

A time to keep silent
&
A time to speak

1 Kings 18:1-19

A time to keep silent

- God hid Elijah at the brook Cherith (1Kings 17:3)
- God hid Obadiah in the house of Ahab (1Kings 18:3)
- God hid 100 of his prophets in a cave (1Kings 18:4)
- Why does God call us to ministry in silence?
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- Why does God call us to ministry in silence?
 - Silence is a byproduct of faith (Ex. 14:14; Ps. 131:2)
 - Silence is a vehicle for preservation, provision, & protection (Ps. 17:8; 27:5; Prov. 17:27-28; 29:11; Mark 9:9)
 - Silence is a means of judgment on rebellion or unbelief (1Sam. 3:1; 28:6; Lk. 9:5; Matt. 13:10-14; Rev. 8:1)

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- When does God call us to ministry in silence?
 - God calls his people to lead a quiet life (1Thess. 4:11-12; 1Tim. 2:1-3; Rom. 12:18)
 - When it is a result of the fear of God and not the fear of man (1Kings 18:3; Prov. 29:25; Ps. 25:12; 118:6)

A time to speak

- Elijah was call to speak to Ahab (1Kings 18:1, 17-19)
- Isaiah could not keep silent (Is. 62:1)
- Jeremiah could not keep silent (Jer. 20:9)
- Paul could not keep silent (Acts 18:9)
- The disciples of Jesus could not keep silent (Lk. 19:39)

A time to speak

- Why do we speak up?
 - It is a part of our commission (Mark 16:15; Rom. 10:14-15)
- When do we speak up
 - When we are motivated by love for others rather than love of self (Eph. 4:15)
 - When we are moved by the Spirit of God rather than our own flesh (Matt. 10:16-20; Lk. 12:11-12)