

# Shut Up and Know

by Elisabeth Elliot

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*The sermon 'Shut Up and Know' emphasizes the importance of silence and stillness in listening to God's voice and finding peace in the midst of chaos.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:10, Psalm 131:2, Isaiah 30:15, Mark 4:39, John 10:27

**Topics:** "Quiet Time", "Inner Peace"

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## Description

Elisabeth Elliot emphasizes the importance of being still before God amidst chaos and destruction, drawing inspiration from Thomas Carlyle and Psalm 46. She highlights the power of quieting our souls before the Lord, allowing His voice to bring peace in the midst of turmoil. Elliot encourages listeners to listen for God's voice, the only one that speaks peace to the deepest part of our beings.

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## Transcript

"Do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day, and on the morrow how much clearer are thy purpose and duties," wrote Thomas Carlyle. The psalmist wrote (in Psalm 46) of great cataclysms, noise, war, destruction. What is the man of God supposed to do in the middle of all that? One thing above all else: "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10 AV). Simply shut up for a change. It is amazing what the quiet holding of the soul before the Lord will do to the external and seemingly uncontrollable tumult around us. It is in that stillness that the Voice will be heard, the only voice in all the universe that speaks peace to the deepest part of us.

No other voice than Thine has ever spoken,

O Lord, to me--

No other words but Thine the stillness broken

Of life's lone sea.

There openeth the spirit's silent chamber

No other hand--

No other lips can speak the language tender,

Speech of the Fatherland.

(T.S.M., from Hymns of Ter Steegen and Others, Frances Bevan)

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