

Advent : Prophecy

Be silent, Israel, and listen!

Deuteronomy 27:9

The Lord will fight for you; you
need only to be still

Exodus 14:14

Search your hearts and be silent

Psalms 4:4

The Levites calmed all the people, saying , “Be still, for this is a sacred day.”

Nehemiah 8:11

When was the last time you sat
still in silence?

In 1968 to record one hour of
undisturbed natural sound

No airplanes

No vehicles

It took 15 hours of recording time

Today to record one hour of
undisturbed natural sound

No airplanes

No vehicles

It takes 2,000 hours of recording time

183 million people hear noise levels labeled as “excessive”

How much noise do we
voluntarily subject ourselves to?

Why is silence so hard to deal
with?

Why is talking easier than listening?

Have you ever accused someone
of “listening too much” ?

We live in a fast society

Food

fast

fast Food
Access

fast Food
Access
Banking

How much activity do we
voluntarily subject ourselves to?

Why is being still so hard ?

Why is “doing” much easier than
“being” ?

Can our addiction to noise and activity leave us feeling alienated from ourselves ?

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others ?

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others ?

the earth ?

God ?

Is there a connection between the amount of noise and activity in our lives and our inability to perceive the whispers, hints, nudges from God ?

Does your schedule look like that
of a person who is anticipating
anything from God ?

Because of your To Do List are
you dreading the advent of
Christmas?

Is the noise and activity in your life ruining your ability to anticipate Christmas as you once did as a child?

Maybe the Christmas you have
always dreamed of is not going
to happen from one more party
planned

one more concert

one more book

one more sermon

one more gift

one more fruitcake

but from simply setting aside
time to wait in silence

The ancients waited 400 years in
silence and mediated on these
whispers, hints, rumours,
prophecies of the One who was
to come

“And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and
hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

But you, Bethlehem though you are
small ...

out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.

Micah 5:2

Therefore the Lord himself will
give you a sign: The virgin will
conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

He grew up before him like a
tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to
attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we
should desire him.

Isaiah 53:2

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

After those 400 years of waiting
in silence came

Luke 1: 28

