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We have all been there. We turn on the news and our heart breaks at the images of war, of oppression, of corruption. Or perhaps it is far more personal. We experience a betrayal at work, a false accusation in our family, or watch a loved one suffer while the person who caused the pain seems to prosper.

We cry out in our anguish, we pray, we plead. And in response, we are often met with the one thing that feels more painful than the injustice itself: the deafening, crushing silence of God. It is in this silence that our faith begins to fray. We ask the honest, terrifying questions: "God, do You see this? Do You care? If You are all-powerful, why are You letting this happen? Why are You silent?"

This is not a new crisis. It is one of the oldest and most profound struggles of the human soul. It is the cry of Job, an innocent man, sitting in a pile of ashes, who said, "If I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him."

It is the cry of the prophet Habakkuk, who screamed, "How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save?" Habakkuk 1:2. If you feel this way, you are not a bad Christian; you are in the company of the saints. You are wrestling with the same mystery they did.

But the Bible does not just *ask* this question; it *answers* it. And the answer is one of the deepest truths of our faith. It is a truth that reframes our pain, re-anchors our hope, and gives us the strength to endure. The truth is that God's perceived silence is not, and has never been, His absence.

His stillness is not His indifference. His waiting is not His inaction. He is *not* silent on injustice. In fact, He has spoken against it more loudly than we could ever imagine.

Today, we are going to find this truth together. We are going to look into the Word and discover what God is *really* doing when the world seems to be falling apart and He seems to be nowhere to be found.

Number 1: The Misconception - Equating God's Silence with God's Absence

Our first and most critical error is a human one: we equate God's *silence* with God's *absence* or *apathy*. We are physical beings who live by our senses. If we don't *see* God moving, if we don't *hear* His voice, if we don't *feel* His presence, we assume He is not there.

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We assume that a lack of visible intervention is a lack of personal concern. But the Bible, from cover to cover, shows us a God who does His most profound work in the seasons of silence. His silence is not abandonment; it is often a sign of a deeper, hidden preparation.

Consider the 400 years of silence between the Old and New Testaments. After the prophet Malachi spoke, there was no new, inspired word from God. No prophets, no miracles. For four centuries, the nation of Israel lived under the boot of one empire after another—the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans.

Injustice was their daily bread. They must have cried out, "God, where are You? You promised a Messiah! You have forgotten us." The silence was absolute.

But was God absent? Was He indifferent? No. That 400-year silence was the **womb** in which He was preparing the "fullness of time" Galatians 4:4. He was moving empires, shifting languages making Greek the common tongue so the Gospel could spread, building Roman roads so the apostles could travel, and preparing a global stage for the single greatest event in history.

He was silent **publicly** so He could work **profoundly**. His silence was not **inaction**; it was **incubation**.

Your life is the same. The season of silence you are in right now does not mean God has walked away. It does not mean He has forgotten His promise to you. This silence may be the very thing He is using to prepare the stage for your breakthrough. He is moving pieces on the board that you cannot see. He is arranging circumstances, softening hearts, and strengthening **you** for the miracle you are praying for.

Do not mistake His silence for His absence. He is working.

Number 2: The Character of God - His Unshakable Hatred for Injustice

If we are ever in doubt about God's position on injustice, we must not look at our **circumstances**; we must look at His **character** as revealed in His Word. And the Word of God is not silent—it **roars**. The Bible is one of the most fiercely, passionately, and relentlessly pro-justice books ever written. God's very nature is just.

The entire Law given to Moses was designed to **prevent** injustice. It had laws for the fair treatment of immigrants and foreigners Exodus 22:21. It had laws to protect the poor from being exploited by the rich Deuteronomy 24:14-15. It had laws to ensure the widows and orphans, the

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most vulnerable members of society, were cared for Deuteronomy 27:19.

God's command was not just "don't be bad," but "proactively *do good* and *defend* the weak."

Then come the prophets. God sent them as His megaphones to a people who had become comfortable with "religion" while practicing injustice. Listen to God's heart:

* Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

* Isaiah 1:17: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

* Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

* Psalm 146:7-9: "He upholds the cause of the oppressed... The LORD sets prisoners free... the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down... He sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked."

This is not the portrait of a silent or indifferent God. This is a God who is passionately, fiercely *on the side* of the oppressed. He *hates* injustice. He *sees* the abuse of power. He *hears* the cry of the victim. His Word is an eternal testimony that He is not, and has never been, silent.

The question is not "Does God care?" The question is "Why is His *timing* so different from ours?" If this message inspires you, don't forget to subscribe for more Bible insights every week.

Number 3: The Agony of Habakkuk - The Struggle Between Sight and Faith

Of all the prophets, Habakkuk is the most relatable to us in these tough times. He is our patron saint of "how long?" His book does not begin with a "Thus saith the LORD." It begins with an *argument*. He stands on his watchtower, shaking his fist at the sky, and demands an answer from a God who seems silent in the face of rampant, evil injustice.

Listen to his prayer: "How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted." Habakkuk 1:2-4. Does this sound familiar? He is perfectly describing our world. He is asking *our* question.

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And God *answers* him. But the answer is not what Habakkuk wanted to hear. God doesn't say, "I'll fix it right now." He says, "I am doing something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians..." Habakkuk 1:5-6. This is a horrifying answer.

God's "solution" to the injustice of His *own people* was to send an even *more wicked, more violent* nation to judge them. This made Habakkuk's crisis even worse! He says, "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil... why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?" Habakkuk 1:13.

God's final answer to Habakkuk is the key to finding truth in tough times. He doesn't explain *why* He is using a wicked nation. He doesn't give Habakkuk the 10-point plan. He gives him a *promise* and a *command*. He says, "The righteous person will live by his faithfulness." Habakkuk 2:4.

God's answer to the problem of injustice and silence is *faith*. It is a call to stop walking by *sight* which sees only the wicked prospering and to start walking by *faith* which trusts the unseen character and sovereignty of God. God was not silent;

He was giving Habakkuk a *revelation* instead of a *rescue*, knowing that a revelation of His character is the only thing that can sustain us when the rescue is delayed.

Number 4: The Cross - God's Loudest "NO" to Injustice

If there is one moment in history where the accusation "God is silent on injustice" seems most true, it is the cross. It is the six hours that Jesus of Nazareth, the only truly innocent, righteous, and loving man to ever live, hung on a Roman execution stake.

He was betrayed by his friend, denied by his leader, falsely accused by religious leaders, beaten by soldiers, mocked by crowds, and abandoned by His followers. This was the pinnacle of human injustice. Every form of evil—religious, political, social, and personal—converged on one man.

And in that moment, God the Father *was* silent. So silent that Jesus Himself cried out the words of the Psalmists: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46. This is the blackest moment of silence in the history of the cosmos.

But here is the profound, earth-shattering truth: God was *not* silent on injustice. He was *judging* it. God did not remain distant from our suffering; He *entered* it and *became* it. On the cross, God the Father was pouring out His infinite, holy, and just wrath against *all* injustice—against every act of oppression,

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every false word, every act of violence, every betrayal—and He poured it onto His Son. The cross was not God *tolerating* injustice; it was God *condemning* it in the most violent and costly way imaginable.

The cross is God's loudest, most definitive, and eternal "NO" to evil. It is God's declaration that He sees injustice so clearly and hates it so much that He would rather *die* than let it go unpunished. He did not remain silent; He *absorbed* the full force of all injustice into Himself.

And the resurrection, three days later, is His final, triumphant *verdict*: Injustice does not get the last word. Death does not get the last word. The wicked do *not* ultimately win. The silence of that "Holy Saturday" was just the pause before the greatest "YES" in history. The tomb was not a period; it was a comma.

Number 5: The Joseph Principle - God's Purpose in the Dark

Even knowing God's character and the power of the cross, it is still hard to live in the "in-between," when our injustice is happening *now* and the resurrection-level victory seems far away. This is where we must learn the "Joseph Principle." No one in the Bible, apart from Jesus, endured more prolonged, personal injustice than Joseph.

Look at the list. He was hated by his brothers out of jealousy. He was thrown into a pit and left to die. He was sold into slavery. He was trafficked to a foreign land. He served faithfully, only to be *falsely accused* of attempted rape by Potiphar's wife. He was thrown into prison *without a trial*.

In prison, he faithfully served and helped the cupbearer, who then *forgot him* for two more full years. For thirteen years, Joseph's life was a testament to "injustice wins." God was utterly silent. There was no rescue, no vindication.

But was God working? He was working more in Joseph's "dark" than He ever did in his "light." In the silence, God was *forging* a leader. In the pit, He was teaching humility. In slavery, He was teaching administration. In the prison, He was teaching patience and reliance on God alone.

Every single act of injustice was a *necessary step* in the staircase God was building to place Joseph second-in-command of Egypt, to fulfill the very dream that had started all the trouble.

The "truth in tough times" that Joseph learned is what he spoke to his brothers years later, in one of the most powerful summaries of God's sovereignty: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20. He saw that God's "silence" was not *indifference*; it was *providence*.

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God was **weaving** the black threads of his brothers' sin into the golden tapestry of His redemptive plan.

The injustice you are facing right now may be the very thing God is using to **qualify** you for the destiny He has **prepared** for you. He is not silent; He is **working**. If this message inspires you, don't forget to subscribe for more Bible insights every week.

Number 6: The Eternal Perspective - When Justice Is Delayed, Not Denied

One of the greatest sources of our anguish is our perspective. We live our lives with a 70- or 80-year lens. We want justice **now**. We want vindication **in this life**. And when we see the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer, our faith is shaken because our timeline is too small.

God's timeline is eternal. And in His economy, justice **delayed** is not the same as justice **denied**.

The Apostle Peter addresses this directly. People were mocking, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Everything's been the same since the beginning!" 2 Peter 3:4. They were, in effect, accusing God of being silent on the world's injustice. Peter's answer is profound: "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:8-9.

God's "silence" is not **indifference**; it is **mercy**. He is giving the **oppressor** time to **repent**. This is a terrible and beautiful truth. He is holding back final judgment in the hopes that even the one causing the injustice might turn and be saved. This is the radical love of God that is so foreign to our human desire for immediate vengeance.

But make no mistake: a day of reckoning **is coming**. The Bible is unequivocally clear that all accounts will be settled. Revelation 20 describes a Great White Throne, where every person will stand before God and "each person was judged according to what they had done."

Every act of secret injustice, every lie, every act of oppression will be brought into the light and judged perfectly. And Revelation 21 promises a New Heaven and New Earth where God "will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." This is our ultimate hope. Justice **will** be done. It will either be paid for by the blood of

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Christ for those who repent or paid for by the person in eternity for those who do not. No one gets away with anything.

Number 7: Our Divine Commission - We Are God's Answer to Silence

This leads us to the final, most challenging, and most empowering truth. We cry out to God, "Why are you silent? Why don't you *do* something?" And God, in many cases, is looking right back at His Church and saying, "I *did* do something. I created *you*."

We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are His hands, His feet, His *mouthpiece*. God is often "silent" because His chosen method of speaking against injustice is *through us*. We are God's "Plan A" for confronting evil in the world. When we see injustice and *we* are silent, we are participating in the very silence we are accusing God of.

The command of Micah 6:8—"to act justly and to love mercy"—was not a suggestion. It was our *commission*. We are the ones who are supposed to be "defending the oppressed" and "pleading the case of the widow." We are the ones called to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" Proverbs 31:8.

Perhaps the tough time you are in, or the injustice you are witnessing, is not a *test* of your faith, but an *assignment* for your faith.

Like Esther, who was placed in a position of power in a corrupt kingdom, you may be in your position "for such a time as this" Esther 4:14. You are God's *answer*. Your voice is His voice. Your action is His action. God is not silent on injustice.

He is waiting for His people, filled with His Spirit and armed with His Word, to rise up and *be* the justice, the mercy, and the truth that a broken world is dying to see.

Conclusion

So, is God silent on injustice? No. He has never been. He *roars* against it in His Word. He *condemned* it eternally at the cross. He *proves* His victory over it through the resurrection.

When we are in tough times, we must find the truth. The truth is that His silence is not *absence*, but *preparation*. His character is unshakably *just*. His "delay" is not *denial*, but *mercy* and *providence*.

We learned that, like Habakkuk, we are called to *live by faith, not by sight*. Like Joseph, we must trust that God is *weaving* our pain into His perfect *purpose*. We learned that the cross is God's

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ultimate **solidarity** with our suffering and His **promise** of our victory. And we learned that **we** are His commissioned **answer** to the injustice we see.

If you are in that dark, silent place today, do not lose faith. You are not alone. God is with you. He is **for** you. And He is working. The tomb was not the end of the story, and this injustice is not the end of **yours**.

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