

## NOISE IS NOT ALWAYS POWER

### TEXT:

***1 Kings 19:12: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.***

We are a strangely perverted lot. It seems we believe in making all kinds of noise and racket about anything other than for the Gospel and for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Americans are sold on noise and size. This has even entered our places of worship. We try to make noise to produce the power of God, but the converse is actually true. The power produces the noise.

The Spirit is the Power of God, and the Spirit often speaks in a still, small voice. **Be quiet and listen.**

To Elijah in the cave, God was not in the wind that rent the rocks, nor was He in the earthquake, nor in the fire. He was in the STILL, SMALL voice.

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The greatest things often make the least noise. The sun draws millions of gallons of water with less noise than we make in getting a glass of water.

**We should study to be quiet.**

We should study to be quiet. We cannot endure solitude because we are in such poor company when we are alone — almost like being in solitary confinement. We do not meditate on His Law day and night. We do not let God talk to us. The devil has us in such a lather-driving rush that we do not take time out to be holy.

***Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone.***

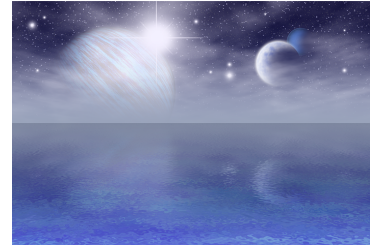
***By looking to Jesus,  
Like Him thou shalt be.  
Thy friends, in thy conduct,  
His likeness shall see.***

It is the quiet pool — not the rushing stream — that reflects the stars. “He leadeth Me beside the still waters.” The Lord God is our Shepherd as well as Jesus!

***Psalms 23:2: He maketh Me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth Me beside the still waters.***

David would have gotten the Ark back to Jerusalem a lot sooner if he had not been in such a hurry.

Many an Elijah has had to re-learn the lessons of the Brook Cherith. (See 1 Kings 17)



Often I have watched the locomotive preparing for its 8:00 trip to Little Rock. It was still and quiet, but it was building up steam. It had the fire; it had the water; and by being still, it could build up steam.

We get up a little steam and blow off all we've got in one or two minutes. And then, for the rest, it is just noise and racket.

Set yourself to the tune of:

***Psalms 46:10: Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.***

***Psalms 4:4: Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah***

***Exodus 14:13: And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the Salvation of the LORD, which He will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.***

Praise God!

Remember: the safety valve on the engine is to keep the boiler from bursting, and not just to make a noise.

***1 Corinthians 13:1-13: The Charity Chapter***

***<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.***

***<sup>2</sup> And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all Faith, so that I***

*could remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing.*

*<sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing.*

*<sup>4</sup> Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*

*<sup>5</sup> [Charity] Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;*

*<sup>6</sup> [Charity] Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the Truth;*

*<sup>7</sup> [Charity] Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

*<sup>8</sup> Charity never faileth: but whether there be Prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be Tongues, they shall cease; whether there be Knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

*<sup>9</sup> For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*

*<sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*

*<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

*<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

*<sup>13</sup> And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.*

There is nothing more noisy than an empty wagon on a rocky road, but the sound of the full one is music to the driver's ears.

I believe in the shouting that is the shout from a full heart. It is music we would like to hear more of — the music which, if checked or restrained, you would feel like you would blow up, and even the rocks of the cement blocks would cry out! Of Jesus, Luke tells us of Jesus' Triumphant Entry:



### **Luke 19:37-40: Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**

*<sup>37</sup> And when He [Jesus] was come nigh, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;*

**38** Saying, "Blessed be the King Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: peace in Heaven, and glory in the highest."

**39** And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, "Master, rebuke Thy disciples."

**40** And He answered and said unto them, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

But noise is not always power – a drum can make lots of noise, because it's empty. So make sure you are filled with the Spirit of the Lord, **SO** you can truly make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

***Psalms 98:4: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.***



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