

PULPIT MINISTRY

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MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: **Psalm 28**

Title: **“Do not be silent to Me”**

THE PROBLEM OF THE SILENCE OF GOD

1. Dreaded and feared

Understandably so!

2. What the Silence of God may mean

- a) The anger of the Lord
- b) The chastisement of God
- c) The breaking of a relationship with God
- d) The withdrawal of blessing from God

3. The known Silence of God against wickedness

- a) The workers of iniquity
 - i) They speak peace
 - ii) But evil is in their heart
- b) Wicked expressions
 - i) Wicked deeds
 - ii) Wicked endeavours
 - iii) They do not regard the works of the Lord

- c) God's punitive action
 - i) God will deal with them according to their works
 - ii) He will destroy them
 - iii) He will not build them up

DETERMINING TO PRAY DESPITE THE SILENCE OF GOD

1. Addressing awareness of the Silence of God

- a) To You I will cry
- b) O LORD, my Rock
- c) Do not be silent to me (Psalm 28:1)

2. Expressing fear of the Continued Silence of God

- a) Lest, if You are silent to Me
- b) I become like those who go down to the pit (Psalm 28:1)
- c) Fear of death and destruction

3. Praying aright

- a) Offering supplications (intense prayers)
- b) When I cry to You
 - i) When I lift up holy hands
 - ii) Toward Your holy sanctuary

DEEP APPRECIATION THAT GOD HAS BROKEN HIS SILENCE

1. Blessing of the Lord

- a) Because He has heard the voice of my supplication
- b) The Lord is indeed our strength and shield
- c) My heart trusted and I am helped (Psalm 28:7)

2. Rejoicing in the Lord

a) My heart greatly rejoices

b) And with my song I will praise Him (Psalm 28:7)

3. Praying for the Lord's continued blessing on His people (Psalm 28:9)