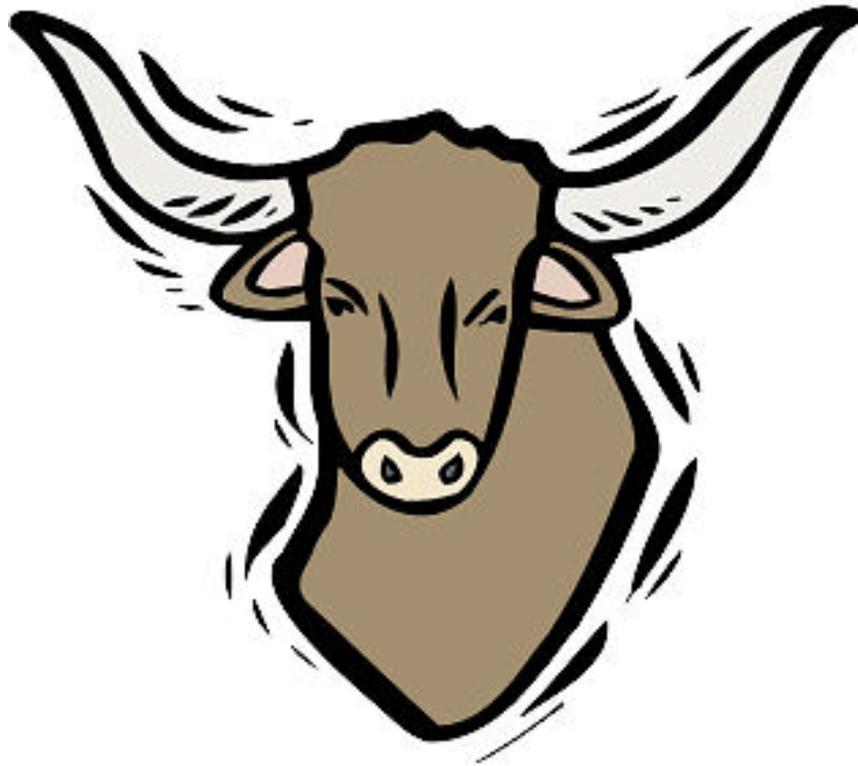


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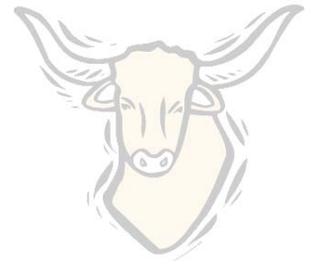
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Introduction:

Have you ever stood in the middle of the countryside where it is truly quiet? All you hear is the ringing in your ears when you get to be my age. But if I can “hear past” that, there is quiet! Peaceful silence brings comfort to me. Now, it scares some folks, but for me it is peaceful and soothing. I truly like to be alone with my Savior. I never have felt like I needed a crowd of people around. In fact, crowds are the opposite of what I call comfort.

Several years ago we lived in the countryside in Middle Tennessee. That was very peaceful. I worked with a fellow that lived just down the road from us. When they first moved in, his wife, being a city girl didn’t know the comfort of quiet and solitude. One night she woke up her husband. She was crying; she was scared and in a trembling, quivering voice she said: “Do you hear that!”. He got up to find that it was only a cow chewing grass across the fence. No joke.

That was pretty quiet. But, I have heard it quieter than that. Out West in the desert of New Mexico it gets really quiet when the wind dies down at night. There are no crickets or bugs making noise: no birds chirping. I mean it gets really quiet. Some people have a hard time sleeping when it is so quiet.

But did you know it has been quiet in Heaven several times, too? In fact, I speculate there are at least three instances.

Future Silence in Heaven:

Revelation 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

This Bible Verse tells of a time it will be totally quiet throughout all of Heaven for half an hour!

In Revelation Chapter Six you can read about the Six Seals that describe the trouble and chaos on earth during what we call the Great Tribulation Period. These angels were seeing these being opened and the destruction that was unleashed on earth. But, when they saw Jesus open the seventh seal, *“there was silence in heaven for about the space of half an hour.”*

The angels all took a giant gasp and then held their breath for half an hour (angels can do that.) Not a single sound. But I believe this was not the first time that it was silent in heaven.

Past Silence in Heaven:

The reason I believe it was quiet in Heaven on another occasion is because what the angels saw earlier in history was more horrific than what was recorded in *Revelation 8:1*.

Luke 23: 46-48 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

This was JESUS! This was God the Son, whom the angels had known since He had created them in heaven many thousands of years earlier.

These angels had just witnessed the Creator dying at the hands of His creation.

The angels were shocked! What’s going on? Jesus, you don’t have to put up with that! Just give us the signal, and we will come down and show those evil humans who they are messing with.

They’ll wish they had never been born.

And then, while they waited for the signal to go down and help Jesus off of the cross, they saw Jesus ask the Father to forgive them and freely He gave up the life from His fleshly body.

The angels couldn’t believe it!

I imagine that they took a huge gulp and all through the halls of Glory there was silence in heaven.

They could not understand what had just happened.

For you see, Jesus said *Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Jesus and God the Father had all of this planned before the world was formed, even before *Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning..."*

The First Silence in Heaven

But why was it necessary for Jesus to go through such pain and suffering? It was because of another time, long ago in heaven when I envision that it was silent.

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Eve was talking to a serpent and she did not know it was the Devil himself. The angels were in heaven saying: "Eve, don't listen to him, he's a liar; and he's mistaken." Just as I can imagine they say when you are about to commit a sin here on this earth.

Some even today while at this wonderful Camp! The angels are saying believe God; not that old serpent, the Devil. Lucifer, the Devil is only trying to trick you to get back at God.

He's not doing you any favors; he's not interested in helping you.

And again, I can imagine that the angels cried: Don't do it!"

But, as we all know, she took a big bite of the forbidden fruit; the one and only thing that God said not to do.

God had only given them one rule and Eve and Adam could not trust God enough to stay away from the forbidden tree.

The angels all cried "You don't know what you have done!" and they gasped throughout the expanse of the heavenly realm, and there was silence in heaven.

God's creation had rebelled against Him and condemned themselves to die forever in the place created only for the Devil and his fallen angels.

GOOD NEWS:

But I have good news.

Remember Revelation 13:8? God the Father and Jesus, God the Son, had already provided a way for them to be redeemed.

To show mankind this plan, he killed animals and shed their blood to get the skins to cover their nakedness.

This was a picture of Jesus shedding his sinless perfect blood on Calvary 2000 years ago.

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