

Book: *Deep Calls unto Deep* by Watchman Nee

In Psalm 42:7 we see the phrase “deep calls unto deep”. What does this phrase refer to and how can we apply it to our daily Christian life?

Watchman Nee makes it very clear that a Christian must be one with deep spiritual roots. In order to have the proper spiritual roots in our being, there needs to be growth that occurs beneath the “soil” which is in the inner, hidden depths of our being. Only a call from the depths of one’s being can provoke a response from the depths of another’s being. Nothing shallow can ever touch the depths. Therefore, it is crucial that we have many secret transactions with the Lord that no one else knows about. If all our spiritual life is exposed to man, we will not have any hidden roots. This matter of having spiritual roots is of extreme importance. We need to realize that bearing testimony is one thing; delighting in exhibiting one’s experience is another. Many of our experiences should be hidden and should not be spoken of to anyone for to be without root is to be without any treasure, it is to be without a hidden life or hidden experiences. It is essential that some of our experiences remain covered; otherwise, we will lose everything. We can only move according to God’s instruction within us. Only if He moves within us to reveal something, dare we reveal it. If we are covered by the Lord to share our experiences, we will find that other lives will be deeply affected. The minute our inner being is touched, others will receive help and be enlightened. May we be careful to preserve whatever secrets we have with the Lord and in turn we will truly experience how deep calls unto deep.

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