

IN HIS SILENCE: REFLECTION

The main road was rather busy for a lockdown morning and as I walked, I could almost taste the smell of petrol and diesel omitted from their engines. The noise of motorised vehicles thundering by at the 40-mph speed limit drowned out the pure and clear strains of birdsong.

As I turned and walked into the majestic gateway of the golf course which follows a creek leading out into a sun swept harbour, I heard myself say "Thank you God, I have arrived. I said to myself: "I am in His silence." Inspiration flooded through me and I took out my voice recorder and in the silence these words came to me. I pray that you will find comfort and hope in these thoughts.

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When Abraham climbed Mount Moriah to offer his son as a sacrifice, his faith was strong. When his son questioned "Where is the lamb?" Abraham told him that the Lord would provide. He met God in HIS silence and the Lord in His love provided for him a ram.

In HIS silence God saw the faith of Abraham and came through for him. So too when we walk in total faith the Lord can and will provide a sacrificial miracle for us.

Let us pray to walk in active faith in HIS silence and He will provide for us.

When Jacob went out into the field to pray, he met God in HIS silence. They struggled and Jacob said, "I will not let you go until you bless me." And he was blessed.

In HIS silence some of us may have to face an all-night struggle before the blessing.

Let us pray that we hold on and never let go until the Lord gives us what we need and to know that we are forgiven.

When Hannah pleaded for a baby, her lips moved but her heart spoke. No words uttered their escape. In HIS silence God saw the deep emotions inside. He heard her prayer and honoured her request.

Sometimes we, like Hannah, cannot speak the words out loud and our hearts are wrenching inside of us and our lips are moving, our faces are making anguished gestures.

Then God speaks to us in HIS silence and answers our prayers.

Let us pray for God to see the anguish of our hearts and answer the prayers we so earnestly pray within.

We are under no shadow of a doubt that God speaks to us in HIS silence and answers our prayers in HIS time. We are under no illusion but certain of the fact that God is actively working behind the scenes to fulfil HIS purpose and no one can or ever will thwart the plans He has made for us - HIS children.

In HIS silence the Lord attracted Moses to the burning bush. He told him to remove his shoes for the place he was standing was holy ground.

Sometimes the Lord meets us in holy ground experiences and there He gives us a mission. There is purpose in HIS silence, and it is where we find freedom.

Let us pray for a holy ground experience that brings us to true reverence and respect for God and our mission.

In HIS silence the Lord heard the words of Esther, "If I perish, I perish;" He heard the vow of Ruth, "Thy people shall be my people and thy God, my God." He heard the acceptance of Isaiah: "Here am I Lord send me." He heard the confident utterance of Job: "I know my Redeemer lives."

God hears us too. Our words resonate as loudly as it did thousands of years ago. He values our every commitment and, in HIS silence, honours our every request.

Let us pray that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be filled with deep and complete determination to stand firm beside our Lord and Saviour.

In HIS silence our Lord looked up and bid Zacchaeus come down from the tree for he would visit with him. In HIS silence He healed Jairus' daughter, felt the touch of his garment and healing virtue went forth from Him to heal a desperate woman. In HIS silence the dead were raised, blind received their sight, the lame walked, whole villages were healed. All in HIS silence.

So, will He not do amazing for us now? Oh yes, He is doing amazing! In HIS silence He is the same miracle working God yesterday, today and will be forever.

Let us pray that the miraculous examples of our Lord Jesus Christ will be the powerhouse of faith to which we constantly connect. May we be reminded that we serve an active up close and personal Saviour who will always come through in HIS silence.

Finally. One day, for the space of half an hour, heaven will be in HIS silence. Revelation 8:1. In HIS silence our God prepares to come. Heaven is focused on the final judgement when the conclusion of the Great Controversy between good and evil will take place. Then our God will come and will not be silent.

Let us pray that we are ready to meet Him; let us pray that we prepare others to meet Him. Let us pray to wait patiently in HIS silence then be ready to rejoice as we say:

"...Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25:9.

Hallelujah! We praise God as we wait, worship and trust in HIS silence.

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