

#22 THE SILENCE OF GOD

30 PRACTICAL DOCTRINES YOU NEED TO KNOW | DR. RANDY WHITE

ALMOST EVERY BIBLE TEACHER TODAY TEACHES THAT GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

- Do an internet search for “how God speaks” and you will find loads of bad theology from famed theologians.
- Typically, we are told that God speaks through His Word, other believers, music, circumstances, His Spirit, prayer, preaching, etc.
- While anything can be the source of pointing you to God’s Word, the truth about God speaking can only come from His Word.

GOD’S WORD CANNOT BE SEPARATED INTO LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE

- Any **word from God** is the **word of God**.
- A “still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12-15) is the Word from God as much as an audible voice, and must be recorded as the Word of God.
- A “private” word from God is not Biblical (1 Peter 1:10), the Word of God is so powerful that it must be made public.
- The belief that God still speaks is a belief that *disrespects* the importance of God’s speech.

GOD’S SPOKEN WORD HAS ALWAYS BEEN RARE

- God has not *always* spoken publicly, nor often. See 1 Samuel 3:1, 28:15
- God spoke only to Moses, not to everyone. Numbers 12:1-9, especially verse 2.
- There was a period of 400 years of the Silence of God. This period is universally accepted, yet almost none will allow another period of silence.
- All texts for God speaking to everyone as needed are proof texts that do not support the claim.

HOW GOD HAS SPOKEN IN THE PAST

- Hebrews 1:1-2 – God spoke to the prophets and through His Son.
- Luke 1:70 – God spoke to the prophets.
- 1 Peter 1:10-11 – God spoke to the prophets.
- There are no instances in the Bible where God spoke...
 - ...through circumstances, without manifest explanation.
 - ...through prayer, without words.
 - ...through preaching (which was always proclamation of what God *had already said*).
 - ...to “everyone” (always through Prophets or Apostles).

WHY WOULD THERE BE A SILENCE OF GOD?

- Because of the perfection of His written word – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- Because we are supposed to study – 2 Tim. 2:15
- Because God has *already* spoken.
- Because this is an age of free will.
- Because this is an age of faith.
- Because we are equipped with the Bible and free to decide what actions would most honor God.

WHEN YOU DON’T BELIEVE IN THE SILENCE OF GOD...

- You may think God has actually spoken to Jesse Duplantis and Creflo Dollar...and you will send in money for their new jets.
- You may hear God speak when He did not speak at all. This can have very dangerous consequences.
 - If God has “told you” to do something, get advice from a Bible-believing, dispensationally thinking skeptic before you act. It may save you lots of money and heartache.
 - Untold harm has come to those who believed God spoke to them and so they carried out actions that were physically, financially, and spiritually foolish.
- You may be driven to hear God speaking in places that God is not speaking. Poems and music and stories and circumstances can all be of valuable service, but none are *the voice of God*.
- You will avoid going to the place where you can “hear” the voice of God. That place is in the 66 books of the printed Scriptures.
- You may conclude that God does not exist. When you come to a time of desperately needing to hear from God (and expecting it) but *do not hear a word*, you *might* walk away from the faith.
- You may turn to despair.

*It’s enough to drive a man crazy, it’ll break a man’s faith
It’s enough to make him wonder, if he’s ever been sane
When he’s bleating for comfort from Thy staff and Thy rod
And the Heaven’s only answer is the silence of God*

Andrew Peterson

WE CAN REJOICE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN FULL REVELATION

- God did not use “oral tradition” but the written word to preserve His Word.
- The written Word today is sufficient for you to be **perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works** (2 Tim. 3:16).