

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, May 28, 2020
Habakkuk 2:20

“The Lord is in his holy temple; Let all the earth keep silence.”

We live in a noisy world. With email, texting, social media and new apps it's hard to find a moment's quiet. This is to say nothing of the chatter of talking heads rattling endlessly on our preferred news outlets. I remember having to wait until 6 o'clock to get my one hour daily dose of the day's events. Today, we can hear their noise 24/7. And somehow, we've been conditioned to believe that we simply cannot do without this constant incoming noise. I confess, it's hard to ignore the ping alerting me to a text, the vibrating pulse letting me know there's a call coming in or the beep-beeping of the microwave notifying me my burrito is ready. Determined to take a break from the noise I got in my pickup to head for hills, only to hear yet another buzzer reminding me to put my seatbelt on. Noise, noise, noise!

The Lord calls for silence. “Let all the world keep silence before Him.” Silence to consider the Lord in His holy temple. Silence to contemplate glory of God - the wonder of His mysterious ways so far beyond ours, the beauty of His holiness imparted to us, the magnitude of His power for us, the perfection of His purposes through us, the justice of His fierce wrath against us, the mystery of the grace of Him who dwelt among us, the majesty his Son, the radiance of the glory of God, who gave His life to save us! I invite you, if even just for a moment today, to silence the noise and contemplate Jesus. Here's what you'll notice when you do. The silencing of noise will beget the silence of awe. Like holding your newborn in your arms for the first time or overlooking the vastness of the Grand Canyon leaves you breathless, contemplating the glory of God will leave you in awe-full silence.

Has all the noise gotten you wound up? Have current events gotten you fired up? Please, dear brothers and sisters, be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:2, 10).

Grateful,
Pastor Ben