

Quietness An Asset In Building  
I. Kings 6:7.

Also..Isa. 30:15.."In quiet and confidence shall be your strength."

Prov. 1:33.."Whoso hearkeneth unto me, shall dwell safely and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

P.S. 4:4.. "Commune with your own heart and be still"

P.S. 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God."

Text.."So that there was neither hammer, ax, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building."

Our text is a picture of the great temple going up in absolute silence. Not a sound heard any where from all the hundreds of workmen that ~~were~~ gathered there. All the work for that great structure, except laying the stones together, was done somewhere else...there was perfect preparation. It was as Milton said about another matter:

"It rose just like an exhalation

No hammer fell, no ponderous ax was wung

Like some tall pile the mystic fabric sprung."

Some one has said that perhaps there was no higher reason than simple convenience that dictated such procedure. It was a long way to bring large stones, from Lebanon by sea to Joppa and then by land to Jerusalem. It was for architectural arrangement and for economy. But we feel that it was vastly more than that. The builders most/ likely felt that there was something of irreverence in noise about God's building. Noise about a church is not in line with most peoples best thought. Certainly if that noise is in the auditorium. *creation of the world and of man was not a noisy procedure*

Spiritually speaking God's house is built in silence. *with* "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation." Take the life of Jesus...came quietly in to Bethlehem, hidden down there  
\* with a handful of people till He dies. In silence and solitude  
He arose from the grave. The guards were not even waked out of any slumber...if they slept at all..He floated up in  
to the sky not as a screaming bomber draws attraction to itself in the war zones. And as the Master so the building..the house of God is raised in silence.

The true advance of God's church is quiet. Destructive work is noisy. Thunder makes a great noise but builds up ~~nothing~~ nothing.

\* we sing "hallelujah night Holy night" - "silently now we wait for the silence - quiet is needed in

hospital zones that with people many get a start back  
in health. <sup>to reach the work of the</sup>  
<sup>Church in the local circles it must use quietness as element of policy -</sup>  
light is silent..who can hear the coming of the day except as  
the birds bear their testimony? Christ's Kingdom grows as si-  
lently as the victory of the sunshine in the morning over the  
darkness. It grows as silently as the triumphant spring over  
the thick ribbed ice of winter.

The growth of the Kingdom is likened unto leaven.. a small  
piece is placed in a lump and it gradually grows until the en-  
tire lump is leavened. Growth is always silent... Oh some one will  
say that the corn grows so fast after the rain that you may hear  
it popping...but that is the exceptional. But the grass, the  
trees, the men, the women, and the Kingdom grow silently and in  
quietness. So the Kingdom moves on..and nine times out of ten  
the noise belongs to the other kingdom. <sup>On St. in Louisville Ky. all manner</sup>  
<sup>of noise came to a city which stood</sup>  
silently. a plucked on a stand in vestibule said "come in and rest awhile"

\* Quietness is a a master balance wheel in any ones life to save  
it from running too fast and off at a tangent and yet to travel  
fast enough not to rust out. No kingdom would be stable enough  
to trust your soul to if like Jona's gourd vine it sprang up in  
a night and perished in a night. So in your daily worship, in  
your worship here if you will just be still, just be quiet,  
just be calm you are in line to get the right proportion of the  
Kingdom. You will see what God is like..you will see how you  
look by His side. <sup>we need Calm - man shot his wife - then himself</sup>  
<sup>they were tired - x knock in car that gives peace - when</sup>  
Please remember that noise and notoriety do not necessarily  
mean spiritual growth but more often is propaganda for self ad-  
vancement or promotion.

I think we have another lesson here that will encourage all of  
us little fellows over in our small corner. Some go along and  
never get their names in the paper..they feel sometimes that  
they would like to mount the dazzling heights where some have  
climbed to where the papers boost them and the radio proclaims  
them...but friend of mine, if you are just moving quietly along  
with never a toot from your horn you are doing something in the  
fashion that God likes...and your work will be rewarded for you  
are putting in practice that wonderful asset in building.....

QUIETNESS. You will likely be the instrument of equilibrium  
that will keep the more prominent on the track...I want to  
dedicate this service to day and all that I have to QUIETNESS  
as the genuine asset in building the great temple of God in  
in this community and all other communities.

Another fact about our picture to day is that the temple was  
built with stones already prepared before being placed in the  
building. In other words conversion is necessary before you can

be used in this building. Led to Christ by teachers, parents,  
p.s. etc.

The stones for the temple at Jerusalem were taken from the Gen-  
tile country to the country of the Father...and so it is to  
day..wonderful stones are being hewn out in China, India, and  
all around the world for the great building of God not made  
with hands eternal in the heavens. Many are the chips that  
have to be chisled away..some times it hurts but all that  
is just preparing us to fit in our place without noise....

*applauded*

Look at two scenes:

1. Stormy night as the night of the Tupelo storm...
2. The clear still night when the moon is out and the stars  
seemed to have been polished by angel hands.

The beautiful day comes in quietness...the disturbing day comes  
with the early morning thunder and storm...What is more dis-  
turbng than noise...many talking at once---trying to talk and  
a filcolodian going near by...the crashing and clanking of the  
world are not conducive to worship....the quietness of this  
congregation from Sunday to Sunday is an inspiration ...it  
must be that you worship....if so your power is limitless in  
this community.....

I stayed out of the church some years as a boy looking for  
some great explosion in my life that would take hold of me  
and empower me to walk over the backs of the benches and shout  
as I saw others do.....but my conversion came in the quiet of  
the living room in my pastor's parsonage when my pastor, myself  
and God were the only ones present...

Paul said, "In patience possess ye your souls". I wish he had  
added.."In quietness get a grip on your lives."

Will you rise...bow your heads please...think of God...your  
fellow men...and your own soul as the choir closes our medi-  
tation on quietness an asset in building.

Benediction



A BUILDER BUILDED A TEMPLE  
HE WROUGHT WITH CARE AND SKILL  
PILLARS, GROINS, AND ARCHES  
WERE FASHIONED TO SUIT HIS WILL  
AND MEN SAID WHEN THEY SAW ITS BEAUTY  
IT SHALL NEVER KNOW DECAY  
GREAT IS THY SKILLO BUILDER  
THY FAME SHALL ENDURE FOR AYE.

A TEACHER BUILDED A TEMPLE  
SHE WROUGHT WITH SKILL AND CARE  
FORMING EACH PILLAR WITH PATIENCE  
LAYING EACH STONE WITH PRAYER  
NONE SAW THE UNCEASING EFFORT  
NONE KNEW OF THE MARVELOUS PLAN  
FOR THE TEMPLE THE TEACHER BUILDED  
WAS UNSEEN BY THE EYES OF MAN

GONE IS THE BUILDER'S TEMPLE  
CRUMBLLED INTO THE DUST  
PILLAR AND GROIN AND ARCHES  
FOOD FOR CONSUMING BUST  
BUT THE TEMPLE THE TEACHER BUILDED  
SHALL ENDURE WHILE THE AGES ROLL  
FOR THAT BEAUTIFUL UNSEEN TEMPLE  
WAS A CHILD'S IMMOTAL SOUL.