

# The Need for Silence

by Elisabeth Elliot

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*Elisabeth Elliot emphasizes the vital role of silence in connecting with God and seeking His wisdom amidst the noise of life.*

**Scripture:** James 1:5

**Topics:** "Quiet Contemplation", "Godly Wisdom"

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## Description

Elisabeth Elliot emphasizes the importance of silence and stillness in the presence of God, drawing from the imagery of silence in heaven when the seventh seal was opened in Revelation. She challenges listeners to quiet their mouths and open their hearts before God, seeking His will and wisdom above all else. Elliot reminds believers to seek wisdom first from God before turning to godly friends, highlighting the need for a direct connection with the Lord. Ultimately, she encourages the congregation to be still, knowing that God is sovereign and worthy of our reverence and trust.

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## Transcript

It is always easier to add to the noise of the world than to be silent. Silence is a very precious thing--"There was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour" (Rv 8:1 AV), when the seventh seal was opened in the Book of the Revelation. Thunder and horses and martyrs and earthquakes had preceded the opening of this seal. Hail, fire, blood, and fearful judgment followed it--but in between, angels stood in the presence of God and there was utter silence.

Have we learned to stand in God's presence, mouths shut, hearts open? "Lord, what do you want me to do?" We must be quiet in order to know Him and to hear Him and to hear Him answer us.

"If any of you lack wisdom let him ask his friends." No. That is not the Word of the Lord. "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God" (Jas 1:5 AV) is his Word to us. There is a place for asking wisdom of godly friends, but let us always go first to God.

"Be still"--that is, shut up--"and know that He is God" (Ps 46:10 AV).

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