

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Sibio Farrington

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Luka Herrera
Cam Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Phil Byrd

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Powder Drinks

Sermon Notes *The Church At Sardis*

I. Prune the _____

II. Water and _____

III. _____ is Coming

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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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Byran Hatcher

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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 By A. W. Dicus (cont'd)

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 concludes Brother Dicus’ article on the silence of God. Brother Dicus worked for NASA during the 1960’s as a key member of the projects leading to putting the first man on the moon.)

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 2/2 B.C.: 24 Daily Bible Readers: 11
Chapters Read: 298 Worship: 50 Wednesday: 28

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen is continuing her cancer treatments. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke and hurricane damage to her home. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is in hospice care. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers. Fishers’ of Men class continues today! Class is going well and there are several Bible studies being conducted as a result. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students! Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez, and the Davis family.**

Bible Reading Plan

Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15
Ex 29-30	Ex 31-32	Ex 33-34	Ex 35-36	Ex 37-38	Ex 39-40	Le 1-2
Luke 1	Luke 2	Luke 3	Luke 4	Luke 5	Luke 6	Luke 7

Events

Silver Linings: February 21 @ 11am

