



The Law of Silence

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Afternoon

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1.18-23

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Numbers 22: what we see in Balaam is a general attitude in mankind. That is, a disposition that constantly looks for a loophole to get around God's clear, concise, and understandable instructions. Is the silence of God permissive or prohibitive?

I. Scriptural principles for respecting God's silence

- A. Deuteronomy 4:2; Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 3:5; 14:12; Isaiah 65:1-3
- B. Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9
- C. These passages should be enough to convince us that the silence of God is _____ rather than _____.

II. How we apply this principle determines our _____ as a congregation.

- A. Apply the principle of silence to the way we practice religion.
- B. If we are permitted to introduce that which pleases us into the work & worship of the church, there is no limit to what churches can do.

III. This principle is seen in Hebrews 7.

- A. Hebrews 7:11-13 - Jesus could not serve as a _____ under Old Law.
 1. Law specified priests come from Levi & was _____ about men from any other tribe serving.
- B. Numbers 16:1-4 - Korah, Dathan, Abiram. From tribe of _____.
 1. 16:32 - what happened when they failed to honor the silence of Scripture?
- C. When God specified what was to be done...He did not have to say *any other way will not please me.*
 1. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 - Bible furnishes _____ the info we need...
 2. Apply this to instrumental music in worship
 - a. Ephesians 5:19 - God specified _____.
 - b. Colossians 3:16-17 - does He have to specifically forbid all that He does not want in worship?

IV. The Bottom Line:

- A. 2 Peter 1:3; John 16:13 - Apostles revealed to us " _____ the truth."
- B. If something is missing from the Bible, is it intentional or unintentional?
 1. If God has unintentionally omitted it, then He is not _____!
- C. God has intentionally left it out? Who are we to _____ His will?

Conclusion:

- A. How is your attitude toward God?

ANSWERS

Reuben	Direction
Override	Priest
Prohibitive	All
God	Permissive
Silent	Singing
All	

MY NOTES