

A Call to Silence

Scriptures and Themes Discussed:

- Not addressing THE issue of women being silent, but a level of BEING that goes beyond anything we can say.
- A level of healing that goes far beyond anything you can say.
- Making what we sing about in worship the entire substance of our lives.
- The circle diagrams from Renovation of the Heart.
- The soul is the deepest part of you and makes all the other parts work together to form one life.
- We all bring a culture with us. The question we face when we think about transforming the self through being silent before God is receiving a different culture, a culture that is not of this world.
- We have to take long periods of time in which we are silent before the Lord.
- How we can come to live where we worship and to worship where we live.

John 4: 13

John 7: 38

Psalms 46 - Worship, don't fear, accepting our place.

- A life in which there is no fear because God is there.
- Jesus lived before an open heaven and he knew no fear.
- It looks like it is talking about world history, but it is talking about your house, your job and your community.
- "Be still and know that I am God" is a habit pattern we need to establish in our hearts.
- The woman has a special place in God's creation.

1 Peter 3:1-6

- 1 Peter 2 Submission is a recognition of place.
- Being, not doing, is what really matters.
- One of the hardest things we have to come to believe and become confident about is that there is nothing to fear.
- The soul does not live in what we do. It lives in who we are.
- The blessing of God's presence is meant to be something that we seek; and something that is given.
- Numbers 6:24-26 – Explains the Aaronic blessing.
- It means the manifest presence of God:
- The Lord bless you and keep you
- Make His face shine upon you – "I'm really glad to be with you"
- Lift up the countenance – look right at you
- That is what we can enter by choice.

A few practical things because everything will concentrate on keeping you from doing this. "I don't have time NOT to do this." One of the greatest acts of your faith will be your decision to spend extensive time sitting before the Lord. When you do that, you are entering into what the Bible calls Sabbath.

Sabbath is rest in the Lord. Your decision to do this is one of the most important acts of faith. And your decision not to do it, when you stop to think about it, is a stunning act of unfaith. It essentially says, well, I have to run my world. I cannot count on God.

Hebrews 4:9

God's idea was that we should spend one-seventh of our time not doing any work.

Let me just say bluntly, you have time to do this.

You can never get done what you have to do by trying to get it done. You get done what you have to do by deciding what don't have to do.

Don't try to do it on a day-be-day basis. Many people are defeated by this. Think in terms of a week and plan to adjust, because things will come up. Accept that. Have a contingency plan. You may even want to think month by month.

I can recommend this to you as an absolutely unfailing way in which you can come to be a person who brings the presence of God with you into every situation.

You will know that the universe is a safe place to be.

More will happen in you than you can possibly tell. The richness of God will flood your soul. You can count on it.

Great Quotes

Whenever the discussion about submission is carried out in the Scriptures, the issue is a matter of place. If you do not accept your place, you will never find God.

When we spend time in the climate and presence of God then we begin to take on the character of God.

The problem always lies more deeply in who we are. The answer is not in doing, but in becoming on the inside.

God gave us enough time to do all the things we need to do, but He does not keep our appointment book. He does not make out our schedule.

You can't get a shower by one drop of water every five minutes. No matter how long you stay in the shower. We need a lot of (silence) at one time. The effect will be incredible.