

hidden ones

Psalms 83:1-4 Keep not thou silence, O Elohim:

hold not thy peace, and be not still, O El.

² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult:

and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

**³ They have taken crafty counsel against thy people,
and consulted against thy hidden ones.**

**⁴ They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.**

Silence (*demiy* or *domiy*) cessation, pause, rest. From the verb (*dama*) to cut off, destroy, be undone.

Isaiah 38:9-10 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness: ¹⁰ I said in the **cutting off** of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

Isaiah 62:6-7 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not **silence** (*demiy*), ⁷ And give him no **rest**, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Peace (*haras*) to scratch, engrave, plough, devise, imagine; to be silent, dumb, speechless. In the selah what will our declaration be?

~Hold your Peace

Exodus 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you [Moses/Israel], and ye shall hold your **peace**.

~Supplication

1 Samuel 7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, **Cease** not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

Esther 4:14 For if thou [Ester] altogether holdest thy **peace** at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Psalms 28:1-2 Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent [quiet, inactive] to me: lest, if thou be **silent** to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. ² Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

~Wicked Imaginations

Job 4:8 Even as I have seen, they that **plow** iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that **deviseth** wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 12:20 Deceit [*rama*] is in the heart of them that **imagine** evil: but to the counsellors of peace [*shalom*] is joy [*simha*].

Proverbs 14:22 Do they not err [stagger, wander, go astray] that **devise** evil [*ra*]? but mercy and truth shall be to them that **devise** good [*towb*].

~Hand to the Plow

Amos 9:11-13 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: ¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. ¹³ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the **plowman** shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

Still (*sagat*) to repose, lie still, be settled and undisturbed; to have rest from war (after taking dominion)

Joshua 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land **rested** from war.

Proverbs 15:18 A wrathful [poison] man stirreth up strife [contention, contest, discord]: but he that is slow [to be long] to anger **appeaseth** strife [controversy, dispute].

Ruth 3:18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in **rest**, until he have finished the thing this day.

~Know when to Rest

Isaiah 7:4 And say unto him, Take heed [*shamar*: to preserve; keep guard, watch, observe and be circumspect; a watchman], and be **quiet**; fear not, neither be fainthearted [be softened or weakened] for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

Isaiah 30:15-16 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning [turn back] and rest [quietness, restfulness, to descend] shall ye be saved [victorious; liberated]; in **quietness** and in confidence [trust] shall be your strength [*gebura*]: and ye would not. ¹⁶ But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

~Until Righteousness Established

Isaiah 62:1-2 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not **rest**, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. ² And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Tumult (*hama*) to murmur, growl, roar, cry aloud, mourn, rage, sound, make noise, tumult, be clamorous, be disquieted, be loud, be moved, be troubled.

Psalms 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou **disquieted** in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalms 46:1-7 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³ Though the waters thereof **roar** and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. ⁴ There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. ⁶ The heathen **raged**, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalms 55:16-17 As for me, I will call [*qara*] upon God; and the LORD shall save me. ¹⁷ Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray [ponder, commune], and cry **aloud**: and he shall hear my voice.

Proverbs 1:20-23 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: ²¹ She crieth in the chief place of **concourse**, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, ²² How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scornors delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? ²³ Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Song of Songs 5:2-4 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. ³ I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? ⁴ My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were **moved** for him.

Jeremiah 4:19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a **noise** in me; I cannot hold my **peace** [*haras*], because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Head (ro's) to shake the head; chief, ruler, authority, summit, top. Used over 500 times.

Gen 3:15 Bruise serpent's head; enemy bruise heel.

Gen 11:4 Tower of Bebel, top reached to heaven

Gen 28:12 Ladder, top reached to heaven

Ex 17:9 Moses stand at the top of the hill with hands raised against Amalek

Crafty (aram) to be or make bare; to use subtility, shrewd, prudent. Used in good and bad sense.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is **prudent**.

Proverbs 19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will **beware**: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

Counsel (sod) a session; secret counsel; a company of persons in close deliberations. From (*yasad*) to sit down together to establish or begin something, lay a foundation.

~Wicked Intent

Psalms 64:2-4 Hide me from the **secret counsel** of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: ³ Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: ⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

Genesis 49:6 O my soul, come not thou into their **secret**; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer revealeth **secrets**: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Jeremiah 15:16-17a Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I sat not in the **assembly** of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand:

Psalms 55:12-14 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: ¹³ But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. ¹⁴ We took sweet **counsel** together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

~Righteous Commune

Psalms 25:14 The **secret** of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Psalms 89:7-8 God is greatly to be feared in the **assembly** of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. ⁸ O LORD God of hosts,

Proverbs 3:32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his **secret** is with the righteous.

Consult (*ya'as*) to devise a plan, to deliberate or resolve, to purpose for good or evil.

Hidden ones (*sapan*) to hide by covering over; to protect; to be treasured or cherished, to keep secret.

Ex 2:2 Moses was *towb* and hidden.

Josh 2:4 Rahab hid the two spies.

Psalms 119:11 God's word hid in heart to not miss the mark

Psalms 27:2-5 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. ⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall **hide** me in his pavilion: in the secret [*seter*] of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 31:19-20 Oh how great is thy goodness [*towb*], which thou hast **laid up** for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! ²⁰ Thou shalt hide [*sater*: conceal] them in the secret [*seter*: covering] of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them **secretly** in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Proverbs 2:6-9 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He **layeth up** sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. ⁸ He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. ⁹ Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

Song of Songs 7:13 The mandrakes [root: *dod*] give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have **laid up** for thee, O my beloved [*dod*: to boil].

- **Cut off** (*kahad*) to be effaced, destroyed; to hide or conceal. It has the meaning to make something disappear.

What is in the Hiding?

- *Satar* is used to describe when God hides His face from the people. The hiding of God is an invitation from Him to seek after Him, and this is a demonstration of His ways. If we seek Him, He will present Himself in delightful ways.
- Several obstacles to finding the face of God are personal issues such as iniquity, sin and secret faults. Religion and dead traditions also prove to be formidable hindrances to intimate commune with God.
- There is a revelatory relationship that is reserved for sons. The secret things are in the possession of God, and it is His desire to reveal them to us according to His timetable.
- This is a place of intimacy. This is the place where we are brought before the Lord to know Him intimately. The way to find Him in intimacy is being willing to go in Him where most Christians are not willing to go.
- In secret is where all things are revealed to us in order to partner in the high places, the *marom*.
- The Scriptures speak of many spiritual places where we are hidden. Under the shadow of His wing speaks of the places where He fills the Temple, and the extent of where His glory exists to accomplish His tasks.
- The object of His tabernacles is for going forward, and we are hidden in that.
- He also hides us in the secret place of His presence.
- Being hidden is not an escape. It is a proactive, intimate relationship with God.
- When we find ourselves in the Lord, we are hidden to the world and the Lord is our supply.
- In the NT, it is translated from the Gr. word *apokrypto*, meaning taken out of the secret place of our identity. The wisdom of God is revealed in the function of the *musterion*. We partner with the wisdom that has been hidden from the beginning, and we speak it among them that are perfect.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is like hidden treasure, and we will sell everything to obtain it.
- We partner with God in the *krypto* of our hearts, bringing light into the darkness. We are sent from God. We have the essence of God in us, and that is our *krypto*, our identity. We look for God from our *krypto*, our identity. This is our secret place.
- We find His secret place when we come with what He has put in us. This is the key to the hiding place.

The Seed

John 12:24-26 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

The saint has already surrendered the outer life, the visible things, the reputation, the ambitions that the beginner still clutches. And yet the Lord speaks of a burial that goes deeper than what you have already laid down. The corn of wheat does not merely lie upon the soil. It is covered. It disappears from the light. It enters a hiddenness where no eye traces its labor, and there, unwatched and unpraised, it releases what it has held.

This is the pattern woven from Genesis to Revelation, the seed principle that governs all fruitfulness in the kingdom of God. Nothing multiplies until it dies. The mature saint understands that the deepest death is not the death of sin, for that battle is already engaged and largely settled in the consecrated life. The deepest death is the death of the self that would abide alone, complete in its own attainment. The mature soul can be tempted to a settled solitude, a fruitfulness that stops at itself. But the seed was never meant to remain whole. It was meant to break open.

Consider the words, he that loveth his life shall lose it. The Lord is not addressing the carnal man here. He is speaking to those who serve Him, those who follow where He is. He is warning the servant that even the sanctified life can be loved in a way that withholds it from the ground. There is a preservation that looks like faithfulness but is in truth a refusal to be buried again. You have been buried before. The question the Spirit sets before you today is whether you are willing to be buried once more, into a deeper darkness, for a greater harvest.

Where I am, there shall also my servant be. Jesus is now in the place of intercession before the throne, ever living to make intercession. He is in the place of the poured out life. If you would be where He is, you must accept the geography of the seed. The honour of the Father does not fall upon the grain that keeps itself. It falls upon the grain that vanishes into the soil and rises multiplied. The intercessor learns this most keenly, for intercession is itself a burial, an hour spent in hidden ground where no one sees the travail and only heaven records the fruit.

Do not measure your season by what is visible above the ground. The seed underground appears to have lost everything. It appears to be finished. But the death of the seed is the most productive thing it will ever do. Let the Lord take you into the ground again. Refuse the temptation to abide alone in the maturity you have gained. Break open, that many may live.

Father, I do not shrink back from the ground. I have been buried before and I offer myself to be buried again, deeper still, that I may not abide alone. I refuse the preservation of self that withholds the seed from the soil. Bury me in the hidden place of intercession where only You behold the travail. I follow the Son into the place where He is, the place of the poured out life before Your throne. Let the corn of wheat that I am break open and bring forth much fruit, for I will not love my life unto the withholding of Your harvest. I stand in the honour that falls upon the seed that dies, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.