

A Warrior's Notes

Silence

“Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.” —**Proverbs 23:9**

“But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.” —**Isaiah 36:21**

There are moments when silence is not weakness but wisdom.

God warns us that speaking truth to a heart that is hardened often leads not to repentance, but to contempt.

Proverbs reminds us that some ears are closed by pride, while Isaiah shows us that obedient silence can be an act of faith.

In **Isaiah 36**, Rabshakeh mocked God openly, seeking to provoke fear and strife. Yet the people obeyed the king's command and held their peace, choosing restraint over reaction. Silence, in this moment, preserved unity and made room for God to act in His time.

Let's consider Hezekiah and the Assyrian Threat in **Isaiah 36–37**. Rather than answering insults, Hezekiah:

- Kept silence before the enemy (**Isa. 36:21**).
- Took the matter to the Lord (**Isa. 37:14**).
- Watched God defeat the enemy (**Isa. 37:36**).

Silence before men prepared the way for deliverance from God.

Jesus Before His Accusers. (**Matthew 27:12-14**).

“And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.” Jesus did not argue with mockers. His silence fulfilled prophecy (**Isaiah 53:7**) and demonstrated trust in the Father’s will. Silence in truth often speaks louder than defense.

Not every challenge requires a response. Silence can protect the heart and testimony. God fights battles we refuse to argue.”

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”—**Exodus 14:14**.