

The Chamber Of Silence

11) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
12) And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.
(Amos 8:11-12)

Outside the city of Seattle in Redmond, Washington, lies the sprawling Microsoft empire, owned by billionaire Bill Gates. A few years back, Mr. Gates hired the world's leading designers and architects to build a lab research facility referred to as an anechoic chamber. The Guinness World Book of Records recognizes the chamber as the quietest room on earth. By all modern mathematics and scientific understanding, the decibel numbers reflect that the room is the closest structure mankind can scientifically achieve. There is a zero level of sound available—the closest to a vacuum of sound capable of human interventions. The designer's effort and financial investment for such a room are unparalleled for our modern era.

The Quiet Game?

For the record, there is one more chamber in America similar to the anechoic chamber at Microsoft. This specific chamber allows visitors to tour and experience a world without sound. To put it mildly, it is by all reports an unforgettable experience. The average time spent within the chamber is merely 30-45 seconds. Some have stayed inside the chamber for 15-30 minutes. The known record for endurance is 55 minutes and achieved only once to date. For most, however, 30-60 seconds is the maximum time spent inside the world of silence. Why? The adventure is too unnerving and even frightening to endure for very long. Every movement of the body is magnified beyond the level of tolerance. From the turning of the head to the beating of the heart, even the usual or measured instincts of breathing are magnified in the ears far beyond a comfortable level. Clapping of the hands is an eerie and uncomfortable experience. A vacuum of sound is diametrically opposed to any natural or physically healthy human being. The experience is so life-changing many desire never to attempt it again. You can hear the inner workings of the human anatomy as if it is exploding inside of your brain. The noise of silence is deafening in a vacuum of sound.

Deaf, Dumb, Blind

Due to the complete absence of overt reverberations from sound waves, speaking loudly is not encouraged. The words are not as discerning as in a world of sound waves and the intolerable effect of the noise created. For sensory effects, often the lights are turned off inside the chamber, and visitors attempt to walk around the room. Without a sound, and now without light, the chamber becomes a world all of its own. Scientists refer to the experience as total darkness and zero sound. Only the deaf, dumb, and blind would experience anything akin to this level of activity. Stumbling and falling is the typical response in the anechoic chamber once the lights have been turned out. Balance while walking proves to be an impossible attempt without sound and light.

A Desolate Landscape!

The Word of God reveals to us by warning us over and over again of the dangers concerning a world without sound. The famine of famines. Voices today that are indescribable sounds. An unclear and uncertain language as it were—an unnatural sound to the spiritual man. Verse 11 of Amos chapter 8 reflects the last day's prosperity of bread and water. However, verse 12 further describes the despairing search for a word, a voice, a certain sound from God for spiritual balance, direction, and strength. The famine shall take its toll on many. From the conclusion of Malachi, where God posed seven

interrogatives to Israel to persuade them to turn, until the beginning of Matthew at the birth of Christ, there was a 400 year period wherein no prophecies or unctions were spoken nor recorded in writing. These years are officially considered by scholars as the 400 silent years, where God did not speak.

Imagine being connected to a church or its history, that for 400 years, nobody had heard any divine sound from heaven. By the time John the Baptist had finally broken the silence through preaching the message of repentance and the ultimate announcement of the Messiah, religion was in chaos and confusion. For 400 years, the priesthood had led the people further into spiritual darkness. The law was perverted beyond recognition. Corruption abounded in Judaism. Jesus Christ spent his entire earthly ministry combating the deep-state evil of the Jew's corrupt religion, only to personally and ultimately be targeted for death by the leaders of Judaism. The secular world, through wickedness in high places of government, was mandating infanticide by targeting all Jewish males two years of age and under. Without argument, the silent years of a vacuum of God in their midst contributed to the violence, corruption, compromising, and apostasy.

Let Him Hear

How much the more should we be thankful for every single message, from every single man of God, that will dare preach the timely word unto us today. That clear note. That certain sound that penetrates and breaks the veil or barrier of silence. That firebrand of a preacher brings healing to the world of silence. That brings deliverance from the chaotic world of unnatural sounds. The real men of God are connected to the throne room of heaven and deliver the fresh spiritual manna from above. It is paving the way for those that have ears so that they may hear again. He that hath an ear let him hear in Jesus' name. God break the famine with a spiritual sound from above. The law of the Spirit teaches us the principle of hearing in John 3:8. The wind blows where it desires, and thou hearest the sound thereof. Connected to our speaking ability is our ability to hear.

The Noise of Silence

There is a man in our local church that suffers from a severe stuttering handicap. After many tests through the years, doctors and researchers finally enrolled him into a state-sponsored testing program. In short, they temporarily attached a medical device inside his ears. The final results determined that slowing down what he was hearing improved his speech dramatically. The doctors claimed that he heard sound much faster than he was able to speak. The nerve's interactivity connecting

hearing to speech was damaging his ability to speak properly. The pilot program is still ongoing; however, by putting a natural structure and order to his sound or hearing, his ability to speak was more discerning and natural. We speak what we hear. God break the famine of hearing that we might speak thy word more clearly. Revive, restore, and heal us, that we might hear and understand the clear and certain apostolic sound in our midst again today.

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