

# I Heard a Still Voice

by Charles E. Cowman

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*The sermon teaches that true peace and guidance come from listening to God's still voice amidst life's distractions.*

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:12, Job 4:16, Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 30:15, John 10:27

**Topics:** "Stillness And Prayer", "Holy Spirit Guidance"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman shares a powerful message on the importance of finding stillness to hear God's voice amidst the chaos of life. He reflects on the struggle to silence the multitude of voices that distract us, including our own doubts, temptations, and worldly influences. Through the journey of learning to be still and listen, he discovers the profound impact of God's still small voice speaking with tenderness, power, and comfort, guiding him in prayer, wisdom, and duty. Cowman emphasizes that by quieting our hearts and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak, we can receive God's life, strength, and blessings, transforming our innermost being.

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## Transcript

"There was silence, and I heard a still voice" (Job 4:16, margin).

A score of years ago, a friend placed in my hand a book called True Peace. It was an old mediaeval message, and it had but one thought--that God was waiting in the depths of my being to talk to me if I would only get still enough to hear His voice.

I thought this would be a very easy matter, and so began to get still. But I had no sooner commenced than a perfect pandemonium of voices reached my ears, a thousand clamoring notes from without and within, until I could hear nothing but their noise and din.

Some were my own voices, my own questions, some my very prayers. Others were suggestions of the tempter and the voices from the world's turmoil.

In every direction I was pulled and pushed and greeted with noisy acclamations and unspeakable unrest. It seemed necessary for me to listen to some of them and to answer some of them; but God said,

"Be still, and know that I am God." Then came the conflict of thoughts for tomorrow, and its duties and cares; but God said, "Be still."

And as I listened, and slowly learned to obey, and shut my ears to every sound, I found after a while that when the other voices ceased, or I ceased to hear them, there was a still small voice in the depths of my being that began to speak with an inexpressible tenderness, power and comfort.

As I listened, it became to me the voice of prayer, the voice of wisdom, the voice of duty, and I did not need to think so hard, or pray so hard, or trust so hard; but that "still small voice" of the Holy Spirit in my heart was God's prayer in my secret soul, was God's answer to all my questions, was God's life and strength for soul and body, and became the substance of all knowledge, and all prayer and all blessing: for it was the living GOD Himself as my life, my all.

It is thus that our spirit drinks in the life of our risen Lord, and we go forth to life's conflicts and duties like a flower that has drunk in, through the shades of night, the cool and crystal drops of dew. But as dew never falls on a stormy night, so the dews of His grace never come to the restless soul. --A. B. Simpson

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