

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ron Austin

Assisting: Dale Wiles
John Patchell

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: John Patchell

Pantry Item

Canned Potatoes

Sermon Notes

*The Worst Plague: A Total Disregard for
Authority*

I. _____ Authority

II. _____ Authority

III. Authority in the _____

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Welcome!

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

The Silence Of God (cont'd)

A. W. Dicus (1888-1987)

IV. The silence of God is a Judicial Inflection.

The wretched Saul, king of Israel, though leader of the people of God, rejected God's warnings. In his misery and grief, he approached the prophet with the complaint, “God has departed from me and answereth me no more.”

Herod was an eager listener of John. He had done many things but he had not surrendered his heart. The time came when rather than slay his lusts with a repentant heart, he consented to the slaying of the prophet. The blood of the saint was upon his hands and the guilt of the sin upon his conscience. The dreadful silence was eased by the thought of seeing Jesus, but Jesus answered him nothing, nothing to satisfy this curiosity, nothing to alarm his fears, nothing to enlighten this mind. “*As a lamb he was led to the slaughter, as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth*” (Isa. 53:7). This dreaded silence added pain to torture. Christ was silent before the mob, silent before the Jewish council and silent before the Roman governor. The silence increased the torture of a guilty conscience. Pilate, though he washed his hands in a pretense of innocence and denied the guilt, yet he marveled at his silence.

When our present days of probation are over, the unbelieving cry in agony and the contentious worshiper

will plead, “Lord in thy name I have done many wonderful works,” as he awakens to the dreadful realization that the merciful God “has departed and answereth no more.” Sorrow will be added to grief and torture to misery as they suffer the infliction of the eternal silence. “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The silence of God is an expression of His infinite wisdom, a proof of His divinity. It is indicative of His infinite wisdom in religion, of His infinite compassion and mercy and will be evidence of His judicial infliction. It is during the present silence of our earthly pilgrimage and not the eternal silence, that we are subjects of this divine mercy. The eternal silence will be a rendering of justice.

God has spoken, all of which can be found in the New Testament. No further verification is necessary. If such were granted, it is reasonable to believe that He would speak to the uninformed heathen and not to people surrounded with innumerable copies of the Bible. His silence does not warrant man’s introduction of creeds, doctrines or opinions. God said, “repent and be baptized every one of you” (Acts 2:38). Man says baptism is not essential.

Because God remains silent is no indication that he will warrant man’s statement. Rather it is indicative of the fact that He will not alter the one that He has made. The same is true of every command in the New Testament.

(This is part 4 of 4 of an article that Brother A. W. Dicus [“Our God, He Is Alive” composer] wrote a number of years ago. It still rings true. - BTH)

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/18/23
Bible Class: 43
A.M. Worship: 62
Wed. B. C.: 31

Family News and Notes

Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s dad, is undergoing chemo treatments. Jeanette had two procedures that went well. **Carlee Pool, Kyle Pool’s** grandmother, is doing some better but please keep her in prayer**John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **John Williams** is doing much better. He has his last knee surgery Wednesday morning. Please send him some well wishes. **Margaret Langston** fell and was injured Wednesday morning. She goes to the doctor tomorrow to get that checked out. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Linda Hernandez** has a significant heart problem. Let’s remember one another in prayer.
Pray for our world leaders at this time. Active military: Pray for all active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment’s notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. We have 5 active duty members here at Cape Fear.
Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Deborah Ross, Sandra Hedgepeth,** and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Job 38-42	Ecc 1-4	Ecc 5-8	Ecc 9-12	Song 1-4	Song 5-8	Is 1-4
Pr 25	Pr 26	Pr 27	Pr 28	Pr 29	Pr 30	Pr 31

Events

Wedding shower for Jacob and Katie: congregational potluck today after worship.
Men’s Lunch: Friday at 11am @ Golden Corral
Men’s Training: Sunday, July 23, after morning worship. For all men of the congregation.
Teachers’ Meeting: Sunday July 30th. After morning worship. For all teachers.

