

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 8/7/24

*“Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;  
when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.”*

– Proverbs 17:28 ESV

## Silence and Whispers



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**1 Kings 19:8b-13, 18 ICB** [Mt. Carmel to Jezreel, to Beersheba to Jabal al-Lawz] [30+100+250 miles]

“He walked to **Mount Sinai**, the mountain of God. There Elijah went into a cave and stayed all night. Then the Lord spoke His word to him: “*Elijah! Why are you here?*”

Elijah answered, “*Lord, God of heaven’s armies, I have always served you the best I could. But the people of Israel have broken their agreement with you. They have destroyed your altars. They have killed your prophets with swords. I am the **only** prophet left. And now they are trying to kill me, too!*”

Then the Lord said to Elijah, “*Go. Stand in front of me on the mountain. I will pass by you.*” Then a very strong wind blew. It caused the mountains to break apart. It broke apart large rocks in front of the Lord. But the Lord was **not** in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a quiet, gentle **voice**. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

[God] “*But I have left **7,000** people living in Israel. Those **7,000** have never bowed down before Baal. Their mouths have never kissed his idol.*”

**Psalms 46:10 AMP**

“Be **still** and know (recognize, understand) that I am God. I will be **exalted** (honored) among the nations! I will be **exalted** in the earth.”

**Isaiah 30:15-18 AMP**

“For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel has said this, “*In returning [to Me] and **rest** you shall be saved; in **quietness** and confident trust is your strength.*”

But you were not willing, and you said, “*No! We will flee on horses!*” Therefore you will flee [from your enemies!] And [you said], “*We will ride on swift horses!*” Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift. A thousand of you will flee at the threat of one man; you will flee at the threat of five, until you are left like a **flag** on the top of a mountain, and like a signal on a hill.

Therefore the Lord waits [expectantly] and longs to be **gracious** to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. **For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed (happy, fortunate) are all those who long for Him [since He will never fail them].**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ESV**

“But He said to me, “*My grace is **sufficient** for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.*” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my **weaknesses**, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, **hardships**, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Isaiah 30:1-3 ESV**

“Ah, stubborn children,” declares the Lord, “*who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, that they may add **sin to sin**; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh turn to your **shame**, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.*”

**Charles Stanley** [Pastor of First Baptist Church Atlanta – died 2023 at 90]:

*“I believe one of the most valuable lessons we can ever learn is how to listen to God. In the midst of our complex and **hctic** lives, **nothing** is more urgent, nothing more necessary, nothing more rewarding than hearing what God has to say. Only a few minutes of sitting before God who speaks can **transform** a life.”*

**Mark Batterson** [Pastor of National Community Church, Washington D.C. – 59 years old]:

*“God often speaks loudest when we’re quietest.... To hear the whisper of God you **MUST** turn down the volume of the world. Find time to disconnect from **EVERYTHING** around you and be still in His presence today. He is waiting for you to draw near.”*