

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

When God Seems Silent

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PSALM 13:1-6 NKJV

How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me? ² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *Having* sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the *sleep of death*; ⁴ Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. ⁵ But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. ⁶ I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

TRUTH

In The blink of an eye everything can change. Enjoy the moment you are in right now. - Anon

We need to look at our own
lives

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 NKJV

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal

QUESTION

Is there anything here
on earth that I love
more than God?

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 NIV

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. **29** For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. **30** That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

We need to accept the
sovereignty of God

DEFINITION

Sovereignty- supreme
power or authority

TRUTH

God knows
things that we
don't yet
understand

JEREMIAH 29:11– 13 NKJV

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

TRUTH

We need to delve
into God's word in
times of perceived
silence

PSALM 19:11 NKJV

¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

PSALM 119:105

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

PSALM 119:97

97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

TRUTH

We need to realize that silence can also
be a call to intimacy with God

1 KINGS 19:11-13 NKJV

¹¹ Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 KINGS 19:11-13 NKJV

13 So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

OSWALD CHAMBERS:

When you cannot hear God, you will find that He has trusted you in the most intimate way possible - with absolute silence, not a silence of despair, but one of pleasure, because He saw you could withstand an even bigger revelation.

OLD PROVERB

The darkest
hour is
just before the
dawn

QUOTE

"God may not always answer the prayers we want, but He will answer the prayers we need."-PQ