

Be Still, Know That I Am God

Psalm 46:10
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God made us to be active and involved. He gave us intelligence and creative ability, and look how far we have come. We have built major metropolitan centers of commerce, education, and government; cities which never sleep. We have invented rocket ships and jet planes and computers and TV's. The din of our progress stretches toward deafening proportions.

Not only did God make us intelligent and creative, but He gave us emotions. We can love and hate, and we can communicate our emotions as well as our thoughts effectively. We can talk, and whisper, and holler. We can sing.

God gave all these wonderful gifts out of which we can develop a sense of who we are and out of which grow our confidence and our independence. Having done all this for us, He said in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." What can this mean? Do His words contradict His creation?

I am reminded of what the apostle Paul said to the Philippians about our responsibility in regard to our salvation. There are some things we have to do to be saved. Listen to Paul in Philippians 2:12. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling;.." My friend, if you want to be saved there are some things you have to do. If you don't know what they are, or if you are not sure if you need to be saved, you had better get busy using what God gave you in order to find out, and then be active in doing what you must do. But, there is a delicate balance here. Let's reread that verse in Philippians and continue with verse 13. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

The delicate balance is maintained in remembering that God is Creator and we are the created. He made us, and in some things we are partners with God. But He is always Master and you and I are always servants. He is always Teacher and we are always students. He is the Father. We are His children.

We need to be busy, actively engaged in using the talents He gave us. Creating, tearing down, rebuilding, transporting and communicating. And, yes, working out our own salvation. None of the rest means anything if we are not saved from sins. And, in all of this hubbub of doing, we will be noisy. It can't be avoided. But there is one thing of which we must never lose sight. We can never allow the noise of our own being drown out God. Be still, and *know* that *He* is God. We have no greater need, no higher duty, no more noble activity, than to know that He is our God.