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February 8: He Is Now Silent

Â”He will rest in his love.Â” Zephaniah 3:17.

The marginal reading of the passage is exceedingly beautiful and expressive: Â”He will be silent because of His love.Â” Divine wrath is silent, because love has hushed it. Divine justice is silent, because love has satisfied it. Sin is silent, because love has condemned it. Satan is silent, because love has vanquished him. God’s love has silenced every voice but its own. When an accusation was brought against a poor sinner in the presence of Jesus, and He was called upon to judge in the case, it is recorded that He Â”stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not.Â” He was silent, because of His love! And have we no accusers? Ah, yes! many and just.

Conscience accuses, and Satan accuses, and sin accuses, and the world accuses, but Jesus does not accuse; He is silent, because of His love. They condemn loudly, fiercely, justly, but He never condemns. Â”And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.Â” Still not a word of condemnation breathed from His lips. He had been wronged, He had been sinned against, His own holy law had been broken, and the witnesses, many and malignant, are there to testify in truth against the sinner- but Jesus is silent, and silent in His love.