

God is the Father of all living in the creative sense.

God is only the Father of the redeemed in the spiritual sense.

As a Father God gives life to His children; there is no Sonship without a New Birth.

As a Father God bestows love on His children – to those in the family of God.

It is as a Father that he hears and answer our prayers, sifting the requests as a true Father.

SO WHY THE SILENCE OF GOD?

In times of difficulty men reason, “If there is a loving Father God, why is He silent?” “Why did He allow this to happen?” “Why didn't He prevent this?”

Why doesn't He prevent disastrous explosions, hurricanes, floods wars, accidents, etc.?

An infidel having no faith in the existence of God argues from the silence of God – the greatest problem of our times.

Consider Job and David's lament: Job 23:3,4; Psalm 28:1

Men have devised several probable answers to this age-old problem:

1. Deism – God is a good God but has no time to look after the details of life. God is only a spectator of the affairs of men.
2. Atheism – silence proves that God is a myth. A living God would speak.
3. Materialism – The world is governed by law, without a personal God. They teach that we are at the mercy of blind chance.

To reject God and the Bible only plunges mankind into greater darkness.

Why, then, is God silent? Several negative answers present themselves:

1. Indifference – Christ suffering on the cross cries, “My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken me?” (God cared so much for us He continued to allow His Son to suffer for us.)
2. Unobservant (This is contrary to the omniscient understanding of God.)
3. Unloving (The parent that truly loves a child will punish it. Heb. 12:7,8)
4. Unwillingness (He sees the end from the beginning and plans our whole lives.)
5. Unable (God can do anything. He is omnipotent.)

If these five negative answers are wrong, what then is the correct answer?

1. Common sense view – A lot of the difficulty is a result of deliberate sin due entirely man's carelessness, neglect, hatred and folly, such as accidents, murders, wars terrorism etc. Gal. 6:7, James 1:13-15; 4:1-3
2. Reverent View – Is it right that my puny little mind should question the workings of Almighty God? Isaiah 55:8,9. Doubtless God's master plan for my life will include sorrow suffering and pain.
3. The philosophical View – Human free will involves the consequences of its exercise. Human freedom means moral responsibility (adultery leads to VD, pregnancy, divorce, etc.)
4. Lover's View -- God is a jealous lover. Ex. 20:5. He seeks to divorce us from everything and cause us to cling to Him.
5. Dispensational View – This is the day of man, the day of sin, the day of grace, when God beckons, “Come Home” but a day of judgment, interference is coming and the silence of God will be broken with audible condemnation. God will yet reckon accounts with men and their relationships with Him and society.

6. Faith View – John 13:7. Lord teach me to wait patiently.
7. The Testing of my Faith View – I Peter 1:7
8. The mysterious works of God – John 9:3. This is the story of the man born blind. I May suffer, not for my own sin but to be made a blessing to someone else. Only those who have passed through the suffering and sorrow can comfort someone else.

Conclusion: