



The Ways of Worship: Silence

One of the questions being asked in the 'new normal church', is how can I worship and not sing? Silence is not a favorite activity in the modern North American church. We have grown accustomed to activity, noise and much sound. Yet silence in worship has been a valued part of church worship for centuries.

William Ross in the Gospel Coalition writes, "It is possible to worship God in complete silence. One of Scripture's most beautiful paradoxes is that wordlessness can speak clearly about God's glory. We honor God when we are in awe of him. We are made in his image and therefore bring him glory in our humble silence, while every other creature is simply mute. Scripture is full of instances of silent awe prompted by wonder before God. This kind of silence works two ways, both of which can bless God's people. On the one hand, when Christians come to terms with the depth of sinful grievances committed against a holy God, Paul says that their mouths should rightly "be stopped" (Rom. 3:19). Silence is the only possible response in the face of God's holiness and the coming judgment (Zeph. 1:7; Zech. 2:12; Mic. 7:16). On the other hand, we ought to be struck silent in light of God's incredible redemption, worked out in his promised deliverance for his people (Isa. 41:1; cf. Lk. 1:20) and the reconciling work of Jesus Christ (Acts 11:18; 15:12). Silence even in corporate worship, where the church gathers to meet with God, facilitates the reverence that he is rightly due (Hab. 2:20)."

"But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Habakkuk 2:20 ESV

**** August Bible Readings ****

Sunday: **Ephesians 4-6**

Tuesday: **1 Kings 14-18**

Thursday: **Proverbs 5-6**

Saturday: **Luke 13-14**



Monday: **Leviticus 4-6**

Wednesday: **Psalms 72-74**

Friday: **Ezekiel 7-12**



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**** Sermon Notes ****

UNSHAKABLE Thriving No Matter What Hits You - Sermon Series Pt 6
What is God Writing on The wall of Your Life?

Daniel 5:1-32

KEY VERSE: "But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory."

- I. A DEFIANT FEAST (1-4)
- II. A DIVINE FINGER (5-9)
- III. A FAITHFUL QUEEN (10-12)
- IV. A FAITH DENIED (13-29)
- V. A FATAL DECISION (30-32)

Belshazzar forgot the **Word of God** and the **lessons of history** and **lost his kingdom** and his **life**. Here's the big lesson from this story. If I don't humbly learn from the generations before me, like King Belshazzar didn't, then I'm going to end up making the same mistakes.

ILLUSTRATION: Harry Truman and Mount St. Helens

Belshazzar received warning yet chose to forget and defy what he knew to be right a true. The result was he lost everything he had put his temporal hope in. In order to not experience the same fate we would be wise to

REPENT of our pride

REMEMBER our call

Be REFILLED by the Holy Spirit