

No longer silent

Intro:

Mal 3:1; 4:5-6

The famous Christmas Carol Silent night is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. Ironically amid all the legends of its writing and the exultation of its notes we miss the main irony of the song:

Silent night is about the night God was no longer silent

after that God was silent for 400 years...until Christmas

Problem:

Behold the sound of that silent night

Lk 1:5-23 it wasn't the angel speaking to a doubting priest

Lk 1:26-33 it wasn't the sound of an angel speaking to a young girl

Lk 2:8-14 nor was it the sound of a multitude of angels heard by forgotten shepherds

Luke 2:15-16 none of that broke the silence like the cries of God Himself using tiny lungs for the first time

Matt 1:22-23 - Behold the sound of that silent night - Immanuel God with us.

Last week we learned how He is still with us (Rom 8:1-30)

This week we will learn what it means (Rom 8:31-39)

Main Idea:

Behold the significance of that silent night

Behold the solace of that silent night

Behold the security of that silent night

Implication:

Behold the savior of that silent night

Col 1:15-20

Application:

Behold the sound of that silent night

Do you hear what I hear?

Behold the significance of that silent night

rejoice

Behold the the solace of that silent night

its a new and glorious morn

Behold the security of that silent night

Fall on your knees!

Behold the savior of that silent night

Oh, Come let us adore Him!

Articles for further study:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/it-was-not-a-silent-night/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/the-manger-on-moriah/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/gen-22-christmas.pdf>

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Text:

Behold the significance of that silent night (rejoice)

Rom. 8:31 ¶ What then shall we say to **these things**? If God is for us, **who can be against us**?

Rom. 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Rom 5:1-11 (the circumstances of Christmas- came to die); Rom 8:1-4 (the result)

Ps 118:5-9 (who can be against us- one with God is a majority Elisha (2 kings 6:15-17))

(32) gen 22:1-19 (-> John 3:16 (He - only He did not spare His own Son))

Isa 53:10 (NASB nevertheless God was pleased to crush Him)

*Rom 8:28 (Behold the significance of that silent night -
(Christmas should make you confident))*

Behold the solace of that silent night (its a new and glorious morn)

Rom. 8:33 **Who shall bring any charge** against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Rom. 8:34 **Who is to condemn**? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—**who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

Zech 3:1-3 (the solace of that silent night is not in potential but in forensic reality)

Heb 1:3-4, 13; 8:1; 10:11-14; 12:1-2 (what does this mean?)

Matt 28:18 (He has all authority)

Heb 7:25 (not only there Father but also the Son is for us);

*Rom 8:26-27 (all 3 for us - Behold the solace of that silent night
(Christmas should make you convicted))*

Behold the security of that silent night (fall on you knees)

Rom. 8:35 **Who shall separate** us from **the love of Christ**? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom. 8:36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

Rom. 8:37 ¶ No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors (hyper nikao 1x abundantly victorious)** through him who loved us.

Rom. 8:38 For **I am sure (perfect -I have been convinced)** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom. 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to **separate** us from **the love of God** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ps 44 (behold the insecurity of His silence)

2 Cor 4:7-16; 6:3-10; 11:21-29; 12:10 (behold the security - what changed)

*Rom 8:18 (the night was silent no more -Behold the security of that silent night)
(Christmas should make you courageous)*