

Psalm 46: 10a

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SELAH, PAUSE, REFLECT AND KNOW

I. The fearful occasion.

- A. Many troubles in the lives of God's people (and His church) arise from the enemy called the world.
 - 1. The world sometimes attacks with fierce anger, mocking, ridiculing and persecuting.
 - 2. And the world sometimes attacks with sweet allurements.
- B. Satan and his host are behind every scheme and every attack to bring sin into the church and in saints.
- C. In addition, God is pleased to put afflictions into the lives of His people and church (Ps. 44:9ff; Acts 14:22; Heb. 12:7).

II. God issues the necessary command: "Be still."

- A. The implication is that we want to be active in fixing the problem and the cause of our pain and sorrow.
 - 1. We fear that God has forgotten to be love us.
 - 2. We claim the right to know why.
- B. Not that we be like stones.
- C. Rather the command calls us to be quiet in body and in mind.
 - 1. This is the opposite of being restless and fretful, fearful and impatient.
 - 2. Our silence means that I decide no more to blame and condemn God, nor to accuse Him of being unfair (Ps. 39:1,3,9).
 - 3. And our silence is a positive consent or agreement.

III. The reason for being silent is to remember and know that God is God!

- A. Being silent implies the humble realization that I am naturally foolish.
 - 1. We acknowledge that we are only a creature in the hands of the Creator/Potter Who is fashioning us.
 - 2. Our knowledge must arise out of the Scriptures.
- B. Know that He is God!
 - 1. "God" is the supreme One Who is filled with every perfection and is infinitely so.
 - 2. This God is in control of ALL things (greatest and the smallest) with only perfect wisdom and the greatest love.
 - 3. AND He is our refuge and strength, our ever present help!
- C. Because He is God, we keep still before Him!