

# Be still and know that I am God. (Quality: very good)

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[ 0 : 00 ] When these words fell upon my spirit this morning, immediately there followed the chapter that I have read this evening.

When we come to think of our soul's salvation, it must repose itself in these words, be still and know that I am God.

By the teaching of the Spirit, everyone is brought to the end of all things and to a state verging on hopelessness as well as helplessness.

Under these circumstances, they may well describe their experience of soul as being at their wit's end and knowing not what to do.

We then read those encouraging words in Isaiah's prophecy, Look unto me, or the ends of the earth, and be ye saved, for I am God, and there is none else.

[ 1 : 46 ] Whilst in many things we may be called upon to be still and know that the Lord is God, yet, certainly, in the matter of our soul's salvation, we shall be called upon to do just what the scripture here declares.

if we are able to be still, it will often produce a restfulness in our own spirits.

And if we are able to be still, by the grace of God, and be satisfied to view the work of God manifested in Jesus Christ, will that not also bring rest to our spirits?

We have in the prophecy of Isaiah, oh they'll tossed with tempest and not comforted.

It is a description which is just the reverse of being still. And under these circumstances and feelings, one may come to a conclusion that they never can be still.

[ 3 : 30 ] But our God is one that spoke to the winds and the waves and said to them, Peace, be still.

It is the same almighty God that comes into the soul, tossed with tempest and not comforted, and says, Be still.

And where the word of a king is, there is power. And yet sometimes, we become still, by something suddenly appearing and attracting our attention.

So to speak, that which takes us out of ourselves. Now the cross of Christ, revealed by the power of the Spirit, will take us out of ourselves.

And therefore we shall be still. Just forgetting at the moment, all the winds and the waves, which provoked and raised so many things that produced the tempest and the tossing, the uncertainty and the fears, the anxiety and the distresses.

[ 5 : 05 ] But it is God's work. God's work in us, when we may see God's work for us.

Well now, with the help of God, we will pursue this line of things. Be still and know that I am God. God's work for us.

My own arm brought salvation. What is our feeling? What has been our feeling?

In respect to our own salvation. You know, it does not mean to say that because years ago we felt quite settled about our own salvation.

We had a comfortable hope that Christ had died for us. That we should never come into a place where the devil will blow, as he did in Job's day, blow and bring up a tempest.

[ 6 : 22 ] And in bringing up a tempest will produce many fears and disquietude in our souls.

And because of the surroundings, we shall have quite forgotten all that God had spoken, so occupied with the fears that now possessed us, so occupied with the environment into which we were now plunged.

And our faith seemed to be at a low end. Our hope seemed to be perished from the Lord. And all this just added to our agitation.

How mighty is that power that comes to us and says, be still and know that I am God.

I am God that hath spoken. Be still and consider. Be still and let your prayer be answered.

[ 7 : 48 ] Holy Spirit, calm my mind. If our mind isn't calm, we can't think about anything straightly.

And we cannot meditate upon anything properly. But God is able to come and say, be still and know that I am God.

And this is the first intimation perhaps under the present experience experience that we might discover this glorious truth. Who is this that even the winds and the waves obey him?

But in looking at these words, we would regard them in the light of the Lord Jesus Christ being the surety of his people.

people. If our sins have been real to us, so will our condemnation have been real. And how shall we be delivered from condemnation?

[ 9 : 05 ] In the Romans we have these words, who is he that condemneth? There will not be wanting those that will attempt to condemn.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died. Even that he has risen again. Be still and know that I am God.

Christ proved his Godhead when he rose from the dead. In so many incidents, particularly toward the end of the Lord's life upon earth, it would appear that the enemies of God were gaining the ascendancy.

and undoubtedly when the Lord Jesus cried with a loud voice, it is finished.

There were many that did not understand those words at all. Doubtless they would have interpreted them as meaning that all was finished, his work was never completed.

[ 10 : 31 ] he went out to be somebody and like so many other people had come to nothing. But it was not so.

And those that have the faith of Jesus Christ will observe as they are still. They are still. They know that this is God.

Now in our reading there was the reference made to the Lord Jesus in Gethsemane's garden. If the Spirit of God should give us faith to behold that scene and to link it with these words, be still and know that I am God.

God. And therefore I must overcome. Satan with all his great host must be defeated.

did. What has Satan and his great host done to you and me sometimes? Indeed it hasn't needed grace Satan and his great host.

[ 11 : 53 ] even even one of his fallen angels might have played havoc with us. But now we see the Lord of life and of glory in Gethsemane's garden sweating as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground.

many may see the outward form may see the humanity or shall I say a human person but can we really believe and see that this is almighty God doing what?

Bringing about the greatest work that were he ever engaged upon. It was a great work when he created the world.

It was a great work when the new creation the new birth was brought forth. But here may we not say is the greatest of his works the work of redemption which none but God could accomplish.

Oh be still. Be still when your sins surround you. Be still when your unbelief is dragging you down to the borders of the pit.

[ 13 : 40 ] Be still when infidelity rides high and the thought is rampant in your carnal mind. There is no God.

Be still and know that I am God before your very eyes. It is a view of God in Christ that will settle our atheism.

it is a view of God in Christ that will put unbelief to flight. And here we find in their sacred spot this sacred spot called Gethsemane a place to which the Lord himself had often resorted.

And only he knew that this would be the place where he would be betrayed into the hands of wicked men.

Mr. Hart gives a view of Gethsemane in these words. Here they oft conversing sat or might join with Christ in prayer.

[ 15 : 10 ] Oh what blessed devotions that when the Lord himself is there. All things to them seem to agree to endear Gethsemane.

And this is one side of the scene in Gethsemane. And we may often look at the pleasant side of communion with Christ as well we might and be thankful for it.

But then come at length the dreadful night vengeance with its iron rod stood and with collected might bruised the harmless son of God the lamb of God see my soul thy saviour see groveling in Gethsemane.

we shall find an echo in our souls with this line if we found an echo at other times with another line in our hymn book look how we grovel here below and we need a saviour that will come down to that level and so we shall find some wonderful view of our saviour groveling in Gethsemane having to come down into the filth and the mire of the earth in order that he might lift up his church and exalt them on high be still with amazement to see my saviour sunk so low surely we shall be still both with amazement and astonishment to see my saviour in the place that

I have been in not a sinful man oh no not a sinful man but coming down to that place in order that he might overcome the sin that makes us grovel on the ground the sin that brings us down so low the sin that makes us earth bound be still with amazement and with astonishment to see my Lord sunk so low at the same time and know that I am God we come into places we are immediately contaminated by the sin surrounding us the

[ 18 : 38 ] Lord came into this sinful world and he was never contaminated he could touch the leper but he was never contaminated with the leprosy he he can put forth his hand and touch a sinner and yet not be contaminated with their sin oh be still and know that I am God paying the penalty enduring the cross seeking to meet the debt of his whole church in Gethsemane upon the cross here we may well pause oh that we may pause more often and be still and know that this is God very

God and very man that was in the garden that was on the cross the fact that men seemed to be doing what they liked the fact that he was betrayed into the hand of sinners the fact that he was spit upon and scorned and set at naught in no way was to detract from that which was to be given to the faith of the people of God be still and know that I am God an example of this is given from time to time for example on one occasion he answered their question or his question to them whom seek ye they said

Jesus of Nazareth he said I am he the almighty God the flesh of almighty power and they fell to the ground oh be still and know that I am God if we are led by the spirit of God into the garden of Gethsemane and get some little idea on how little it will be of the Lord's sufferings there enduring the vengeance of God against sin justice following him hard to heal all the things that were the dreadful enemies that seem to be the condemnation of our souls be still here is salvation

Jodah said salvation is of the Lord the psalmist says here salvation is of the Lord be still and know that I am God as we have already mentioned my own arm brought salvation but then we may pass on to consider this point a demonstration that Jesus Christ was God is made that he can forgive sin all power is given unto me in heaven and on earth what do we see then on the cross what do we hear those words which are truly remarkable and may have their application sometimes to ourselves father forgive them for they know not what they do you know

Andrew Boner he has a line in regard to or upon the words crucify him crucify him and he says I it seemed that I heard my voice above the rest and can it be that having such an enmity to God joining with greater vehement with the shouting of the crowd crucify him away with him and we should clearly hear our voice above the rest that we should also hear those unforgettable words penetrating our souls father forgive them for they know not what they do be still and know that I am

[ 24 : 09 ] God only God could pray unto God God our advocate and intercessor could pray unto almighty God to forgive these poor people now be still and know that I am God we see in the next place his pity his pity doubtless there would be many people with an emotional wisdom that would feel pity for the Lord Jesus Christ but how much pity he bestowed upon those particularly near at hand but in respect to the whole church in all ages like as a father pitieth his children so the

Lord pitieth them that fear him and can we read this into these precious words father forgive them for they know not what they do how many things have we done unwittingly not realizing the consequences not realizing the seriousness of the matter what compassion then is found in the Lord Jesus Christ compassion which belongs to God alone human compassion wonderful though that is can never be compared with God's compassion and so we have every reason to be still and know that I am

God it is a setting forth of God's compassion has God been compassionate to you and to me how deep has that compassion been how needful has it been to be deep and his compassion was not just in word only it was not just looking on with a tenderness of eyes so to speak but it was a compassion that demanded action that compassion was moved by love and that compassion demonstrated that this was the almighty God suffering for poor and wretched and lost sinners can we find ourselves then sometimes torn asunder because of the effect of sin upon us not the commission of sin by us but the effect of sin upon us with all its paralyzing effects so that we're not able to do the things that we would and the very things that we would that we would not do we find that we do be still and know that I am God who is able to deliver the needy when he crieth the poor also and him that hath no helper and do we sometimes feel like that when sin seems to have an effect upon us an adverse effect and we have no helper

I have no power the snare to shun I ever into ruin run be still and know that I am God I have laid help upon one that is mighty one chosen out of the people what a prophecy concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the almighty father having laid help upon one that is mighty the mighty son even in his weakness he was mighty for we read in the Corinthians that the weakness of God is stronger than men so then be still and know that I am God who is able to have compassion and does have compassion and then be still and know that I am

God that you may listen to those words resounding in the hearts of all the people of God the whole church saved by grace it is finished the work which my father gave me to do it is finished as we have it in the epistle to the Hebrews by one offering he sanctified forever his church one offering finished everything finished the sin of and the condemnation by sin of all the church then be still and know that I am God who has finished all the finished work of Christ it has often been the burden of

[ 30 : 37 ] Christian meditation the finished work of Christ acceptable in every way in him the father never saw the least transgression of his law that part was finished but when it was a matter of offering himself a sacrifice unto God the lamb the lamb of God then that was to finish the sin of the church to blot it out forever and in all this there is a clear demonstration and can we have a clearer that I am God so we may be still to observe it to observe the

Lord in his work we may be still as the psalmist was when he said I was dumb I open not my mouth because thou didst it a lamb before her as a lamb before her shearers is dumb so he opened not his mouth the lamb in your place and in my place shall we not be still in that respect be still in worship and in adoration if we are still outwardly we need not be still inwardly in this way that though our fears are calm there is an ecstasy in worship and in rejoicing in the

Lord Jesus Christ who has brought and giveth us the victory be still and know that I am God I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth it is written I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me and then again we read in the Acts of the Apostles that Jesus Christ was exalted for to give repentance to Israel and remission of sins here we have a further demonstration that I am God he is exalted among the heathen when Christ was exalted in our hearts or before our eyes then would we have been offended if we had been referred to as the heathen the almighty

God arose was lifted up on the cross and the heathen looked with eyes opened and declared that this is the Christ and how did they know that this was the Christ it was because they received repentance he is exalted to give repentance to Israel but were not these the godly seed surely we have much evidence in the scriptures to bear this point out that though professedly they were worshippers of God yet in respect to Jesus Christ they were heathens they had no knowledge of Jesus Christ Christ a conception a figment of their imagination but no true knowledge of

Jesus Christ but then the time came when the Lord Jesus was a light I am the light of the world the light shining in darkness just imagine your dark scene and sometimes it is a dark scene wherever you look there is darkness sometimes darkness in respect to tomorrow's doings darkness in respect to the future sometimes darkness with respect to eternity and then the light shines the hope of Israel appears the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed and not only is he revealed but he is exalted and not only is he exalted but it is for this purpose to give repentance now this is not to be considered as merely a change of mind or even a change of heart but that which comes forth from a regenerated heart and a regenerated heart will repent with love in it people may repent in the sense that they say yes

[ 36 : 41 ] I have changed my mind I have different views about Jesus Christ but you know we shall need love in our hearts to make the tears flow and repentance toward God will require love in our heart you may immediately recall to mind that Esau found no place of repentance though he sought it carefully with tears his tears were not tears of love they were tears with hatred in his heart with vengeance to upon his brother Jacob we should never find a repentance of that sort but when

Jesus Christ is exalted to give repentance then the spirit of God shows us some of the points that we've already mentioned his sufferings his intercession his compassion his pity his tenderness kindness there has never been a surety like Jesus Christ because it must be everlasting kindness on the part of Jesus Christ to stand in our place for a good man some would even dare to die the scriptures tell us how great then is that everlasting kindness of the

Lord Jesus Christ manifesting him as the almighty God that was willing to be our surety he did not take it on without knowing what it meant the scripture was well known I'm sure must have been because he is the fullness of scripture the surety shall smart for it and how the Lord Jesus Christ smarted for sin the sin of the church has he smarted the sin that has made you not naturally but spiritually by the power of the spirit weep before him weep because of his love now you see these are the secret experiences of the children of God when you're alone very often or if you're not alone you'll want to be alone to express your feelings and yet you may not find words to express your feelings things and in this you will be still and

God is revealing this to you and know that I am God there is none like unto the God of Jeshurun none at all and surely this is so much set forth when we consider what this meant who rideth upon the heaven in thy help and in his excellency on the sky the eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee and shall say destroy them now you see sometimes we may hear our dear friends observing the sweetness of the first part of this verse and it is sweet and blessed the eternal

God is thy refuge and underneath the everlasting arms but what about the time when Satan is thrusting upon you and you can't thrust him away be still be still and know that I am God he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee and shall say destroy them Israel then shall dwell in safety alone and the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine also his heavens shall drop down dew and then Moses burst forth with these words happy art thou O Israel who is like unto thee O people saved by the Lord the shield of thy help and who is the sword of thy excellency and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee and thou shalt tread upon their high places and what have thine enemies said there be many which say there is no help for him in

[ 42 : 52 ] God Lord lift thou up up the light of thy countenance upon us and the gassamist again says concerning the enemies of his soul aha so would we have it persecute and take him for God have forsaken him and if such fearful words have ever entered into our souls then we shall know what it means in its penetrating affection and we shall rejoice if these words come quietly upon us our spirit be still and know that I am God I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth that's a wonderful word not exalted in heaven although that is true but exalted in the earth exalted in the hearts of the people of

God exalted as their saviour as their redeemer as the one who has laid down his life be still and know that I am God now have we needed do we need this word to be before our minds now I hope it has not been without some purpose what has God what has the devil done to us today has he overcome us or has he got us down and intends to keep us down and there seems no way of deliverance well now be still be still and know that I am God Bunyan in his account of man's soul in the holy war you know they got into a very sad state on one or two occasions they listened to the liars and then there was an army of twenty thousand doubters that got in through one of the gates and they created havoc in man's soul but then you see they petitioned there was one man there

I just forget his name that Bunyan gives to him but he was just a man that God had put there as it were that caused the people to cry unto Emmanuel it was a question of being still because they were hemmed in be still and know that I am God and Emmanuel came and completely routed all those enemies so that if they were not cast out of the town of Mansoul they had to be quiet because Emmanuel was in residence is Emmanuel in residence in our souls or are we troubled with the enemies the liars be still and know that I am God and therefore we may pray maybe our petitions may be feeble but we may pray oh

Lord when will thou come unto me oh Lord I am oppressed and save me from the oppressor undertake for me what a word is that in the scripture undertake one who takes everything in hand and deals with it how often we need God to be an undertaker I will be exalted among the heathen the heathen in the earth and the heathen in our own hearts our carnal hearts too I will be exalted among the heathen and when I am then the desires of the newborn son out of my father's hand the sheep of the shepherd are the adopted children of God and they are

Christ therefore they will hear his voice they will be aware of his presence and being aware of his presence they will feel safe it is a blessing if we're alone or if we're in danger or if we're in fear to feel that our shepherd is near and if you've ever felt anything like that I'm not alone for God is with me the apostle said all for took me and fled but God stood by me God stood with me therefore he was not alone why because of the words that we have before us and ye are Christ the angel of the

[ 48 : 42 ] Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and about those of hope in his mercy some of you are alone alone in your own abodes what a consolation when you feel that you're not alone that Christ is with you Christ is with you through the dark nights Christ is with you even through difficult days well if this is true and your humble testimony accordingly bears it out must you not say that this word is true concerning you and ye are Christ cursley so

I encourage you to■■■■■ reads how do