

Pastor's Thoughts of the Week

*Now we know that what things soever the law saith,
it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped,
and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:19*

How often the case we see Jesus shutting the mouth of His critics. In Matthew 22 His fiercest adversaries, the Herodians, the Saducees, and the Pharisees, "had taken counsel how they might entangle him in his talk". They were flummoxed and "no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions". And so shall it be for all of those who now construct their specious arguments against God and His Word in our unbelieving generation. They hurl invective at the Divine Savior as they wreath the mocking crown of scorn to support their fantasy that Jesus was a deluded dreamer-the son of Joseph and not the Son of the Most High. They may now hold sway over the skeptical masses but the hour soon draws nigh when "every mouth will be stopped" as they stand before God in naked isolation. The Lord will demand of them "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless."

What can we say if we live our lives in disrespect of his commandments, if we reject His tender appeals to come to Him, if we trample under foot the blood of the covenant, if we refuse to give glory to the One who granted us life. He who healed us from so many afflictions, who supplied us with every meal, who filled our lungs with oxygen, who caused our heart to beat countless times, who times without number the Holy Spirit strove and convicted the conscience but "ye would not come" to him. How many the times the voice of conscience bade "Come unto me" only to be met with impenitence and hardness of heart. What defense can be proffered? There is nothing we can say when the Almighty makes holy inquisition of our lives and we are found ungrateful and unbelieving. We who have arrogantly questioned the Everlasting God will then hear Him say: "Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me". There will be silence in heaven in that hour when God puts to silence "the ignorance of foolish men". Our text affords us a foreshadowing of that dreadful hour.

How blessed will be the outcome for the humble in heart who have visited the fountain of the water of life and have drunk freely thereof. The hour of final revelation will find them ceaselessly, fluently speaking, with mouths that can never be stopped, of the wonders of His saving grace.

Have a blessed day .

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Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17