

Why God is Silent?

1. To get our undivided attention.
2. Unconfessed sin.
3. We are not ready to listen to Him.
4. He's teaching us to trust Him.
5. He wants us to distinguish between his voice and the voice of others.
6. God's silence does not mean he's not at work.
7. To bring us into a deeper understanding of Himself.
8. Sometimes He just wants us in his presence instead of only when we need or want things.

Silent moments occur often just before God will show us something great.

Psalm 22:1-2 KJV

[1] My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? [2] O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

Psalm 28:1 KJV

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Psalm 83:1 KJV

Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

Psalm 109:1-2 KJV

[1] Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; [2] For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

How DO we respond to God's Silence?

1. Disappointment
2. Discouragement
3. Doubt
4. Guilt
5. Anger
6. Distant (seperation)
7. Fear

Job 30:20 KJV

I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

How SHOULD we respond to God's Silence?

God's silence is good for us, he doesn't want us only when we want him to do something.

1. We should ask why.
2. Remember His silence does not mean He is not acting on our behalf.
3. We should trust Him that what He's doing is for our best.
4. Expect that He is drawing us into a more intimate relationship with Him.
5. Respect the right of sovereign God to be quiet when he chooses.
6. We should read His word - Keep seeking him prayer until a breakthrough.

Habakkuk 1:13 KJV

[13] Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Isaiah 57:11 KJV

[11] And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?