his plan and of his continuing love that we can accept what comes with joy praising Him that we know that He is interested in every step of the way.

It is so easy in our accounting to leave out the most important factor. Of course how are we to know what His will is? I've known people who have jumped to conclusions--Of course God wants me to do this. This is what He wants me to do; this is what he doesn't want me to do. They become very certain of God's leading at point after point and when it doesn't work out they become terribly discouraged.

We know that. We know that in the beginning of the spread of Christianity that it was like a little tiny flame and God protected that flame in a very special way until it had spread and become a big fire. But during the ages since God has permitted in region after region that there would be tremendous Christian testimony, tremendous Christian leadership and then the forces of evil would overcome it and areas in which there were thousands of Churches have become so utterly anti-Christian that there is hardly a trace left of the once great Christian influence that was in those areas.

Though the little flame spread this way God has not planned that it should always be successful. But he has planned that many in each of these areas should develop exactly as He wanted them to develop .

We don't know God's plan for our nation. It looks bad when you look at the way the forces of evil are advancing. Just during these last few days we've been constantly hearing how it was the fundamentalists that killed the president of Egypt. It was the fundamentalists that killed him! Occasionally they say the Moslem fundamentalists.

Christianity Today had a big title on one of its covers recently: Unmasking Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority! When you look at the title you think, Oh this awful fellow Jerry Falwell. This terrible Moral Minority and the liberals are trying to make it look like the stand for morality in government was something like what happened in Egypt just now. The forces of evil do everything they can to destroy a Christian witness.

God has his plan. He may give us a tremendous revival. It may be that we will go the way many sections of the world have gone in the past. We don't know what His plan is, but we know that He wants each of us to live in His presence and to be conscious of Him step by step. The way to learn what is His will for us is through the revelation He has given us. He wants us to study His Word, to learn His principles and to learn to know from the Word what His purpose is for us.

He speaks to us by the Word. We speak to Him in prayer. We need both ways for communication. Are you conscious of His --of Him at every step. Oh it may seem very easy now to be conscious of God's presence. You are spending your life now studying His Word.