

Be Still.....Until!

At times it takes greater faith to be still than to fight forward. We must learn both to see, and to know that He is God, and He is good even while we wait.

Letting Go

Luke 17:26-33

New Living Translation

26 “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. 27 In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 “And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building— 29 until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home. 32 Remember what happened to Lot’s wife! 33 If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.

- In order to fit our lives into His we must let go of our love for this world.
- Suitcase illustration.

An Invitation to Rest

Matthew 11:27-29

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27 “My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- If the Son has revealed the Father to you then rest and revelation are yours to have if you'll come.
- Stillness illustration

"Be Still"

Be - A command to release our being to him, to become united in Him through obedience to following His words or command. He will never ask us to be something in which He has not already supplied the ability. When He commands us to be something He plans on His word to be completed and called good. He said let there be light, and there was light, and he called it good. When God tells us to be something he is breaking the mould, he is taking us from one state of being, to another state of being. Whatever proceeds the word "be" will become our next condition. Be fruitful, be holy, be faithful.

Still -

Proverbs 8:29

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29 I was there when he set the limits of the seas,
so they would not spread beyond their boundaries.
And when he marked off the earth's foundations,

- Stillness is a boundary, a space set aside that separates movement.

Job 26:7

New Living Translation

7 God stretches the northern sky over empty space
and hangs the earth on nothing.

- Stillness is to remain in the place or position you were set.

To be still is to:

- stop motion
- to avoid trouble
- to await the next order
- to come back under the authority of God
- to stop your activity and enter rest
- to remain in place so that you will intersect an appointment with a blessing
- to die to your own will

Be still.....until you know!

Psalm 46

For the choir director: A song of the descendants of Korah, to be sung by soprano voices.[a]

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
- 2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
- 3 Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! Interlude
- 4 A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.
- 5 God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.
- 6 The nations are in chaos,
and their kingdoms crumble!
God's voice thunders,
and the earth melts!
- 7 The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel[b] is our fortress. Interlude
- 8 Come, see the glorious works of the Lord:
See how he brings destruction upon the world.
- 9 He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world.”

11 The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude

To know is to:

- To have a knowledge of who God is.
- To have a knowledge of God's word.
- To be aware that we are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge.
- To be aware but there is a way that seems right to a man but the end is destruction.

Be still.....until you see!

Exodus 14:10-18

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10 As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, 11 and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? 12 Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

13 But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. 14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

Escape through the Red Sea

15 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! 16 Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground. 17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will charge in after the

Israelites. My great glory will be displayed through Pharaoh and his troops, his chariots, and his charioteers. 18 When my glory is displayed through them, all Egypt will see my glory and know that I am the Lord!”

To see is to:

- To have a faithful expectation to observe Deliverance.
- To use eyes alone, hands-off! You see with your eyes and not with your hands.
- To be watchful and prepared to give God glory for what's about to happen.
- Seeing is also knowing, knowing that we are about to see something spectacular in the spiritual/invisible realm be released into the visible/natural. God's invisible resources and power are about to be made known for all to see in your situation.

3 Daily Steps to Stillness

Be filled - Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-20

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18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be transformed - Soul

Romans 12:1-2

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A Living Sacrifice to God

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.[b]

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you

into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Be in good health - Body

3 John 2

New King James Version

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

1 Timothy 4:8

New Living Translation

8 "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."