

# The Quiet Listener

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,  
and His ears are open unto their prayers.”

1 Peter 3:12

What do you learn from 1 Peter 3:12? God hears us even when we don't feel as if we've gotten through. When God chooses to listen in silence, it doesn't mean pleasure or displeasure. It means only that God hears but doesn't speak. Sometimes the lack of words is more (powerful) profound than any message. In the quietness, we turn inward to ponder our own hearts. We search deeply and hear the sounds of silence. Probably most of us want to talk to God without always speaking words. We want to hear God's silence. We know about God listening and answering. That makes prayer meaningful. Instead of assuming that silence is disapproval or God turning away from us, maybe it's God's most powerful way of communicating. The Quiet Listener that way. I've come into the holy presence and didn't need to have anything to pray about. I listened to the silence and enjoyed the moment. I used to say I was basking in the presence of God. I open my heart to God, tears flow, and in the silence, there is consolation. It comes from God, the Quiet Listener.

-Cecil Murphy

“It is good that a man should both hope  
and quietly wait for Him,  
To the soul that seeketh Him.  
It is good that a man should both hope  
and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.”

-Lamentations 3:2-26