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(J. R. Miller, "Home Beautiful", 1912)

"Be silent before the Lord." Psalm 37:7

We are not to speak back to God, when He speaks to us. We are not to reason with Him or dispute with Him; but are to bow in silent and loving acquiescence before Him. "Be still, and know that I am God." It is in those providences which cut sorely into our lives, and require sacrifice and loss on our part—that we are especially called to this duty.

There is a moving illustration of silence to God, in the case of Aaron when his sons had offered strange fire, and had died for their disobedience and sacrilege. The record says, "And Aaron held his peace." He made no natural human outcry of grief. He accepted the terrible penalty as unquestionably just—and bowed in the acquiescence of faith.

This silence to God, should be our attitude in all times of trial, when God's ways with us are bitter and painful. Why should we complain at anything that our Father may do? We have no right to utter a word of murmuring, for He is our sovereign Lord; and our simple duty is instant, unquestioning submission. We have no reason to complain —for we know that all God's dealings with us are in loving wisdom. His will is always best for us—whatever sacrifice or suffering it may cost.

"I was silent; I would not open my mouth, for You are the one who has done this!" Psalm 39:9