

On The Road To Emmaus

As we walk on the appointed path of this life there are many shiny distractions and much noise. I am not just speaking of the secular world around us but rather of the religious hucksters and charlatans that call out to us. They thrive on confusion and noise.

It is so easy for us to get lost in this religious cacophony and become uncertain, unsteady and confused. We become confused about what we believe. We become uncertain about our standing before God and unsteady in our daily walk. We begin to feel that God alone is not enough.

Scripture calls us to be a people who are quiet and still before Him. God is not impressed by the continual whirling noisy nature of our lives and worship. Note what the Scripture says: *"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!"* (Ps 37:7 ESV)

"For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling," (Isa 30:15 ESV)

"It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." (Lam 3:26 ESV)

I think of the following hymn penned by Gerard Moultrie in 1864:

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.*

Are you waiting with patience and quietness before the King of kings today?

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